

## Request for proposals

Catering services for The Business Booster 2026

## InnoEnergy

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## 2. Overview of InnoEnergy

InnoEnergy is a European company fostering the integration of education, technology, business and entrepreneurship and strengthening the culture of innovation. The challenge is big, but our goal is simple: to achieve a sustainable energy future for Europe. Innovation is the solution. New ideas, products and services that make a real difference, new businesses and new people to deliver them to market. At InnoEnergy we support and invest in innovation at every stage of the journey – from classroom to end-customer. With our network of partners we build connections across Europe, bringing together inventors and industry, graduates and employers, researchers and entrepreneurs, businesses and markets.

We work in three essential areas of the innovation mix:

- Education to help create an informed and ambitious workforce that understands the demands of sustainability and the needs of industry.
- Innovation Projects to bring together ideas, inventors and industry to create commercially attractive technologies that deliver real results to customers.
- Business Creation Services to support entrepreneurs and start-ups who are expanding Europe's energy ecosystem with their innovative offerings.

Bringing these disciplines together maximises the impact of each, accelerates the development of market-ready solutions, and creates a fertile environment in which we can sell the innovative results of our work.

For more information about our company please visit the following website:

<http://www.innoenergy.com/about-innoenergy/>

## 3. Scope of work

### 3.1 Background

In 2025 InnoEnergy carried out the 13th edition of The Business Booster (TBB), InnoEnergy's main external event aiming at fostering the link between the industry, investors, start-ups and policy makers. The event took place in Lisbon on October 22-23 with more than 1,800 attendants from 46 different countries. There were 117 start-ups exhibiting and pitching and more than 3,000 business meetings organized through our B2B tool. The topic in 2025 was "Clean industrial electrification: Powering our planet, our economy and our security".

InnoEnergy is seeking proposals from a professional catering companies in order to select a supplier for TBB 2026.

We are looking for a provider, with strong background for caterings for international congresses and exhibitions. The purpose of this document is to outline what is required as well as provide a fair evaluation for all candidates and highlight the criteria by which the selection will be made.

The event: **The Business Booster** by InnoEnergy

- Number of attendees: 800+ people
- Location: Messe Munich, Germany
- Event dates: 28 and 29 October 2026
- Set-up date: 27 October
- Break down: evening of 29 October

TBB. by InnoEnergy is an outstanding innovation event, connecting leading industries and bright minds from business start-ups (and SMEs) as a means of providing tomorrow's sustainable energy

solutions today. The aim of the event: to increase connectivity between ventures/SMEs and industry, to ensure their commercial success, which will then contribute to KIC InnoEnergy's own sustainability.

TBB. website: <https://tbb.innoenergy.com/>

#### Videos:

2025: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CDyk6\\_qt8dE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CDyk6_qt8dE)

2024: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tVBTVAcEU6k>

#### Photos:

2025: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjCyGRS> 2024:

2024: <https://www.flickr.com/gp/innoenergy/98o9esD35R>

### 3.2 Requirements for the supplier:

For the purpose of this tender we require you to submit a written proposal which responds to the following:

- **Catering proposal including all costs (food/beverages/staff etc.) with a maximum cap of 160,000€ ( excluding VAT)**
- Pictures of previous executed caterings, if possible at Messe Munich.
- Plan of buffet stations and where you can plan the catering kitchen
- Pictures of sustainable water fountains for the hall or other solution offered
- Event language is English. Project Manager and staff have to speak English or Spanish.
- Please note we like this event to be plastic free and we prefer mainly locally produced food.

#### Day 0 – Set-Up day:

- Lunch for the organisation team (approx.8 people)
- Glass bottles or water fountains for the organisation team (organiser office)
- Cleaning all the areas after serve and
- Keep all areas clean during the catering service and after clearing up

#### Day 01: Catering for 800 PAX

Coffee machine in organiser office, water fountain/glass bottles/ tea etc.

- All day: Coffee, tea and water bottles in VIP and press room (total 30 people)
- 10:30 Coffee break with pastries and fruit in exhibition area
- 08:30 until 18:30: permanent coffee and tea to be served in exhibition area, approx. 800 attendees
- 13:00-14:00 Hot Lunch buffet (vegetarian, vegan, options gluten free, no pork) served in exhibition area, for 800 attendees
- 15:00 Coffee break with pastries and fruit in exhibition area
- 19:30-22:00 Dinner for 800pax at hall A5 (Beer garden/October fest style?)
- All day: Water (water fountains with glasses/bottle refill stations) for the exhibitors
- Keep all areas clean during the catering service and after clearing up

#### Day 02: Catering for 800 PAX

- All day: Coffee, tea and water bottles in press and VIP room (total 30 people)
- 10:30 Coffee break with pastries and fruit in exhibition area
- 8:30 am until 6:30 pm: permanent coffee and tea to be served in exhibition area, approx. 800 attendees
- 13:00 Hot Lunch buffet (vegetarian, vegan, options gluten free, no pork) served in exhibition area, for 800 attendees

- All day: Water (water fountains with glasses/bottle refill stations) for the exhibitors
- 16:30/17:00 End of event
- Keep all areas clean during the catering service and after clearing up

### 3.3 Contract duration and terms

The contract's duration is 12 months. In case the budget coverage for future support for the services presently tendered, plus the continuing need for the services provided by the tenderer, InnoEnergy intends to extend the contract with the winner/s of the present supplier selection process with another 12 months. The contract extension will be done through a direct award procedure. This extension is subject to financial coverage and high-quality performance of the contractor and continuous need for the services, but this does not bind InnoEnergy to carry out an extension.

## 4. Proposal Process

### 4.1. Participation

- Participation in this proposal procedure is open to all tenderers.
- All participants must sign the Tenderers' declaration form attached and submit it with the proposal. Please note that the tenderer may not modify the text, it has to be submitted signed as provided by InnoEnergy attached to the request for proposal document.

### 4.2. Submission of proposal

	DATE (Calendar dates)
Publish RFP on InnoEnergy website	4 May 2026
Deadline for requesting clarification from InnoEnergy	18 May 2026
Deadline for submitting proposals	25 May 2026
Intended date of notification of award	28 May 2026
Intended date of contract signature	3 June 2026

Proposals must be emailed in English to the following address to:

Contact name: for the attention of Ferran Tomas

E-mail: [ferran.tomas@innoenergy.com](mailto:ferran.tomas@innoenergy.com)

The proposal shall contain:

- the technical response to the service requested (point 3).
- the financial offer (the price for the services.) The Financial offer must be presented in Euro. must be indicated as net amount + VAT.

- an indication of supplier's insurance coverage. The proposal must specify whether the supplier has taken out a company liability insurance and/or professional liability insurance including the maximum amount of coverage in Euro per event per insurance.

Responses should be concise and clear. The tenderer's proposal will be incorporated into any contract that results from this procedure. Tenderers are, therefore, cautioned not to make claims or statements that they are not prepared to commit to contractually. Subsequent modifications and counter-proposals, if applicable, shall also become an integral part of any resulting contract.

The tenderer represents that the individual submitting the natural or legal entity's proposal is duly authorized to bind its entity to the proposal as submitted. The tenderer also affirms that it has read the instructions to tenderers and has the experience, skills and resources to perform, according to conditions set forth in this proposal and the tenderers' proposal.

*Tenderers are requested to submit with their proposal together with the filled-out Tenderers' declaration form (see point 4.1).*

#### **4.3.     *Validity of the proposals***

Tenderers are bound by their proposals for 90 days after the deadline for submitting proposals or until they have been notified of non-award.

The selected winner must maintain its proposal for a further 60 days to close the contract.

**Proposals not following the instructions of this Request for Proposal can be rejected by InnoEnergy.**

#### **4.4.     *Requests for additional information or clarification***

The request for proposal should be clear enough to avoid tenderers having to request additional information during the procedure. In case the tenderers are in need of additional information or clarification, please address it to the address below. All information requested or answered may only be done through written communication – email only. All questions should be sent prior to deadline for requesting clarification as specified in 4.2. In case of complex or high value procurements, InnoEnergy could arrange a clarification session which will be communicated to the tenderers.

Contact name: Attention of Ferran Tomas

E-mail: [ferran.tomas@innoenergy.com](mailto:ferran.tomas@innoenergy.com)

InnoEnergy has no obligation to provide clarification.

#### **4.5.     *Costs for preparing proposals***

No costs incurred by the tenderer in preparing and submitting the proposal are reimbursable. All such costs must be borne by the tenderer.

#### **4.6.     *Ownership of the proposals***

InnoEnergy retains ownership of all proposals received under this tendering procedure. Proprietary information identified as such, which is submitted by tenderer in connection with this procurement, will be kept confidential.

The potential or actual supplier should accept that during the implementation of the contract and for four years after the completion of the contract, for the purposes of safeguarding the EU's financial interests, InnoEnergy may transfer the proposal and the contract of the supplier to internal

audit services, to the EIT, to the European Court of Auditors, to the Financial Irregularities Panel or to the European Anti-Fraud Office.

#### **4.7. Clarification related to the submitted proposals**

After submission of the proposals, they shall be checked if they satisfy all the formal requirements set out in the proposal dossier. Where information or documentation submitted by the tenderers are or appears to be incomplete or erroneous or where specific documents are missing, InnoEnergy may request the tenderer concerned to submit, supplement, clarify or complete the relevant information or documentation within an appropriate time limit. **All information requested or answered may only be done through written communication – email only.**

#### **4.8. Negotiation about the submitted proposal**

After checking the administrative compliance of the tenderers, InnoEnergy may negotiate the contract terms with the tenderers. In this negotiation InnoEnergy will ask all tenderers to adjust the proposal or specific sections of the proposal within an appropriate time limit. In case of negotiation, InnoEnergy shall provide further information about the proceedings and timing.

#### **4.9. Evaluation of proposals**

The quality of each proposal will be evaluated in accordance with the below mentioned award criteria. The award criteria will be examined in accordance with the requested service indicated in Section 3 of the document.

#### **Evaluation criteria**

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| 1. Quality of Catering proposal (food and drink offer, sustainability of food, solution for water fountains) | 25 Points |
| 2. Plan of buffet stations, kitchen and materials used (no plastic)  | 20 Points |
| 3. Catering planning, project manager and staff manager  | 10 Points |
| 4. Liability Insurance   | 5 Points  |

#### **Total technical score: 60 points maximum**

- Price or total cost: lowest offered expert unit price shall receive the highest score, other shall be calculated in relation to that in linear equation. Cap of 160000 euro excluding VAT (all included). Offers above 160000 euro (excl. VAT) will get zero points. 40 Points

#### **Total financial score: 40 points maximum**

#### **Total maximum score: 100.**

#### **4.10. Signature of contract(s)**

The successful and unsuccessful tenderers will be informed in writing (via email) about the result of the award procedure.

For the contract the Service Agreement in Annex 2 shall apply. Any change desired by the tenderer in the provisions contained in the body of this Service Agreement needs to be communicated to InnoEnergy as part of the proposal of such tenderer. Background for this is that such desired changes need to be taken into account in the evaluation of the proposal of each tenderer under

Liability Exposure above. Significant changes are likely to lengthen the negotiation process, making it less likely that the Service Agreement can be signed in time.

Within three days of receiving the contract from InnoEnergy, the selected tenderer shall sign and date the contract, then return it to InnoEnergy. Upon receipt, InnoEnergy shall also sign and send back to the winner one signed copy. In case the winning tenderer is unable to enter into the contract within the above mentioned time period, InnoEnergy may decide to contract the second best.

#### **4.11. *Cancellation of the proposal procedure***

In the event of cancellation of the proposal procedure, InnoEnergy will notify tenderers of the cancellation. In no event shall InnoEnergy be liable for any damages whatsoever including, without limitation, damages for loss of profits, in any way connected with the cancellation of a proposal procedure, even if InnoEnergy has been advised of the possibility of damages.

#### **4.12. *Appeals/complaints***

Tenderers believing that they have been harmed by an error or irregularity during the award process may file a complaint. Appeals should be addressed to InnoEnergy. The tenderers have ten days to file their complaints from the receipt of the letter of notification of award.

#### **4.13. *Ethics clauses / Corruptive practices***

InnoEnergy reserves the right to suspend or cancel the procedure, where the award procedure proves to have been subject to substantial errors, irregularities or fraud. If substantial errors, irregularities or fraud are discovered after the award of the Contract, InnoEnergy may refrain from concluding the Contract.

The supplier shall take all measures to prevent any situation where the impartial and objective implementation of the contract is compromised for reasons involving economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional ties or any other shared interest ('conflict of interests'). He should inform InnoEnergy immediately if there is any change in the above circumstances at any stage during the implementation of the tasks.

#### **4.14. *Many journeys. One welcome.***

Diversity, inclusion and equality of opportunity are core InnoEnergy values. We are committed to extending the same warm welcome to everyone, whatever their personal journey. We strive to ensure every voice is heard.

We value the contribution that different viewpoints make to our business of innovation. Having a variety of perspectives at all levels also equips us to meet the needs of the diverse communities we serve.

We extend our commitment across the career cycle. We recruit people from diverse backgrounds—for example, as of 2022, we employed 39 nationalities split 50-50 male-female. We then ensure that every member of our team is involved and valued, and receives equal recognition and opportunities for advancement.

In all areas of the employee experience (including recruitment, compensation and career development), and in all dealings with customers and communities, InnoEnergy staff will value merit regardless of age, social status, race, colour or genetic features, disability, ethnic/social origin or national minority membership, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, language, marital or partnership status, political or any other opinion, economic status, religion or spiritual belief.



Although we do not use this as a vendor selection criterion, we are interested in learning from others, and would be happy to receive anything about your Diversity values or policy that you would care to offer.

#### **4.15. Annexes**

*Annex 1: Tenderers' Declaration form*

*Annex 2: Draft Contract Template*

*Annex 3: Floorplan of Mess Munich Hall 6*

*Annex 4: Example of last year's TBB exhibition space floor plan*