

**PROGRAMME FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSESSMENT (PISA) 2029**

**PROCUREMENT PROCESS AND TENTATIVE TIMELINE**

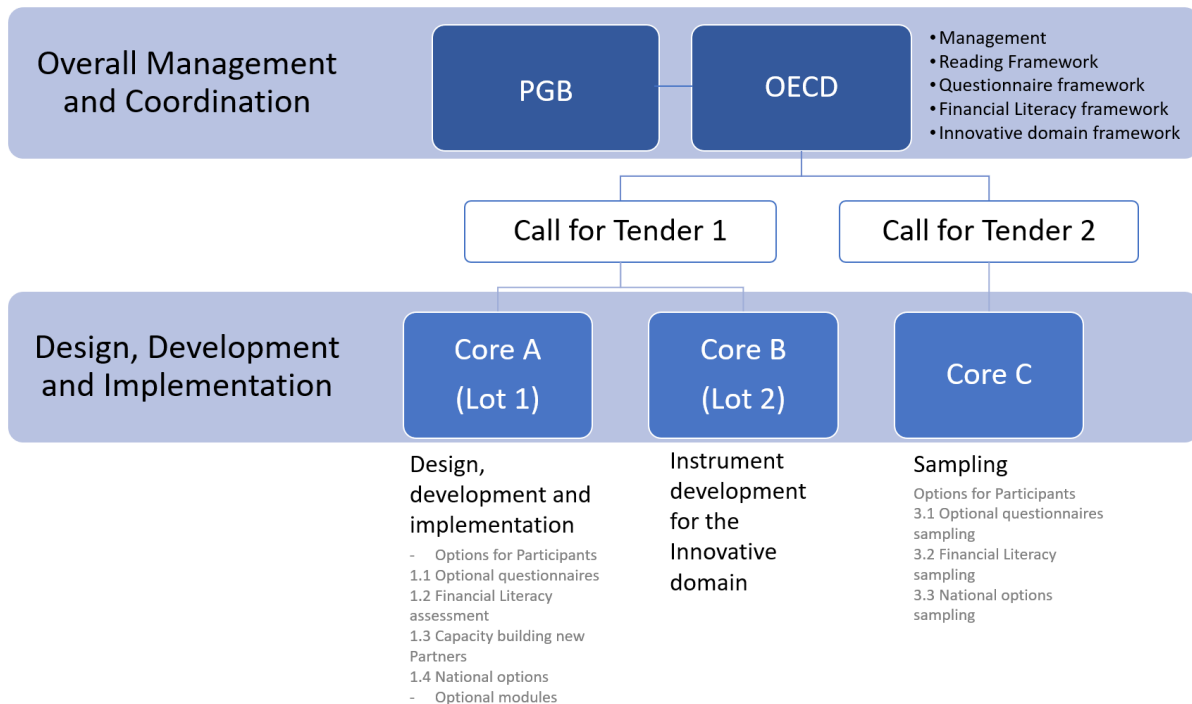
The Directorate for Education and Skills (EDU) of the OECD will conduct the Call for Tenders (CFT) for PISA 2029. The information in this note reflects planning as of August 2023 and may change as part of the preparations for the Call for Tenders.

The tentative project structure for the 2029 cycle comprises three components that will be attributed through two calls for tenders following the OECD’s procurement rules. These are:

- Call For Tenders 1
  - Lot 1 - Core A: Design, development, and implementation
  - Lot 2 - Core B: Instrument development for the Innovative Domain
- Call for Tenders 2
  - Core C: Sampling

It is envisaged that the Call for Tenders 1 will include two lots (Core A and B), and Call for Tenders 2 will comprise Core C. With the aim of increasing efficiencies and coverage, candidates applying for Core A (Lot 1) shall submit a proposal also for Core B (Lot 2), indicating what price savings are possible if they are selected for both Cores/Lots. Candidates applying for Core B (Lot 2) would not have the obligation to apply also for Core A (Lot 1).

The following figure summarises the tentative project structure.



## **Call for Tenders 1**

### ***Core A (Lot 1)***

Core A is expected to retain the project management and coordination role, including quality control, as well as conduct instrument development, implementation support, and provide the platform and communications portal. The main tasks under this core will be:

- Management and co-ordination (day-to-day project management)
- Survey design, test, and questionnaire development (survey design and development of the cognitive and non-cognitive instruments)
- Survey operations, liaison with National Centres and quality control (including the necessary communication processes, structures and IT infrastructure for these interactions and appropriate training, as well as optional capacity building support for countries)
- Survey operations including data collection for the innovative domain.
- Provision of an electronic platform for test development and test delivery, as well as a communications portal
- Linguistic quality assurance and control (linguistic quality control, including translation support through source versions, translation guidelines and appropriate training)
- Data handling, analysis, and scaling (implementation, data collection and quality control, including the development of data analysis and scaling plans, the performance of data handling, analysis, cleaning and scaling)
- International options and optional modules

### ***Core B (Lot 2)***

Core B will oversee the instrument development and analyses of the innovative domain. The contractor of Core B will need to collaborate with the Core A Contractor that is responsible for survey operations, including data collection for this domain. The main tasks under Core B will be:

- Development of interactive tasks and scoring routines in alignment with the assessment framework (produced by the OECD Secretariat and Expert Group) and in a web-based format (html, Css, javascript).
- Analysis of the data from the Field Trial in order to select the best items to include in the Main Survey, and analysis and scaling the data from the Main Survey.

## **Call for Tenders 2**

### ***Core C***

The contractor for Core C shall be in charge of sampling. This will include the following tasks:

- Define and manage sampling standards, procedures and quality control (development of sampling standards)
- Draft and finalise sampling design and approach
- Draw school samples, customise sampling software and provide support for national sampling (generation of sampling plans and negotiation with countries of samples and country support regarding sampling and national oversampling strategies)
- Analysis of bias due to non-response or exclusion of students and schools
- Prepare sampling weights, including non-response adjustments (calculation of sampling weights)



- Sampling for international options
- Sampling for national options

### **Tentative timeline**

The tentative timeline for the procurement processes is as follows:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>CALL FOR TENDER 1 Core A (Lot 1) and B (Lot 2) (End date)</b>	<b>CALL FOR TENDER 2 Core C (End date)</b>
<b>Launch expression of interest</b>	First Quarter 2024	Second Quarter 2024
<b>Bidder seminar</b>	First Quarter 2024	First Quarter 2024
<b>Launch call for tenders</b>	Second Quarter 2024	Third Quarter 2024
<b>Deadline for receipt of bids</b>	Third Quarter 2024	Fourth Quarter 2024
<b>Bid evaluation, negotiations and selected bidder informed</b>	First Quarter 2025	Second Quarter 2025

Note: Tentative timeline for information purposes, subject to possible changes.