

COUNCIL OF EUROPE DEVELOPMENT BANK

COMPETITIVE PROCEDURE WITH NEGOTIATION

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SUPPLY, INTEGRATION, TRAINING AND MAINTENANCE OF A CAPITAL MARKET AND LOAN OPERATIONS
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Prior Information Notice

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Information Meeting on a Competitive Procedure with Negotiation

Confirmation deadline: 20 March 2025, 12:00 noon (Paris time)

1. Presentation of the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB):

The Council of Europe Development Bank ("CEB" or "Bank") is a multilateral development bank with an exclusively social mandate. Created in 1956 to provide solutions to the problems of refugees, it has since adapted to changing social priorities, to better contribute to strengthening social cohesion in Europe.

The CEB is a major instrument of European solidarity policy, helping its 43 Member States to achieve sustainable and equitable growth: it helps to finance social projects, responds to emergency situations and thereby contributes to improving the living conditions of the least-favoured populations.

The CEB supports social investment projects through three lines of action:

- Investing in people and developing human capital;
- Promoting inclusive and resilient living environments; and
- Supporting employment and economic and financial inclusion.

The CEB is the result of a Partial Agreement between the member states of the Council of Europe and, by virtue of its Statute, is subject to the Council's "high authority". The Bank was the first of the Partial Agreements to be signed by eight countries on 16 April 1956.

The CEB therefore acts within the framework of the Council of Europe and supports its priorities. It nevertheless has a separate legal personality and full financial autonomy.

The Bank has around 230 staff from 33 countries, based in Paris at the following official address: 55 Avenue Kléber, FR-75116 Paris, France. In the spring of 2021, the CEB opened an office in Ankara, Türkiye, where 5 members of staff are working on a 4-year project.

The Bank's two official languages are French and English.

2. Purpose of the Information Meeting

The **Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB)** is preparing to replace its **core banking system**, which has been in place for two decades and supports the Bank's key financial activities, including:

- Loan and Social Development;
- Treasury and Asset & Liability Management (ALM); and
- Funding.

Additionally, the current system functions as a **general ledger**, managing accounts payable, accounts receivable, human resources, and banking accounting entries.

As part of this initiative, the **CEB is organising an Information Meeting on 25 March 2025** to present an upcoming **Competitive Procedure with Negotiation** for the acquisition, integration, training, and maintenance of a new core banking system.

3. Background

The CEB seeks to implement a new **Capital Markets System (CMS)** to replace the existing solution while maintaining its functional scope, excluding general ledger functionalities. However, the new system must support **accounting event generation and subledger management** as part of the project.

4. Objectives of the Competitive Procedure with Negotiation

The process has the objectives to:

- Identify **Capital Markets System (CMS)** solutions that meet the CEB's specific needs and requirements.
- Select a highly qualified external service providers for the **supply, integration, training, and maintenance** of the CMS.
- Ensure **transparency and fair competition** throughout the process.

5. Preliminary Timeline for the Competitive Procedure with Negotiation

The information meeting will take place, in hybrid format (physical and virtual participation), on **25 March 2025** at the premises of the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB) as follows:

- Address: 34, rue Boissière, 75116 Paris
- Date: Tuesday 25 March 2025
- From: 2.30 pm to 4 pm

The Zoom link will be shared at a later date.

Participants are invited to attend with a multi-disciplinary team, including technical and functional experts and sales representatives. However, as the capacity of the CEB's meeting room is limited, face-to-face participation will be limited to a maximum of two people per participant; other team members will have to join the meeting by connecting remotely to the Zoom link.

6. Agenda :

- Introduction to the project and its objectives;
- Overview of functional and technical requirements;
- Explanation of the Competitive Procedure with Negotiation process;
- Presentation of envisaged evaluation criteria; and
- Questions & Answers session.

To confirm your attendance, please email Tenders@coebank.org by **20 March 2025, 12:00 (Paris time)** with the names of attendees.

7. Preliminary timetable for the Competitive Procedure with Negotiation

- **Information Meeting: 25 March 2025**
- **Publication of the Call for Expression for Interest: 30 April 2025**
- **Submission of Initial Offers: 02 June 2025**
- **Evaluation of Offers and Shortlisting of Qualified Candidates: 04 June – 04 July 2025**
- **Submission of initial Offers: mid-September 2025**
- **Negotiation Period with Qualified Candidates: October 2025– January 2026**
- **Submission of Final Offers: 31 January 2026**
- **Final Evaluation and Selection of the Awarded Supplier(s): February-March 2026**
- **Signature of Contract: March-April-May 2026**

All in-person attendees must present a valid **identification card** at the security personnel to access the CEB offices.

We appreciate your interest in this project and look forward to your participation in the **Information Meeting and Procedure with Negotiation**. Your expertise and innovative solutions will be valuable assets to our organisation.

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