



# Press release Launch of the Call for Tenders











# PCP WISE Launches Call for Tenders to Drive Innovation in Water Management

The PCP WISE <u>Public Buyers Group</u> announces the official launch of its **Call for Tenders** to codevelop **next-generation water intelligence products/services** using Earth Observation (EO). The tender procedure opened with the **publication of the contract notice** on **5 September 2025**, with **tender documents available from 6 September 2025**. Interested suppliers have until **7 January 2026**, **17:00 CET** to submit proposals.

As a three-phase Pre-Commercial Procurement (PCP), PCP WISE will fund R&D services—from solution design, prototype development, to field validation—targeting TRL 8. The goal: Innovative EO-powered intelligence solutions to monitor the Soil-Water-Vegetation system (SWV) and predict, prevent, and manage related crises such as floods, fires, and droughts. This initiative leverages public procurement to transform cutting-edge research into scalable, real-world tools for European cities, water boards, and agencies.

# **Why This Call for Tenders Matters**

Climate change is increasing the occurrence and severity of **floods**, **fires**, **land and building subsidence**. PCP WISE fosters **cross-sector collaboration** between public authorities, end-users communities, and private innovators to ensure research and technology deliver real-world impact.

# **Key Benefits for Suppliers & Innovators**

- Funding & Market Validation R&D support and operational validation with end users
- **Early Market Engagement** Collaboration with public buyers to develop solutions addressing operational needs.
- Scalability & Commercialisation Potential for future procurement across Europe.

#### Zoom on the Five PCP WISE Use Cases

The PCP WISE Call for Tenders targets <u>five critical use cases</u> that reflect the PCP WISE's Public Buyers Group most pressing water-related challenges:

- 1. **Urban Drought (North-West Europe)** Managing water shortages through groundwater monitoring, resilient infrastructure, and climate adaptation.
- 2. **Urban Water Excess (East-North Europe)** Tackling floods and stormwater with real-time monitoring, risk assessment, and planning tools.
- 3. **Rural Drought (North-West and East Europe)** Addressing agricultural drought with wildfire prediction, soil moisture tracking, and precision irrigation.
- 4. **Rural Drought/Flooding (South Europe)** Managing seasonal droughts and heavy rainfall with improved allocation, flood prevention, and farm resilience.
- 5. **Rural Drought/Flooding (North Europe)** Mitigating groundwater fluctuations, land subsidence, peat degradation, and underground fire risks.











# **Procurement Approach and Phases**

Coordinated and led by **Het Waterschapshuis** (hWh, NL) - the central IT and innovation organisation for Dutch water authorities - with a consortium of **11 other European public buyers**, the PCP runs in three competitive phases:

PCP Phase	Contractors	Duration	Budget per contractor	Total Budget
Phase 1 : Solution Design	5	4 months	300.000,00 €	€1,500,000.00
Phase 2 : Prototype Development & Lab Testing	3	11 months	2.400.000,00€	€7,200,000.00
Phase 3: Validation & Demonstration	2	6 months	1.532.669,40€	€3,065,338.80
Total (excl. VAT)				€11,765,338.80

# **Key Dates at a Glance**

- 5 September 2025 Publication of contract notice in <u>TED</u>
- **6 September 2025** Tender documents available for download both on the Lead Buyer's e-procurement platform and on the PCP WISE website
- 15 September 2025 & 11 November 2025 Info webinars
- 24 October 2025 Deadline for submitting questions about the Tender documents
- 7 January 2026 (17:00) Deadline for submission of Suppliers' bids
- 9 January 2026 Opening of tenders received
- **2 March 2026** Signature of framework agreements and phase 1 specific contracts with selected suppliers. Publication of the contract award notice in TED.

Subsequent phases begin 20 July 2026 (Phase 2) and 30 June 2027 (Phase 3). Please refer to the Tender Document Part 1 for the complete time schedule.

# Who Can Apply & How to Submit

- Language: All tenders must be submitted in English and all amounts must be stated in euros.
- Submission platform: TUTTOGARE PA e-Procurement platform (see the Quick User Guide).
- Forms: Use the official tender forms TD8, TD9, TD10, TD11, TD12.

**Important**: The dates and times indicated in the Request for Tenders are binding. Any updates will be communicated by the Lead Procurer via official notices published on the e-procurement platform and the PCP WISE website.

# What Information & Documents to Expect

Beyond the contract notice and tender documents which provide comprehensive documentation to support potential bidders, all interested parties are also encouraged to watch the <u>recordings</u> and access the <u>presentations</u> of the <u>Webstival</u> webinars, <u>Info Day</u>, and Open Market Consultation <u>online</u> and <u>hybrid</u> events.

A dedicated **Q&A** section on the PCP WISE website can also provide clarifications for bidders.







Interested stakeholders are also invited to register for matchmaking and updates via the <a href="PCP WISE">PCP WISE</a>
<a href="Community Platform">Community Platform</a>.



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