

We are pleased to share with you [the latest status of the signature of the framework contracts in cascade](#), namely:

- All **46 framework contracts** covering lots 6-15 and 20 have been signed by the companies, *of which*
 - **27 contracts have been counter-signed by the Commission** (at least one for each of the above-mentioned lots)

(The remaining signatures are pending due to the following issues:

- 5 contracts: the company did not use the right electronic signature format and must sign again
- 5 contracts: missing evidence delays the signature by the Commission
- 9 contracts: missing evidence and a request of the company to add a co-contractor, which requires an amendment to the contract award decision and of the contracts.)

You can sign orders under the contracts that have been countersigned by the Commission. Where the contract is not yet signed with the company ranked first (e.g. lots 9 and 11), you might consider placing orders with lower ranked contractors in line with the [Q&A for the implementation of the framework contracts](#).

Please kindly use a template (on [Library](#) → [Signed FWC](#) → [FWC implementation](#) → [FWC implementation-SC.docx](#)) to **inform about the conclusion of an order** in accordance with Article 27 of the Joint Procurement Agreement. You can either return it to us by e-mail or upload on Circabc.

With our thankfulness for your reactivity and constructive cooperation in these extraordinary times, we wish you very Happy Holidays!

Kind regards,

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Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to share with you [the latest status of the signature of the framework contracts in cascade](#), namely:

- All 46 framework contracts covering lots 6-15 and 20 have been sent to the companies for signature, *of which*
 - **38 contracts have been signed by companies** (lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 20), *of which*
 - **19 contracts have been counter-signed by the Commission** (at least one for each of the above-mentioned lots)

We keep updating the Circabc database, where you can find:

- (signed) **framework contracts** ([Library](#) → [Signed FWC](#))
- Quantities per lot for each participating countries ([Library](#) → [Signed FWC](#) → [Annex I – for all FWC](#) → [Annex I.2 delivery location updated](#))
- **Offers** of the companies ([Library](#) → [Signed FWC](#) → [Annex II - Contractor s offers](#))
- **Contacts details of the companies** (can also be found in the relevant framework contract, under Article I.8. Communication details) are compiled on [Library](#) → [Signed FWC](#) → [Annex II - Contractor s offers](#) → [Data Base Contractors-Lots 6-15+20.xlsx](#).
- **Templates of:**
 - **specific contract** ([Library](#) → [Signed FWC](#) → [Template Specific contract FWC SANTE-2020-C3-055.docx](#))
 - **order form** ([Library](#) → [Signed FWC](#) → [Template Order Form FWC SANTE-2020-C3-055.docx](#))
- **Q&A for the implementation of the framework contracts** ([Library](#) → [Signed FWC](#) → [Q&A-FWC implementation 20200523.pdf](#))
- A template to **inform about the conclusion of an order** in accordance with Article 27 of the Joint Procurement Agreement, which you could either return us by e-mail or to upload on Circabc on [Library](#) → [Signed FWC](#) → [FWC implementation](#) → [FWC implementation-SC.docx](#))

In accordance with the framework contracts, they can be implemented (specific contracts and order forms can be signed) as soon as the last party signs the framework contract. Nonetheless, Article 4.2 of the Emergency Support Instrument Regulation (Council Regulation (EU) 2020/521) provides that **the contracting authorities shall be entitled to request delivery of goods and services as from the date of sending the draft contracts**. To ensure the legal certainty, we recommend **holding the signature of the specific contract** by the last party **until the framework contract is signed by the Commission**. The SPPSC will be informed as soon as this is done.

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With best regards,

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