REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

In accordance with the *Guidelines on the Eligibility of Expenditure for the 2021–2027* period

PURPOSE OF THE PROCUREMENT: Purchase of a commercial licence for a multimedia file converter.

This Request for Quotation relates to the implementation of the project entitled "DistNet – a system optimizing file management and transfer based on innovative algorithms in a distributed network", under the European Funds for a Modern Economy Programme, Priority: Support for Entrepreneurs, Measure: SMART Pathway, project reference No. FENG.01.01-IP.02-0113/25.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF OFFERS

By 24:00 on 9th of November 2026.

PLACE AND METHOD OF SUBMISSION OF OFFERS

All communication with the Contracting Authority in the procurement procedure, from the publication of this Request for Quotation until the deadline for submission of offers, shall take place exclusively via the Competitiveness Database:

https://bazakonkurencyjnosci.funduszeeuropejskie.gov.pl/

After the deadline for submission of offers, communication between the Contracting Authority and the Bidder shall take place electronically via the following email address: anciana@wp.pl.

The date and time of submission of an offer shall be the date and time at which the offer is received through the Competitiveness Database. Offers submitted after the deadline or by any other method shall not be considered.

The Bidder shall remain bound by its offer for a period of 60 days from the deadline for submission of offers.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBJECT OF THE PROCUREMENT

The subject of the procurement is **the purchase of a commercial licence for software for converting graphic, vector, audio and video files, supplied in the form of an SDK together with a runtime environment, including technical support and updates**.

The software will be used as a component of the Contracting Authority's commercial product, which will be installed and run in the environments of the Contracting Authority's customers.

The conversion component will perform operations locally on system nodes, including in environments without Internet access.

The procurement includes the delivery of a solution whose licensing terms permit its use in the Contracting Authority's commercial product, as well as the distribution, installation and execution of the product containing the required component at the premises or in the environments of the Contracting Authority's customers.

Regardless of its technical form, the solution must meet all the minimum requirements specified in this Request for Quotation.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OFFER

Scope and terms of the licence

The offered licence must meet the following requirements:

1. A commercial licence permitting the use of the software in the Contracting Authority's product.
2. The right to embed, integrate, modify, distribute, install and run the Contracting Authority's product containing the offered component at the premises or in the environments of the Contracting Authority's customers.
3. No limit on the number of production, testing and development nodes covered by the licence.

4. No additional fees beyond the total price stated in the offer, including no fees dependent on the number of nodes, instances, installations or end customers.
5. The licence must cover the Contracting Authority's and its customers' development and testing environments, as well as customers' production environments.
6. No territorial restrictions.
7. The licence shall remain valid for the period specified by the Contractor in the offer.
8. Technical support and updates must be included in the price for the entire offered licence period.
9. The licensing terms must not prevent the commercial distribution of the Contracting Authority's product under the model described herein.
10. No fees based on the number of files processed or operations performed**.** Licensing models under which remuneration or any additional fees are charged based on the number of files processed, conversions, input/output operations, credits consumed, tokens or any other usage-dependent billing units are not permitted, particularly metered or pay-per-use licensing models. The price quoted in the offer must remain fixed for the entire declared licence period and must not increase depending on the number of files processed, the number of conversions performed, the volume of data processed or the frequency of software use.
11. The Contracting Authority allows advance payment for periods longer than one month for offers that include annual or biennial discounts.

Supported input formats

The software must support the input formats listed in Annex No. 1, "Wykaz_formatow_wejsciowych.pdf" (List of Input Formats), which forms an integral part of this Request for Quotation.

The annex covers vector formats, bitmap formats, photographic RAW formats, HEIC/HEIF formats, audio and video formats, and other formats listed in the document.

Conversion of every supported input format into the corresponding output format specified in this Request for Quotation must be ensured.

The technical documentation submitted with the offer should confirm support for each individual format and the possibility of conducting verification tests.

Required output formats

The software must support at least the following conversions:

- Raster graphics that do not require transparency → JPG.
- Raster graphics with an alpha channel, particularly PNG and TIFF → PNG with transparency preserved.
- Vector graphics, including PDF, AI, PS and SVG → PNG.
- Video → MP4.
- Audio → MP3.

Thumbnails and conversion parameters

The software must support thumbnail generation for files for which this functionality is applicable, particularly video files.

The following functionalities are required:

- Generation of thumbnails in a format suitable for display in a web browser.
- The ability to specify the time point, in seconds, at which a video frame is captured, as an additional function.
- The ability to specify the output file resolution.
- The ability to specify the bitrate for applicable output formats.

Colour management

The software must correctly handle ICC profiles during the conversion process.

The Contractor should describe how ICC profiles are handled, including the preservation of input profiles and the assignment or conversion of output profiles, to the extent supported by the offered solution.

Additional points will be awarded for solutions that facilitate the use of the software by persons with disabilities. Detailed requirements are described in the section concerning the evaluation criteria for submitted offers.

Video files — moov atom placement

The software must allow control over the placement of the moov atom in an MP4 file, including the selection of a setting that enables playback to begin before the entire file has been downloaded, where supported by the format and the codecs used.

SDK and integration

A native SDK or a library for the Rust programming language is required to enable integration with the Contracting Authority's product.

The Contractor must provide clear technical documentation, descriptions of programming interfaces, and instructions for integrating and running the solution.

Runtime environment and performance

The offered solution must:

1. Run on the Contracting Authority's operating system: NixOS.
2. Allow the runtime environment to be defined using Nix flakes, as required by the Contracting Authority's environment.
3. Support multicore architectures and multithreaded execution.
4. Operate without Internet access once all required components have been installed and configured. This is a mandatory requirement, including under the Green Public Procurement criteria described later in this document.
5. Enable local file processing on system nodes without requiring the processed data to be transmitted to an external service.

The Contractor must identify system dependencies and describe how to prepare the runtime environment in the technical documentation.

Updates and support for new formats

The price must include software updates throughout the entire offered licence period.

Technical support

The Contracting Authority requires:

- Technical support in Polish or English throughout the entire offered licence period, included in the price.
- A minimum of 8 hours of technical support availability per day during the so-called “technical support window”.
- A maximum time for resolving a reported fault of no more than 48 hours from the time the fault is reported. A defect is defined as a condition of the system that prevents its existing functionality from operating as intended. This definition does not include the implementation of new system functionalities.

Additional requirement concerning Green Public Procurement

The solution must be capable of operating offline, without dependence on a permanent connection.

Once activated, the software must not require a permanent Internet connection. Any periodic verification, if applicable, must be carried out solely in accordance with the licensing policy.

Application of equivalent materials:

1. Wherever the documentation specifies manufacturers’ names, proprietary names, trademarks, patents or the origin of materials or equipment used or required to perform the subject of this Request for Quotation, the Contracting Authority shall add the words “or equivalent”.
2. Materials and equipment specified in the documentation by proprietary names, trademarks, patents or origin may be replaced by equivalent materials and equipment in terms of technical, qualitative, functional and operational parameters. The equipment and materials proposed for use must meet the parameters specified in the documentation relating to the subject of this Request for Quotation and must not be inferior to those specified.
3. A Bidder proposing equivalent materials or equipment must demonstrate that they meet the Contracting Authority’s requirements, in particular by providing supporting information with the offer concerning technical, strength, technological and other

parameters, detailed technical drawings, certificates, approvals, declarations of conformity, and product and material data sheets, as appropriate to the nature of this procurement. The documents submitted must unequivocally demonstrate that the proposed materials and equipment are equivalent to the requirements specified in this Request for Quotation.

4. The use of equivalent materials requires the written consent of the Contracting Authority. The Contracting Authority reserves the right to assess the equivalence of the proposed equipment or materials and to consult experts for this purpose. The Bidder must be aware that the use of equivalent equipment and materials will depend on their compliance with all parameters specified in the project documentation and technical specifications, as well as on the approval of the Supervising Inspector and the designer.

PROCUREMENT IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

The following items must be delivered within 14 days of the date of signing the contract:

- Provision of the licence and the required software components.
- Delivery of complete technical documentation.
- Provision of the SDK or component.
- Provision of support and updates.

The licence must remain available from the date it is made available until 31 March 2029.

For the purposes of preparing the offer, the Bidder shall assume an availability period of 24 months for the subject of the procurement.

CPV CODE — DESCRIPTION

48000000-8 — Software package and information systems.

ANNEXES

- Annex No. 1 — Request for Quotation: File Converter – Polish and English version.

- Annex No. 2 — Declaration of No Capital or Personal Links – Polish and English version.
- Annex No. 3 — GDPR Information Clause – Polish and English version.
- Annex No. 4 — Contractor's Declaration of the Absence of Grounds for Exclusion Relating to Measures to Counteract Support for Aggression Against Ukraine and to Protect National Security – Polish and English version.
- Annex No. 5 — Offer Form – Polish and English version.
- Annex No. 6 — Wykaz_formatow_wejsciowych.pdf (List of Input Formats).

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

1. The provisions of the Act of 11 September 2019 — Public Procurement Law — shall not apply to this procedure.

2. The procedure shall be conducted in accordance with the principle of competitiveness, while ensuring fair competition, equal treatment of Bidders, efficiency, openness and transparency, in accordance with the Guidelines on the Eligibility of Expenditure for the 2021–2027 period.

3. A Bidder may request clarification of the contents of this Request for Quotation. The Contracting Authority shall be obliged to provide clarification, provided that the request is received no later than 2 working days before the deadline for submission of offers.

4. A Bidder may amend or withdraw its offer before the deadline for submission of offers.

5. The Bidder shall bear all costs associated with preparing and submitting its offer.

6. Submission of an offer by a Bidder shall not constitute the conclusion of a contract.

7. Alternative offers are not permitted due to the required procurement parameters. Partial offers are also not permitted because the subject of the procurement is indivisible.

8. During the examination and evaluation of offers, the Contracting Authority may request Bidders to clarify the contents of their submitted offers.

9. During the examination and evaluation of offers, the Contracting Authority reserves the right to verify the reliability and accuracy of the documents, declarations, lists, data and information submitted by Bidders. This applies in particular to the declaration concerning the absence of grounds for exclusion relating to measures to counteract support for aggression against Ukraine and to protect national security. This declaration will be verified against the Central Register of Beneficial Owners and the list published at:

https://www.gov.pl/web/mswia/lista-osob-i-podmiotow-objetych-sankcjami

10. Information on the outcome of the procedure shall be published in the Competitiveness Database:

https://bazakonkurencyjnosci.funduszeeuropejskie.gov.pl/

11. If the Bidder whose offer has been selected refuses or fails to conclude the contract, the Contracting Authority may select the most advantageous offer from among the remaining offers without conducting a new evaluation.

12. When submitting an offer, the Bidder should be aware that the offer may contain personal data, for example, the personal data of designated contact persons. The offers received, together with any personal data contained therein, shall be used by the Contracting Authority solely for the purpose of carrying out the procurement in accordance with the applicable Guidelines on the Eligibility of Expenditure for the 2021–2027 period, and subsequently for the settlement and archiving of the procurement, in accordance with the funding agreement for the project co-financed by the European Funds for a Modern Economy Programme under which the procurement will be financed.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS/DECLARATIONS REQUIRED FROM THE CONTRACTOR

1. The submitted offer must contain at least:
    a. Information identifying the Bidder, including the full legal name of the entity submitting the offer, identification numbers such as NIP (tax identification number), REGON (statistical identification number) and KRS (National Court Register number), where applicable, as well as contact details, including an email address for correspondence after submission of the offer.
    b. The net and gross value of the offer.
    c. The deadline or deadlines for performance of the procurement.
    d. The date on which the offer was prepared.
    e. The validity period of the offer, which must be at least 60 days.
2. The offer must be prepared using the form provided as Annex No. 5 to this Request for Quotation.

3. The offer must be accompanied by all required documents, duly signed by persons authorised to represent the Bidder, including:
   - Annex No. 2 — Declaration of No Capital or Personal Links.
   - Annex No. 3 — GDPR Information Clause.
   - Annex No. 4 — Contractor's Declaration of the Absence of Grounds for Exclusion Relating to Measures to Counteract Support for Aggression Against Ukraine and to Protect National Security.
   - Technical documentation confirming that the offered solution meets all required parameters. The documentation must enable verification of the offer against the technical requirements specified in this Request for Quotation.
4. The offer and its annexes must be signed by the person or persons legally authorised to represent the Bidder and to incur liabilities in an amount corresponding to the offer price. If such authority does not follow from the registration documents, the relevant power of attorney must be attached to the offer.
5. The offer must include a description of the technical parameters or an attachment in the form of a technical specification, technical data sheet or equivalent document. It must also include all required annexes.
6. Submitted offers must comply with the contents of this Request for Quotation and must be legible.
7. This Request for Quotation is conducted in Polish and English.
8. The offer must be prepared in Polish or in both Polish and English. Any annexes in a foreign language must be translated into Polish. This requirement does not apply to certificates, technical specifications, technical data sheets and similar product documentation, scientific articles or research reports, which may also be submitted in English.
9. If the Bidder attaches copies of documents, they must be certified as "true copies of the original" by the person or persons authorised to make declarations on behalf of the Bidder and to incur liabilities in an amount corresponding to the offer price. This requirement does not apply to scans of technical specifications, technical data sheets and similar product documentation, scientific articles or research reports.

10. A Bidder may submit only one offer in this procedure. Submission of multiple offers, offers containing alternative solutions, or participation in more than one offer shall result in the rejection of all offers submitted by that Bidder, except for the last offer submitted, as determined by the date and time of submission.
11. Offers submitted after the deadline or by a method other than that specified in this Request for Quotation shall not be considered.
12. If an offer contains information constituting a trade secret within the meaning of the provisions on combating unfair competition, the Bidder must clearly and unambiguously identify the information that must not be disclosed to other participants in the procedure by separating it visibly from the remainder of the offer. Such information must nevertheless be made available to the Contracting Authority upon request.
13. During the examination and evaluation of offers, the Contracting Authority reserves the right to verify the reliability and accuracy of the documents, declarations, lists, data and information submitted by Bidders.
14. In the event of formal deficiencies or obvious clerical or accounting errors, the Contracting Authority shall request the Bidder to remedy the identified deficiencies within 3 working days, calculated from the day following the dispatch of the request. The supplemented or corrected offer must be submitted in accordance with the procedure specified in this Request for Quotation and in the request for corrections, to the following email address: anciana@wp.pl. Failure to remedy the deficiencies within the specified deadline may result in the rejection of the offer. Remedying formal deficiencies must not result in a substantive change to the offer.

CONDITIONS FOR AMENDING THE CONTRACT

1. The contract with the selected Bidder shall be drawn up on the basis of this Request for Quotation and the offer submitted by that Bidder.
2. The Contracting Authority reserves the right to amend the contract concluded with the Bidder selected as a result of the procedure in the following circumstances:

a. Changes to generally applicable laws and regulations affecting the performance of the subject of the contract.
b. Discrepancies or ambiguities in the interpretation of terms used in the contract that cannot be resolved by other means, where the amendment would eliminate such discrepancies and clarify the contract to ensure an unambiguous interpretation of its provisions by the parties.
c. Changes to the deadline for performing the subject of the contract or individual stages thereof for reasons beyond the Bidder's control.
d. Objective circumstances beyond the control of the Contracting Authority or the Bidder.
e. Force majeure.
f. Changes to legal regulations applicable on the date of signing the contract.
g. An amendment that does not alter the nature of the contract, provided that the aggregate value of the amendments is less than EUR 214,000 for supply and service contracts and, at the same time, less than 10% of the value of the procurement originally specified in the contract for service or supply contracts.
h. Discrepancies or ambiguities in the interpretation of terms used in the contract that cannot be resolved by other means, where the amendment would eliminate such discrepancies and clarify the contract to ensure an unambiguous interpretation of its provisions by the parties.
i. Changes to the Bidder's place of residence or registered office during the term of the contract, bank account numbers or other identification details.
j. Amendments intended to correct obvious clerical or accounting errors in the contract.

3. Any non-material amendments shall be permitted. An amendment shall be considered non-material if knowledge of the amendment at the stage of the procurement procedure would not have affected the group of entities applying for the procurement or the outcome of the procedure.
4. In addition, the Contracting Authority permits material amendments to the contract in the following circumstances and to the following extent:

a. Changes to the method of performing the subject of the contract due to circumstances that the Contracting Authority and the Bidder could not have foreseen despite exercising due diligence.
b. Changes to remuneration resulting from changes in tax legislation, in particular changes to the VAT rate.
c. Changes to the payment terms for the Bidder's remuneration where the need for such changes arises from provisions of other contracts related to the contract covered by this procedure, and the need for the changes results from circumstances that could not have been foreseen at the time the contract was concluded.
d. Changes to deadlines in the event of:
    - Circumstances arising on the Bidder's side that could not have been foreseen at the offer submission stage despite the exercise of due diligence.
    - Reasons attributable to the Contracting Authority.
e. A change to the procurement performance deadline must not alter any other principles of this Request for Quotation specified in the offer and the contract concluded with the Contracting Authority.
f. Force majeure preventing performance of the subject of the contract within the deadlines specified therein. The parties shall amend the contract with regard to the deadlines to account for delays resulting from the force majeure event.

5. The following shall not constitute amendments to the contract:
    a. Changes to data relating to the administrative or organisational handling of the contract, in particular a change of bank account number.
    b. Changes to contact details.
    c. Changes to registration details.
6. Any amendment to the terms of the contract concluded between the Contracting Authority and the Bidder concerning performance of the subject of this Request for Quotation must not affect the material provisions arising from the description of the subject of the procurement set out in the section "Description of the Subject of the Procurement" of this Request for Quotation.

7. Any change to the procurement performance deadline shall require the Contracting Authority's approval and, where applicable, the approval of the Intermediate Body responsible for financing the project, in accordance with the provisions of the project funding agreement. All amendments to the contract concluded as a result of this procedure must be made in writing, failing which they shall be null and void.

EVALUATION OF OFFERS

Evaluation criteria and scoring methodology

1. The Contracting Authority shall evaluate and compare only those offers that meet the conditions specified in this Request for Quotation.

2. Offers shall be evaluated according to the following criteria:

   - **Net price — C — 65%.**
   - **Maximum time for resolving a reported fault — UU — 5%.**
   - **Green Public Procurement criteria — ZZ — 25%.**
   - **Criterion "Solutions facilitating the use of software by persons with disabilities" — RN — 5%.**

3. Criterion „**Net price**" – C.

   The total net price for one month of the licence granted will be evaluated. The bidder offering the lowest price will receive 100 points. The remaining bidders will be awarded points according to the following formula:

   C = (Cn / Co) × 100 × W

   Where:

   C — Number of points awarded under the "Net price" criterion.

   Cn — Price of the lowest-priced offer.

   Co — Price of the offer being evaluated.

   W — Weight of the criterion.

A. The price quoted by the Bidder shall be a comprehensive total price for the performance of the contract covered by this Request for Quotations. It shall include all components specified in the description of the subject matter of the contract, all costs calculated by

the Bidder in connection with the performance of the contract, and VAT, where applicable.

B. The Contracting Authority permits offers to be submitted in PLN or in any other currency listed in the National Bank of Poland (NBP) exchange rate table. For the purpose of comparing offers, any price expressed in a currency other than PLN shall be converted into PLN using the NBP average exchange rate applicable on the day preceding the deadline for submission of offers

C. Prices shall be rounded to two decimal places.

D. Only one price may be quoted. The 24-month price specified in the offer must be an exact multiple of the one-month price.

4. **Criterion: Maximum time for resolving a reported fault –UU**

A defect is defined as a condition of the system that prevents its existing functionality from operating as intended. This definition does not include the implementation of new system functionalities.

Points will be awarded based on the declared maximum time for resolving a defect, measured in working hours from the initial report of the defect:

- Up to 8 working hours — 5 points.
- More than 8 and up to 24 working hours — 2.5 points.
- More than 24 and up to 36 working hours — 1.5 points.
- More than 36 and up to 48 working hours — 0.5 points.

5. Criterion: Green Public Procurement - ZZ.

The software should be environmentally friendly, energy-efficient and designed for enhanced durability, and should provide solutions that improve resilience to climate change.

For each proposed solution meeting the above requirements, the offer shall receive points, up to a maximum of 25 points, provided that a solution declared as mandatory cannot also be counted under the scored criteria. If it is repeated, it shall not be included in the score.

The scoring shall be as follows:

- 1 Green Public Procurement solution in addition to the mandatory requirement — 5 points.

- 2 Green Public Procurement solutions — 15 points.
- 3 Green Public Procurement solutions — 25 points.

Examples of solutions meeting the above requirements:

- **Reducing output file sizes without unjustified loss of quality.** The component enables the selection of encoding parameters, such as bitrate and resolution, appropriate to the intended use. This makes it possible to reduce the size of stored and transmitted files without generating unnecessarily large outputs.
- **Compatibility with energy-saving mechanisms.** After the requested operations have been completed, the component does not perform unnecessary recurring tasks, scans or network requests that are not required for its operation or licence management.
- **Compatibility with open data formats**. Import and export of operational logs in publicly documented formats, including XML, and export of logs and reports to CSV.
- **Digital distribution and documentation without physical materials**. Licences, installers and manuals are provided exclusively in electronic form, such as through a portal or downloadable files, without physical media or printed materials.

The Bidder may propose other solutions not listed above.

For each proposed solution, the Bidder must explain how it meets the requirement and attach supporting documentation, where applicable.

6. Criterion „ **Solutions facilitating the use of software by persons with disabilities – RN**”.

The Contracting Authority shall favour software that incorporates features facilitating use by persons with disabilities or provides the possibility of introducing such features.

Each proposed solution meeting the above requirement shall receive 1 point, up to a maximum of 5 points.

Examples of solutions meeting the above requirements:

- **Accessible technical documentation**. SDK documentation is available in digital form, with a logical heading structure, descriptive link names and keyboard navigation. Where the documentation is provided in HTML, it also supports assistive technologies.

- **Operation of tools without the need for a mouse**. Any supplied CLI tools, configuration utilities or diagnostic applications, where available, can be operated using a keyboard and do not require exclusively graphical interaction.

- **Understandable error messages**. The API returns unambiguous error codes and descriptions of failure causes, enabling problems to be identified without relying exclusively on colour, sound or graphics.

- **Readable and accessible logs and reports**. Logs and diagnostic reports are available in text or structured formats, with descriptive fields and without requiring information to be interpreted solely from visualisations.

- **Preservation of subtitles and closed captions.** When supported video files are converted to MP4, the component preserves embedded subtitle tracks, including captions for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.

The Bidder may propose other solutions not listed above.

For each proposed solution, the Bidder must explain how it meets the requirement and attach supporting documentation, where applicable.

Among the validly submitted offers, the Contracting Authority shall select the most advantageous offer, i.e. the offer receiving the highest total score calculated according to the scoring system described above, using the following formula:

O = C + UU + ZZ + RN

Where:

O — Total evaluation score.

C — Number of points awarded under the “Net price” criterion.

UU — Number of points awarded under the “Maximum time for resolving a reported fault” criterion.

ZZ — Number of points awarded under the “Green Public Procurement” criterion.

RN — Number of points awarded under the “Solutions facilitating the use of software by persons with disabilities” criterion.

All results calculated under the above criteria shall be rounded to two decimal places in accordance with standard mathematical rounding rules.

REJECTION OF OFFERS AND EXCLUSION

Offers shall be rejected if they:

- Are not accompanied by the required annexes.
- Do not comply with the contents of this Request for Quotation.
- Are partial or alternative offers.
- Have not been formally completed despite the Contracting Authority having requested the Bidder to remedy the deficiencies.
- Were submitted after the specified deadline or by a method other than that specified in this Request for Quotation.
- Provide for performance deadlines other than those required by this Request for Quotation.
- Were signed by a person or persons not authorised to represent the Bidder.
- Contain a price or cost that appears abnormally low in relation to the subject of the procurement, i.e. differs by more than 30% from the arithmetic mean of the prices of all valid offers not subject to rejection, or raises doubts on the part of the Contracting Authority as to whether the procurement can be performed in accordance with the requirements specified in this Request for Quotation or arising from separate legal provisions.

In the latter case, the Contracting Authority shall request the Bidder to provide explanations within a specified deadline, including evidence relating to the calculation of the price or cost.

The Contracting Authority shall assess the explanations in consultation with the Bidder and may reject the offer only if the explanations and supporting evidence do not justify the price or cost stated in the offer.

EXCLUSION FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCEDURE

1. To avoid conflicts of interest, contracts may not be awarded to entities having personal or capital links with the Contracting Authority.
   Personal or capital links shall mean mutual relationships between the Contracting Authority, persons authorised to incur obligations on behalf of the Contracting Authority, or persons acting on behalf of the Contracting Authority in preparing or conducting the procedure for selecting the Contractor, and the Contractor, including in particular:
   a. Participation in a company as a partner in a civil-law partnership or partnership, holding at least 10% of shares or stocks, unless a lower threshold follows from applicable law, or acting as a member of a supervisory or management body, commercial proxy or attorney-in-fact.
   b. b) Being married to, related to or related by affinity in the direct line, related to or related by affinity in the collateral line up to the second degree, or being connected through adoption, guardianship or curatorship, or cohabiting with the Contractor, its legal representative, or members of the management or supervisory bodies of Contractors applying for the procurement.
   c. c) Having such a legal or factual relationship with the Contractor that gives rise to justified doubts as to impartiality or independence in connection with the procurement procedure.
2. Contractors who have submitted false information affecting the outcome of the procedure shall be excluded from participation in the procedure.