

Invitation to Tender for the Fifth Call for Outline Proposals under the Plan for European Cooperating States (PECS) in Cyprus

HANDBOOK BASIC OF ESA PROCUREMENT

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DISCLAIMER



This handbook material does not contain sufficient information to be used, in any way, in the context of the ITT (Invitation-to-Tender)

This handbook is only an introduction to help understand, in a simplified manner, some of the Rules and Procedures associated with ESA procurements.

Please ensure that your Outline Proposal is compliant with the requirements contained in the official ITT [AO/1-10838/21/NL/SC] documentation found on esa-star.

Registration in esa-star is an essential pre-requisite to bid!

To register in esa-star:

<u>https://esastar-emr.sso.esa.int/</u>

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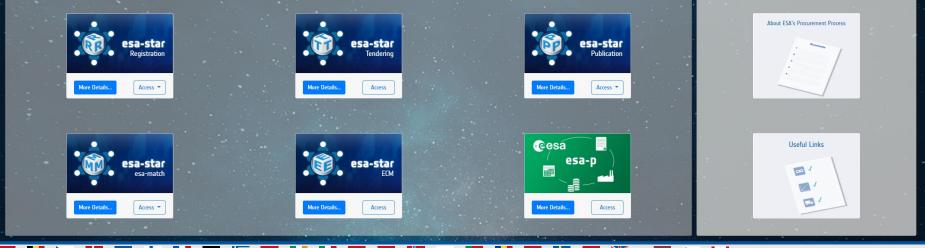
- Portal for access to the entire esa-star toolset, including associated ESA corporate applications like esa-p
- All applications are connected, making it easier for users to access the systems and retrieve information
- Optimised and supported for use with the Google Chrome browser

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This portal provides access to the different ESA IT Corporate Applications for all economic operators doing business with, in ritherding to internet with, ESA. A click on the "More Details..." Button provided for each IT Corporate Application reveals a brief description which explains the purpose of and process supported by the related system. To access any of the applications, please use the "Access" buttons. Some systems can be entered as a guest user, without the need to log in. However, functionalities and data available will be limited. Additional information about the ESA Procurement Process and putter useful limits for eacoming operators are provided on the right hand 3de.



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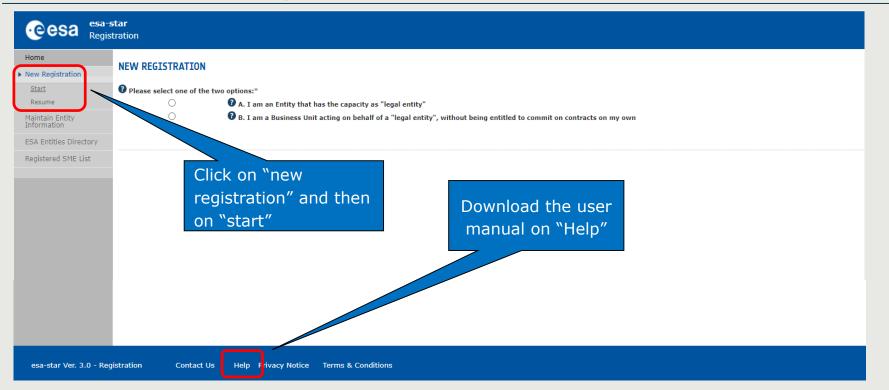
esa-star Registration supports the following processes:

- > Registration of Legal Entities in the ESA corporate systems for tendering, purchase and financial tasks
- Collection and regular update of data provided by the registered entities used by ESA procurement, industrial policy and finance processes
- Registration and maintenance of entities' user information, in order to grant them access to the esa-star Registration, esa-star Publication, esa-star Tendering, esa-match, esastar ECM and esa-p systems.

esa-star Registration is made up of the two principal components:

- > esa-star Registration Public Web Site: this application allows registration of a new entity in the ESA corporate tools.
- esa-star Registration Internal Web Site: this application allows updating of entity information as required and maintenance of entities' user account information, i.e. in order to grant entity users access to the esa-star Tendering, esa-star Publication, esamatch, ECM and esa-p systems.







To become a "Registered Entity" with ESA (1/2):

- The first step is to check whether your organisation is currently registered as an "Entity" and/or a "Business Unit" belonging to an existing Entity .
 A Business Unit shares the same VAT number with the main Legal Entity.
- 2. If not, you can register your entity by completing the ESA on-line guestionnaire
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Please mention if you have SME Status (Small and Medium sized Enterprises, definition from the EC). The SME status can be claimed. Validated SMEs within ESA can benefit from special SME tendering and payment conditions (when so defined).

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To become a "Registered Entity" with ESA (2/2):

- 3. You may carry out your registration in 2 steps:
 - "Light" registration awarded after entity nationality verification.
 Will grant access to esa-star services (i.e Access ITT, upload offers you are allowed to bid for in relation to your entity nationality).

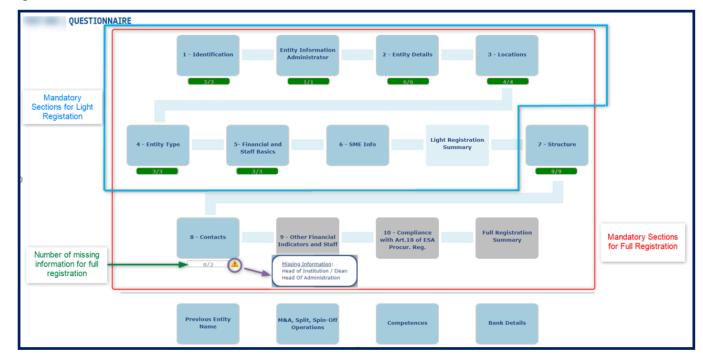
• "Full" registration:

The award of ESA contracts requires a "Full" registration.

- 4. Once registration is validated, you will receive your login credentials to all esa-star tools.
- 5. If you need help:
 - Email esait.Service.Desk@esa.int
 - Phone +39 06 941 80700



The following image shows what information to provide for both a *Light Registration* and *Full Registration*.



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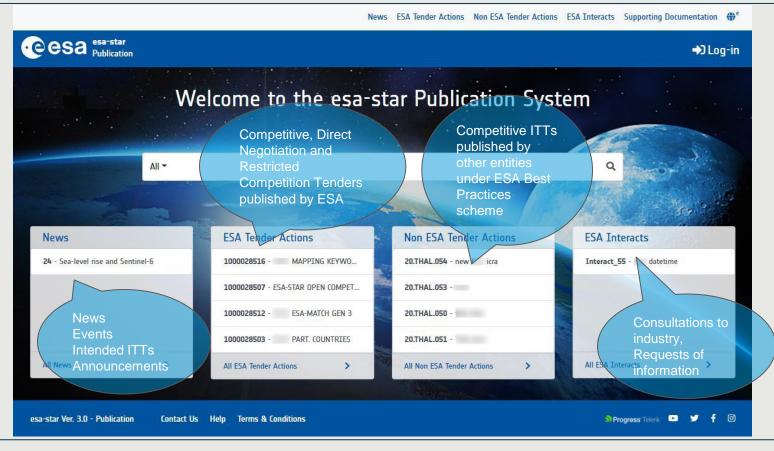
Support information in esa-star Registration User Manual: <u>https://esastar-emr.sso.esa.int/Account/DownloadFile</u>











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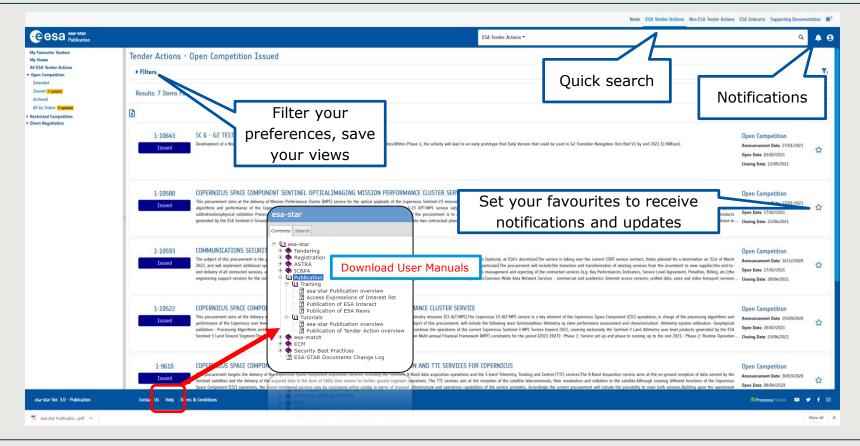
is the starting point for participating in Tender Actions

All registered users have access to esa-star Publication and, depending on their role, are able to:

- View news published by ESA
- Access information on ongoing and planned procurement actions, including ITT documents (ESA and non-ESA)
- Express interest in specific procurement projects
- Initiate proposal preparation by creating a bidder restricted area
- Access ESA interacts and submit a reply to ESA accordingly

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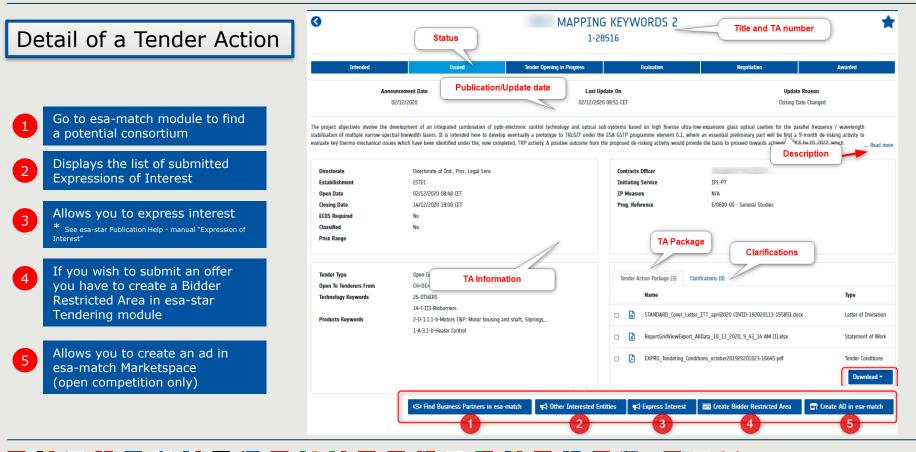


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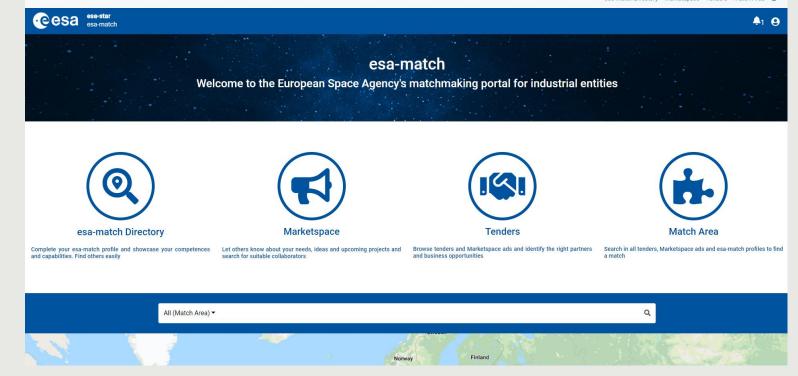
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esa-match profile pages for each Business Unit + Legal Entity

- Competences & Capabilities
- Experience (ESA contracts, other projects and studies [non-ESA]); Certifications)



esa-match Directory

• find entities. Option to filter, display them on a map, etc



Marketspace

- place "ads" (and link them to tenders)
- "I'm looking for" + "I offer"



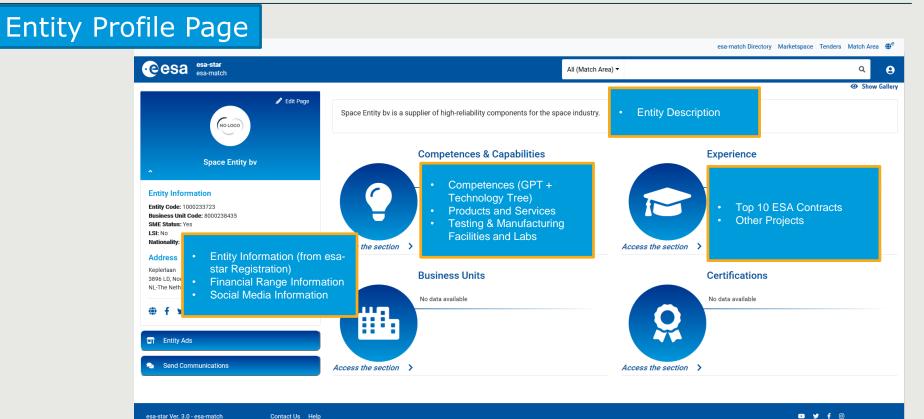
Tenders area

- search Tenders and ESA Interacts (new ESA Publication feature)
- area to find suitable "matches" (depending on competences set, country, etc)



- "Lounge area" (communications area)
 - for messages between industrial entities





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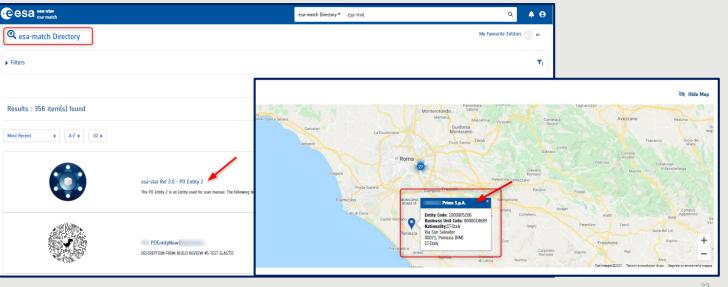
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- > To display, search and browse the list of entities in esa-match
- Entities are displayed in 2 different views:
 - As a list (by default)
 - As an interactive map (by clicking on "Show Map")

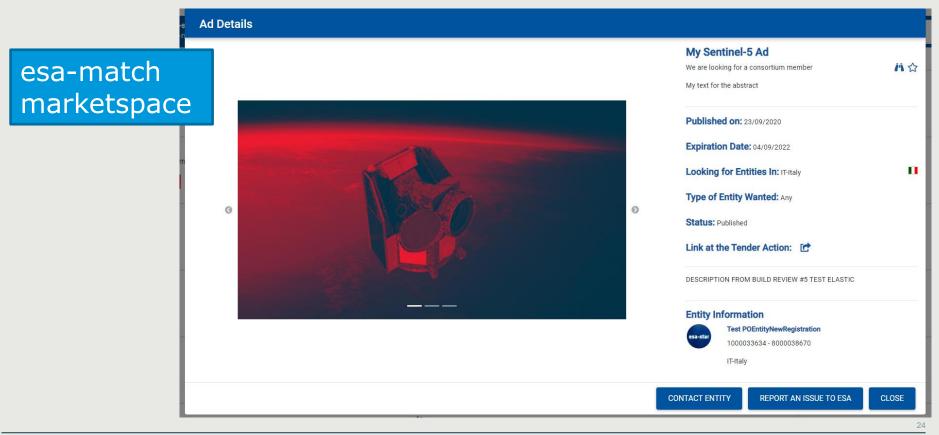


- List of entity profiles
- Map view of entities. A click reveals additional information and links to an entity's profile page



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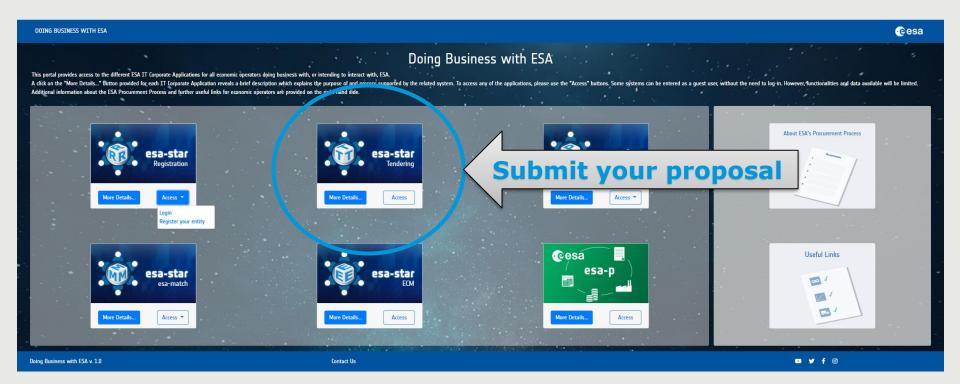
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esa-star Tendering (<u>https://esastar.sso.esa.int/</u>)

- covers the end-to-end tendering process
- supports offer preparation and submission to ESA for evaluation,
- management of clarifications and extension requests for Tender Actions

When you find an ITT in **in esa-star publication** for which you want to bid, you choose

E Create Bidder Restricted Area

You will be re-directed you to **esa-star Tendering** where you create your dedicated work area (the <u>Bidder's Restricted Area</u>). Here you may:

- 1. submit clarification and extension requests up to the deadlines set by ESA.
- 2. upload and submit offers to ESA.
- 3. recall your proposal at any time before the closing date.

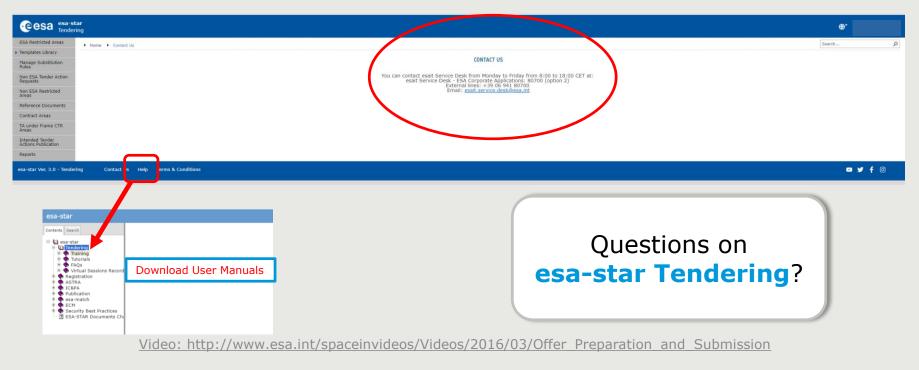
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You won't need to access esa-p until you have a contract with ESA

 All financial aspects, like advance payments, milestones achievements with deliverables and invoicing/payments are dealt with using esa-p, ESA's financial tool based on SAP

2. You can request a username and password to our helpdesk:

esait.Service.Desk@esa.int or +39 06 941 80700, option 2

From 08:00 to 18:00 CET/CEST, Monday to Friday

Tutorials on how to use ESA-P are available on the supplier's portal:

http://esa-p-help.sso.esa.int





Important note for contract payments:

1) Advance payment is transferred after the signature of contract and submission of Advance Payment Request (APR) in esa-p: http://esa-p-help.sso.esa.int/Extended_Guide_How_to_submit_and_approve_an_Advance_Payment_Request.pdf

2) Milestone payments are released after submission of Confirmation and Invoice in esa-p with relevant deliverables approved by ESA Technical Officer attached:

http://esa-p-help.sso.esa.int/Extended_Guide_How_to_submit_and_approve_a_MAC_confirmation.pdf

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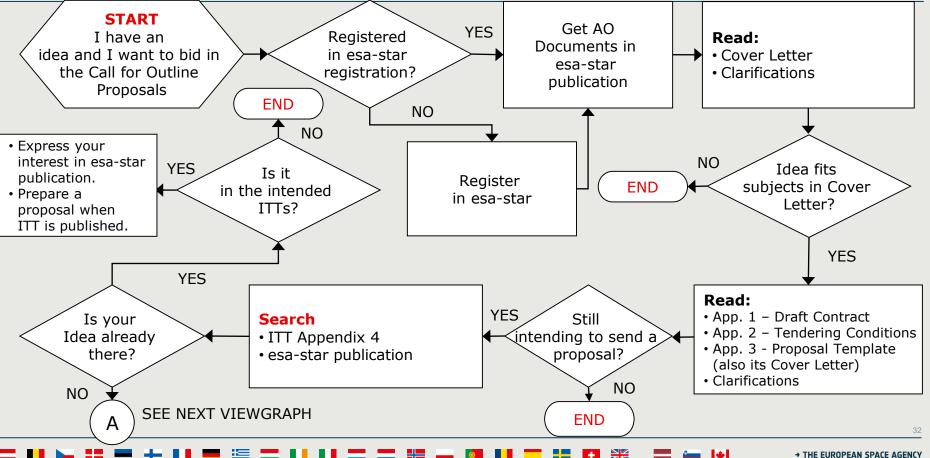
3) Tax exception:

Intra-community transactions supplied to an International (Governmental) Organisation (**like ESA**) are free of VAT according to Directive 2006/112/EC Article 151 1.b. if the related exemption form (still referring to Directive 77/388/EEC - Article 15/10) is issued and provided to the entitled supplier. Note subcontractor does not receive any VAT exemption certification, only the contractor who has a legal binding contract with ESA:

http://esa-p-help.sso.esa.int/no_VAT_details.html

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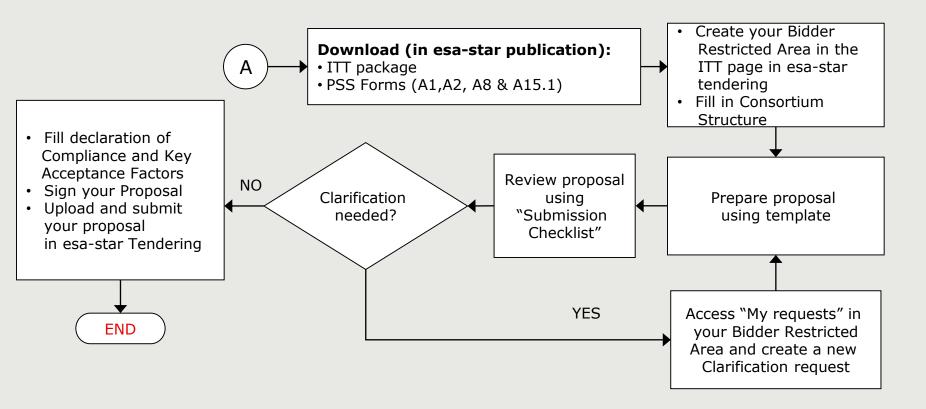
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- **ALL** questions related to this Invitation to Tender must be submitted via **esa-star Tendering** in your Bidder Restricted Area.
- Those Questions and Answers that are of relevance to all Tenderers, will be published on esa-star publication as a clarification for the benefit of all Tenderers.

