

CALL FOR QUOTATIONS

**for the provision of services related to
high-quality filming, editing and production of three promotional video clips**

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Note

Bidders are bound by their offers until at least 90 days after the deadline for submission



1. Background

Europe Direct is a network of EU-related information offices across the EU. It is one of the main tools of the European Commission to engage with citizens on EU-related topics at local and regional level.

Europe Direct offices provide information, advice, assistance, and answers to questions about the EU and about the rights of EU citizens, the EU's priorities, legislation, policies, programmes, and funding opportunities.

For the period 2021-2025, Europe Direct Valletta will be providing Europe Direct services in Malta.

2. Services required

MEUSAC (hereafter referred to as the 'Contracting Authority') is seeking a reputable service provider for the provision of services of high-quality filming, editing and production of three (3), 60-second each, promotional video clips.

The full specifications are found in Section 4 below.

3. Timeframes

The timeframes for the completion of this Call for Quotations are:

Date Published	March 15, 2021
Closing Date	March 22, 2021 at 10.00 hrs CET
Deadline for request for any additional information from the Contracting Authority	March 17, 2021 at 10.00 hrs CET
Last date on which additional information is issued by the Contracting Authority	March 18, 2021 at 10.00 hrs CET
Delivery of services requested	April 2021, May 2021, October 2021

4. Deliverables

The Contracting Authority will commission a reputable firm or individual to provide the following:

A) Filming Services

The general filming at four (4) different locations, identified by the Contracting Authority, for the production of three (3) video clips, each of sixty (60) seconds duration. Filming will consist of interviews and general background filming related to EU-funded projects in Malta.

- i. Filming on location using one camera operated by a manual camera operator.
- ii. Filming is to take place in four (4) locations (both indoors and outdoors) in Malta that are pre-determined by the Contracting Authority.
- iii. For two (2) of the video clips, the service provider will be required to provide additional drone/aerial filming.
- iv. For the filming of every video, the selected service provider is to provide all necessary equipment together with a manual camera operator for filming and interviews at the pre-determined location.
- v. The selected bidder must be in possession of a valid drone flying license.
- vi. The selected bidder would be responsible to obtain the necessary permits to fly the drone in the designated area.

General provisions:

- i. The picture must be well lit and not artificially sharp.
- ii. Camera type is to be of high broadcast quality.
- iii. The final product shall be in full HD resolution.
- iv. Format scale of production is to be 16x9.
- v. The picture must be free of excessive noise, grain and digital compression artefacts.
- vi. The picture must be free of excessive flare, reflections, lens dirt, markings and obstructions (e.g. lens hood), and lens aberrations.

- vii. Movement must appear smooth and continuous and must not give rise to distortions or break-up to moving objects or cause large changes in resolution.
- viii. The picture must be free of excessive black crushing and highlight compression.
- ix. The picture must be stable and continuous - i.e. no jumps, movements, shifts in level or position.
- x. The audio must be free of spurious signals such as clicks, noise, hum and any analogue distortion. The audio must be reasonably continuous and smoothly mixed and edited.
- xi. Drone/aerial shots are to be of high quality and same resolution as the rest of the video.

B) Production Services

Production of edited features, including video editing.

Three (3) edited video clip productions of approximately sixty (60) seconds duration for each production. The three (3) video clips are planned to be produced in the following months: April, May and October 2021.

The following link is being provided to serve as a guide to potential service providers:

https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/mt/information/videos/esi-funds-at-work-a-project-in-spain-co-financed-by-esf.

- i. The service provider is to provide enhanced editing of the filming, interviews, music bed, narration and sub-titles and to make the video clips as interesting as possible.
- ii. Editing is to include an intro and outro animated slide, provided by the Contracting Authority.
- iii. The music bed is to be played throughout the videos with high points during the intro and outro and low points during narration.
- iv. The service provider is to provide the services of a narrator. The script for the video narration will be prepared by Contracting Authority in Maltese. English sub-titles are to be included in the video clips during editing and to be compiled by the service provider. Proof reading of the sub-titles will be the Contracting Authority's sole responsibility.
- v. The narration is to be done by a radio/TV personality who features on one of Malta's leading radio/TV stations.
- vi. The service provider is to provide the Contracting Authority with an option of 1 male and 1 female radio/TV personalities. The Contracting Authority will choose the preferred voice for the three (3) video clips. This is to be done without prejudice to one's right to gender-identity recognition and self-determination.

General provisions:

- i. The final versions of the video clips are to be provided to the Contracting Authority in both MXF OP1a for TV and MP4 for social media.
- ii. Each production is to be delivered as a single principal MXF file containing the audio and video, and for social media as a single file MP4 containing the audio and video.
- iii. All clips are to end with a fade or cut to silence before the intended end point. Any fade-out or reverb must be allowed for within the clip duration.
- iv. No font can be re-scaled or stretched (deformed).
- v. Captions and credits must be clear and legible and must be within the specified safe areas. All font sizes must be legible as HD.
- vi. All material delivered for Maltese HD TV transmission must be 1920 x 1080 pixels in an aspect ratio of 16:9 and 25 frames per second (50 fields) interlaced (1080i/50i).
- vii. All drone/aerial shots are to be of the same resolution as the rest of the video.
- viii. All the above requirements are to be automatically required unless otherwise confirmed by the Contracting Authority. Each final video filming and production will be considered as final following the approval of the Contracting Authority.
- ix. Final video clips are to be delivered to the Contracting Authority by a set date agreed to by the selected bidder and the Contracting Authority.
- x. All Logos, Fonts, Intros and Outros, lower thirds, sub-titles and captions will be provided by the Contracting Authority.

5. Selection and Award Requirements

In order to be considered eligible for the award of the contract, bidders must provide evidence that they meet or exceed certain minimum criteria described hereunder, by submitting the following Annexes as per Call for Quotations Dossier:

(A) Eligibility Criteria

- i) Details of Bidder (Annex 1)
- ii) Bidder's Declaration (Annex 2)

(B) Financial Offer

- i) A filled-in Financial Bid Form (Annex 3)

6. Award Criteria

The contract will be awarded to the cheapest, technically compliant quotation.

7. Cancellation of the Call for Quotations Procedure

In the event of the cancellation of a Call for Quotations procedure, bidders will be notified by the Contracting Authority.

Cancellation may occur where:

- The Call for Quotations procedure has been unsuccessful, namely where no quotations or no suitable quotations have been submitted;
- The economic or technical parameters of the project have been fundamentally altered;
- The exceptional circumstances or *force majeure* render normal performance of the project impossible;
- There have been irregularities in the procedure, in particular where these have prevented fair competition;
- All technically compliant quotations exceed the financial resources available.

In no circumstances will the Contracting Authority be liable for damages, whatever their nature (in particular damages for loss of profits) or relationship to the cancellation of a quotation, even if the Contracting Authority has been advised of the possibility of damages. The publication of a contract notice does not commit the Contracting Authority to implement the project announced.

8. Formalities

Any information and/or clarifications are to be addressed to info.meusac@gov.mt.

Proposals are to be addressed to info.meusac@gov.mt and must be titled, '**Call for Quotations: for the provision of services related to filming, editing and production of three promotional video clips - CfQ_IN05_2021_EDIC_Video_Clips**' by not later than 10.00 hrs CET of March 22, 2021.

Late submissions will not be considered.

9. Payment Schedule

The payments will be made, on presentation of a final invoice. Following payment, the successful bidder must submit a fiscal receipt within 15 days.

**Annex 1
Details of Bidder**

Name of Company (where applicable)	
Name of Legal Representative of the Company / Bidder	
Postal Address	
E-mail Address	
Telephone Number	
Mobile Number	
VAT Registration No.	
Signature	
I.D. Card Number	
Date	

Annex 2
Bidder's Declaration

We have examined, and accept in full and in its entirety, the content of this Call for Quotations Dossier (including subsequent Clarifications Notes issued by the Contracting Authority) and we hereby accept the contents thereto in their entirety, without reservation or restriction. We also understand that any disagreement, contradiction, alteration or deviation shall lead to our offer not being considered any further. We also declare that neither the company submitting the bid nor any subcontractors (if applicable) fall under any of the exclusion grounds or are blacklisted under any offence listed under Part VI of the Public Procurement Regulations.

It is hereby declared that all employees engaged on this contract shall enjoy working conditions such as wages, salaries, vacation and sick leave, maternity and parental leave as provided for in the relative Employment Legislation. Furthermore, we shall comply with Chapter 424 of the Laws of Malta (Occupational Health and Safety Authority Act) as well as any other national legislation, regulations, standards and/or codes of practice or any amendment thereto in effect during the execution of the contract. In the event that it is proved otherwise during the execution of the contract it is hereby being consented that the contract is terminated with immediate effect and that no claim for damages or compensation be raised by us.

Once the provision of this service is allocated we will provide all the deliverables in Section 4 of the Call for Quotations Dossier.

In carrying out the obligations in pursuance of this contract, we will ensure the application of the principle of gender equality and shall thus 'inter alia' refrain from discriminating on the grounds of gender, marital status or family responsibilities.

Signature:

Name of Signatory:

I.D. Card Number:

Name of bidder/contractor:

Date:

**Annex 3
Financial Bid Form**

N.B. Offers are to be submitted and will only be accepted up to two decimal points.

Global price for this bid as outlined in this document:

Description	Price inclusive of all taxes but excluding VAT Global amount in Euro (€)
Provision of services for the filming, editing and production of three (3) promotional video clips	€..... Global amount in words:

Above amount must be broken down further as per below table (Financial Bid Breakdown):

Description	Units	Price per unit excluding VAT Amount in Euro (€)	Total price for 3 units excluding VAT Amount in Euro (€)
Filming Services	3	€.....	€.....
Editing and Production Services	3	€.....	€.....