

1. Introduction

The European Fencing Confederation (EFC) is seeking proposals from experienced software development firms to design and develop a modern, user-friendly front-end website. The new website will enhance the digital presence of EFC by providing easy access to competition results, rankings, athlete profiles, and news updates.

2. Project Overview

Objectives:

The goal of this project is to develop a **high-performance, mobile-responsive frontend** that:

- Showcases **competition schedules, rankings, and live results**.
- Provides an engaging **user experience for athletes, officials, and fans**.
- Ensures compliance with **GDPR and WCAG 2.2 accessibility standards**.
- Integrates seamlessly with the existing **backend system and APIs**.
- Allows frequent and easy updates of content via **CMS**

Core Features:

- **Federation Information:** About EFC, governance, contact details, NF, Teams...
- **Homepage:** Latest news, upcoming competitions, and featured content.
- **Competition Pages:** Event schedules, calendars, results, and live updates.
- **Rankings & Athlete Profiles:** Searchable database of athletes and rankings.
- **Media Section:** Galleries with photos and videos, archived news
- **Documents Section:** Information letters, Decisions
- **Payment Gateway:** Membership fees, penalties, licenses, levies, integration with accounting, audit logs
- **Configurability - self-service** option for technical personnel to update/configure the website
- **Analytics** – shift to different provider (Matomo)
- **Integration with calendar, showcase for upcoming events, workshops, RSVP, reminders**
- **Core navigation to be followed attached**

Optional features:

- **Discussion forum**
- **Comments sections/upvoting and reactions**
- **User Registration for Personalized Content** – Linked to existing **person database**.
- **Push notifications for new content, schedule changes and updates**
- **Polls/Feedback section**
- **Newsletter system**
- **Space for users generated content with an approval workflow**

3. Scope of work

Design and development:

- **UI/UX Design:** Create wireframes and visual designs
- **Frontend Development:** Implement using **modern frameworks**.
- **API Integration:** Connect with backend services for real-time data.
- **Testing & QA:** Ensure cross-browser compatibility and mobile responsiveness.
- **Deployment & Maintenance:** Deploy the website with ongoing support / training for internal support.
- **Hosting (optional)**

Technical requirements:

- **Technology Stack:** React.js / Vue.js / Next.js / Angular (preferred frameworks).
- **Performance Optimization:** Page speed, lazy loading, caching.
- **Security & Compliance:** GDPR compliance, SSL, secure authentication.

4. Proposal Submission Requirements

Vendors should submit a proposal that includes:

- **Company Information:** Overview, expertise, experience with similar projects.
- **Technical Approach:** Recommended technology stack, development methodology.
- **Project Plan & Timeline:** Milestones, sprints, estimated delivery date.
- **Team Structure:** Key personnel and their roles.
- **Budget Proposal:** Cost breakdown (design, development, testing, deployment, maintenance, optional features costs).
- **References & Portfolio**

5. Selection Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following:

- **Cost-effectiveness & Value (20%)**
- **Project Plan & Understanding of EFC needs (20%)**
- **Technical Expertise & Experience (15%)**
- **UI/UX Design Capabilities (30%)**
- **Compliance with EFC's Requirements (15%)**

6. Submission process:

- **Submission Deadline:** May 15, 2025
- **Submission Method:** Email proposals in PDF format to website.
- **Point of Contact:** Julian Seidl - jseidl@fencing-efc.eu
- **Questions & Clarifications:** All inquiries must be submitted by May 1, 2025, via email.

7. Terms & Conditions

- **EFC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals without explanation.**
- **All submitted materials will remain confidential.**
- **The selected vendor must adhere to agreed-upon timelines, deliverables, and budget.**

Core navigation of the website (navigation will change / main menu points must allow easy creation of submenus via CMS):

- Home
- Governance
 - History
 - Statutes & Regulations
 - The President
 - The Bureau
 - Executive Committee
 - Meetings
 - Decisions
 - Commissions & Councils
 - Meetings
 - Decisions
 - Member Federations
 - Service Portal / Licensing
- Sport
 - Calendar
 - European Championships
 - U23 Championships
 - Junior & Cadet Championships
 - Competition Results
- Rankings
 - U14 Rankings
 - U23 Rankings
 - Cadet Rankings
- Projects
 - Our Projects
 - aaa
 - bbb
 - ccc
 - ddd
- Media
 - Photo Gallery
 - Video Highlights
 - Press Releases
 - News (also displayed on LandingPage)
- Official communication
 - Information Letters
 - News
 - Job Offers
- Contact