



Tender Announcement: Legal Expert for the LICORICE Project

Project Overview

LICORICE (Legal and Identity Cybersecurity Oriented Research for Innovative Credentialing in Europe) is a Horizon Europe-funded project (Grant ID: 101168311) aimed at advancing digital sovereignty in Europe through Self-Sovereign Identity (SSI) and Privacy Enhancing Technologies (PETs). The project will support Europe's digital transformation by addressing cybersecurity and privacy requirements, particularly in healthcare and data-sharing contexts.

Tender Objective

The International Data Spaces e. V. is seeking to subcontract a qualified Legal Expert to support the LICORICE project. This role involves advising on regulatory compliance, data governance, and intellectual property (IP) management throughout the project's three-year timeline (between 01.10.2024-30.09.2027).

Tasks and Responsibilities

The selected Legal Expert will provide expert insights and guidance on the following key areas:

1. Regulatory Compliance

- Ensure alignment with GDPR and eIDAS requirements for both the Privacy-Preserving Cybersecurity Assistant and eHealth pilots.
- Advise on cybersecurity and privacy law compliance for data-sharing activities.

2. Data Governance

- Review data handling practices within project pilots, ensuring secure data management.
- Counsel on consent protocols and ethical data usage in the eHealth Pilot, in line with European Health Data Space standards.

3. Intellectual Property Management

- Establish IP protection measures for project-developed software and methodologies.
- Draft and oversee agreements with the pilot owner project partners to safeguard the project's intellectual outputs.

Eligibility Criteria

Candidates must demonstrate:



- Proven expertise in European cybersecurity, privacy, and data protection laws.
- Experience with regulatory compliance for EU-funded projects.
- Familiarity with Horizon Europe's legal and IP management requirements.

Submission Instructions

Interested applicants should submit the following documents by 09.12.2024.

1. **CV and Proof of Qualifications.**
2. **Project Portfolio** showcasing relevant experience.
3. **Technical Proposal** outlining their approach to the responsibilities detailed above.
4. **Financial Proposal** detailing fees and payment expectations.

Submissions should be emailed to administration@internationaldataspaces.org or submitted via the Electronic Federal Gazette platform for public procurement.

Evaluation Criteria

1. Professional Legal Background

- **IT and Data Protection Law Expertise:** Ideal candidates should demonstrate extensive experience in IT and Data Protection Law, having previously held positions in reputable law firms or legal departments. Practical knowledge in managing data protection and cybersecurity compliance at a European and international level is essential.
- **Specialized Data Spaces Experience:** Experience in legal advisory roles related to secure data exchange within data spaces, including familiarity with the International Data Spaces e. V. frameworks, is highly valued.

2. Data Sovereignty and Compliance Expertise

- **Regulatory Mastery:** Proven expertise with European laws such as GDPR, eIDAS, and anticipated legislation (e.g., EU AI Act) relevant to data sovereignty and cybersecurity.
- **Cross-Jurisdictional Knowledge:** A demonstrated background in international data-related laws is preferred, with practical insights into managing cross-border data flows and addressing transnational regulatory compliance.

3. Relevant Career and Academic Experience

- **Advanced Education in IT Law:** Candidates who have completed specialized programs, such as an LL.M. in IT Law, Data Protection, or a similar field, are preferred. This role demands a solid academic grounding in legal issues related to data spaces and digital sovereignty.
- **Professional Growth in Recognized Firms:** Candidates who have worked in leading law firms or held senior legal positions with a focus on IT and data



protection, including supervisory or data protection officer roles, are strongly preferred.

4. Project-Specific Competence

- **Legal Strategy for SSI and PETs:** The legal expert must be capable of developing legal strategies for Self-Sovereign Identity (SSI) and Privacy Enhancing Technologies (PETs) in both cybersecurity and healthcare domains, ensuring adherence to privacy, security, and compliance standards.
- **Alignment with Horizon Europe Standards:** Familiarity with Horizon Europe project guidelines and the ability to implement legal frameworks that support EU-funded research projects is essential.

5. Financial Proposal

- The financial offer should reflect transparency, competitiveness, and value within public procurement expectations, ensuring adherence to budgetary and project objectives of International Data Spaces e. V. for the LICORICE project.