

Procurement

Integrity Due Diligence (IDD) services

RFP document

Procurement under Part I and III of the Regulations

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1 Introduction

1.1 About the client

This procurement is being conducted by Norges Bank for both the Central Bank Operations, Norges Bank Administration and Norges Bank Investment Management.

Norges Bank is the Central Bank of Norway. It is a separate legal entity wholly owned by the state of Norway. As the central bank of Norway, it is an executive and advisory body for monetary, credit and foreign exchange policy. Norges Bank's activities are governed by Act no. 31 of 21 June 2019 relating to Norges Bank and the Monetary System (the Norges Bank Act). For further information, please see www.norges-bank.no

Since 1997, in addition to its monetary role, Norges Bank has been appointed by the Ministry of Finance as manager of the Norwegian Government Pension Fund Global (the "GPFG" or the "Fund"). The GPFG represents savings for future generations in Norway. The original source of the Fund's capital is the net cash flow derived by the State of Norway from petroleum activities. The State of Norway, acting through the Government of Norway, deposits the GPFG with Norges Bank. Norges Bank invests that deposit in assets around the world, in accordance with the Management Mandate issued by the Norwegian Ministry of Finance.

The asset management responsibility for the Fund is allocated to Norges Bank Investment Management ("NBIM"), a department within Norges Bank. NBIM's principal office and headquarters is in the central bank in Oslo, Norway. It also has staffed offices in London, New York, Singapore, Luxembourg, Japan and Shanghai. For further information, see www.nbim.no

1.2 Purpose of the procurement

Norges Bank is seeking to enter into an agreement with one provider for services to perform IDD. The service will be used for suppliers and counterparties based both in Norway and internationally. The service must supply relevant information to be used in assessment of AML/CFT risk, sanctions, fraud risk as well as other relevant risks like environment, climate, human rights and social factors. We anticipate that the service will draw upon a database compiled from multiple sources worldwide. We also expect the service to be delivered as a "out of the box", with little or no customization required for Norges Bank, except for set up of reports and batch screenings. This entails that we do not expect anything to be installed on Norges Bank's systems to enable use of the service.

This document contains tender documentation with information and requirements for those suppliers wishing to submit a tender in the competition.

1.3 Scope of the agreement

The total scope of the assignments to be given in the contract period is expected to be on the order of 800.000 - 2.000.000 NOK ex vat for the total contract period. Please note that there is a high degree of uncertainty concerning the volume of the contract.

1.4 Duration

The duration of the contracts is two years, with option for Norges Bank to extend the contract with 2+2+2 years. The contract may be terminated by either party with three (3) months' prior notice during the contract period.

1.5 Contract type and provisions

The contractual relationship will be regulated by the providers terms & conditions, with Norges Banks Key Contractual Requirements incorporated. (**Appendix 7**)

1.6 Structure of the tender documents

The tender documents consist of:

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Main document	Tender document (this document)	
Appendix 1	Tender letter	
Appendix 2	Deviations from the tender documents	
Appendix 3	Self-declaration wage and working conditions	
Appendix 4	Template reference task	
Appendix 5	Requirement specification (separate document)	
Appendix 6	Price Matrix	
Appendix 7	Key Contractual Requirements	
Appendix 8	Data Processing agreement	

2 Rules for the procurement

2.1 Procurement procedure

The procurement will be carried out with respect to the Act relating to Public Procurements of 17 June 2016 (Public Procurement Act) and the Regulations relating to Public Procurements (Public Procurement Regulations) FOR 2016-08-12-974, Part III, section 13 -1 (1)—open procedure.

- Partial tenders are not allowed
- Variant tenders are not allowed

In accordance with the fundamental principles of Norwegian procurement law, Norges Bank reserves the right to clarify and amend the RFP, as well as to cancel the procedure. All recipients of the RFP will be notified of any such clarifications or amendments and shall take these into consideration when preparing responses to the RFP. Norges Bank also reserves the right to seek further information and clarifications from the tenderers.

2.2 Publication of the procurement

The procurement will be published in Doffin (<u>www.doffin.no</u>) and Tender Electronic Daily (TED) (<u>www.ted.europe.eu</u>).

2.3 Timetable

Plan to perform the procurement with respect to the timetable below. It is emphasized that the plan is tentative. Norges Bank will be able to make adjustments during the course of the process.

Norges Bank wishes to make it clear that tenders that are delivered too late will be rejected

Milestone	Date
Deadline for submitting questions	14 August 2023 at 12:00 CET
Deadline for delivery of tenders	22 August 2023 at 12:00 CET
Notification of contract award (tentative)	Week 37 - 2023
Validity date of the tender	30 October 2023

2.4 Communications, questions on the tender documentation and supplemental information All communications during the procurement process must take place via Mercell.

In the competition in Mercell, select the "communications" tabbed sheet. Then click the "new message" icon in the menu bar. Enter the question/information and press "send". Norges Bank then receives the question/information. Any possible questions that the tenderers might have concerning the tender documentation, possibly of the pre-tender conference, must be submitted within the deadline given in point 2.3 above. All questions will be answered in good time before expiry of the inquiry/rendering deadline in anonymous form and made available as supplemental information to everyone who has registered an interest in Mercell / those bidders who have been invited to submit tenders.

Supplemental information is available under the "communications" tabbed sheet and subsequently under the "supplemental information" tabbed sheet. Tenderers who have already registered their interest will also receive notification via E-mail if supplemental information is released during the competition. The tenderers can then follow the link in the notification in order to bring up the relevant competition.

2.5 Correction, supplementation and/or amendment of the tender documentation

Before expiry of the tendering deadline, Norges Bank has the right to undertake correction, supplementation and amendment of the tender documentation that are not of significance. Correction, supplementation or amendment of the tender documentation will immediately be sent to all tenderers who have registered their interest via Mercell. Information on correction, supplementation and amendment will be published electronically via Mercell. If errors are detected in the tender documentation, it is requested that this be communicated to Norges Bank via the communications module in Mercell.

2.6 Language

All written and verbal communications in connection with this competition must occur in Norwegian or English. The language requirement also concerns the tender itself.

2.7 Norwegian Freedom of Information Act

With statutory authority in the Norwegian Freedom of Information Act of 19.5.2006, section 23, third subsection, exceptions may be made for tenders and records pursuant to the code of regulations concerning public procurements until the selection of the supplier has been made.

With statutory authority in the Norwegian Freedom of Information Act, section 13, cf. the Central Bank Act, section 5-2, Norges Bank has a duty of confidentiality concerning information on "the business-related conditions of others". It is emphasized that it is the information subject to confidentiality in the document and not the document in its entirety that is subject to disclosure, cf. the Norwegian Freedom of Information Act, section 13. Tenderers are hence requested to themselves mark/censor precisely which information in the tender that must be deemed to be subject to confidentiality.

2.8 Duty of confidentiality

For employees and suppliers who perform work or service for Norges Bank, the duty of confidentiality follows from the Norwegian Act relating to Norges Bank and the monetary system (Central Bank Act), section 5-2. Subcontractors and third parties who become acquainted with information from the contractual relationship must be subjected to a duty of confidentiality corresponding to the duty of confidentiality established in the Central Bank Act, section 5-2.

The duty of confidentiality also remains in effect after the agreement has been ended. Employees or others who depart from their service with one of the parties also have a duty of confidentiality after they have departed. Employees of the supplier, subcontractors and possible third parties must sign a non-disclosure declaration formulated by Norges Bank.

2.9 Impartiality

Norges Bank will pose strict criteria as a basis in determinations of whether possible impartiality-compromising situations, cf. Public Procurement Regulations, section 7-5, are present. If Norges Bank based upon an assessment of the Supplier's explanation and the circumstances otherwise concludes that an impartiality conflict exists, this will result in rejection. The company is expected to have a policy and arrangement for surveying and assessing possible partiality or impartiality conflicts. An explanation must be given of precisely which impartiality conflicts may exist with a justification for why it is not viewed as being of such a nature that one is prevented from shouldering the commissioned task.

2.10 Advertising

The Supplier is obligated to not conduct advertising or in some other manner to give the general public information concerning this agreement with its appendixes or the results of the agreement without the prior written approval of Norges Bank. The supplier is obligated to include a corresponding provision with respect to their subcontractors.

If the Supplier participates in a competition pursuant to the Act and Regulations relating to Public Procurements and a client requests references from other clients, Norges Bank will upon request assess giving a reply concerning whether permission will be granted.

2.11 Tenderer's participation costs

Expenses that the tenderer incurs in connection with the preparation, submission or follow-up on the tender or the procurement process in general will not be refunded.

2.12 Deviations from the procurement documents

The Supplier bears the risk for unclear items in the lender, cf. Public Procurement Regulations, section 23-3 (2).

Tenders that contain significant deviations from the procurement documents must be rejected pursuant to the Public Procurement Regulations, section 24-8 (1) b. Norges Bank hence most strongly requests submitting tenders based upon those instructions and guidance that appear in this tender documentation with appendixes and possibly pose questions in the event of unclear items in the tender documentation.

3 Rejection grounds and Qualification requirements

3.1 In general on ESPD

In this competition, the tenderers must fill in the ESPD form that is integrated into Mercell.

3.2 National rejection grounds

The rejection grounds that are ticked under ESPD Rejection Grounds point C provide as a point of departure Norges Bank only a right to reject. In the following two cases, Norges Bank nevertheless has an obligation to reject:

- 1. If there exists a lack of impartiality that Norges Bank cannot remedy with minor intervention measures, cf. Public Procurement Regulations, section 24-2, first subsection, letter c.
- 2. If the tenderer has participated in the preparation of the competition, and in so doing has attained an unreasonable competitive advantage that cannot be remedied with minor intervention measures, cf. Public Procurement Regulations, section 24-2, first subsection, letter d.

Norges Bank has in ESPD Rejection Grounds point D ticked "purely national rejection grounds". The national rejection grounds go further that what follow from the rejection grounds specified in ESPD in two cases:

- 1. Norges Bank must reject a tenderer when it is aware that the tenderer has accepted an optional fine or been convicted of the specified criminal conditions in the Public Procurement Regulations, section 24-2, second subsection.
- 2. Norges Bank may reject a tenderer when it can be documented that the tenderer has in general committed serious errors that bring about doubts as to its professional integrity, cf. Public Procurement Regulations, section 24-2, third subsection, letter i.

3.3 Qualification requirements

3.3.1 General

The tenderer must answer the qualification requirements included in this document. Note that the qualification and documentation requirements appear under the heading "Description of requirement/documentation" under the individual requirement in Mercell.

3.3.2 Fulfilment of qualification requirements by the use of other enterprises

The tenderer may choose to support itself with the capacity of other enterprises in order to fulfil the requirements for the supplier's economic and financial capacity and for technical and professional qualifications. What is meant by "other enterprises" is for example a parent company, co-operating partners, subcontractors and the like.

If the tenderer supports itself on the capacity of other enterprises in order to fulfil the qualification requirements for economic and financial capacity and/or for technical and professional qualification, then the tenderer must document that it has the requisite resources at its disposal. This can be documented by for example attaching a signed declaration of obligation from these enterprises. Please note that Norges Bank accept maximum 1 link in the supply chain.

3.3.3 Concerning requirements for the economic and financial capacity of the tenderers

If a tenderer supports itself on the capacity with other enterprises in order to fulfil the requirements for the supplier's economic and financial capacity, Norges Bank may require that they are jointly and severally liable for the execution of the contract.

If the tenderer has objective grounds for not submitting the documentation that Norges Bank has requested, then the tenderer may document its economic and financial capacity by submitting any other document that Norges Bank deems to be suitable.

3.3.4 Requirements associated with the tenderer's suitability

Cf. ESPD form: qualification requirements, A: suitability

Qualification requirements	Documentation requirements
The tenderer shall be a legally established company	The following document shall be attached to the Self-Declaration Form: Norwegian companies: Certificate of incorporation
	Foreign companies: Proof that the company has been registered in an industry registry or company registry as prescribed in the legislation in the country where the supplier was established

3.3.5 Requirements associated with the tenderer's economic and financial capacity

Qualification requirements	Documentation requirements
The supplier must have sufficient	The following document shall be attached to the Self-
economic and financial capacity to	Declaration Form:
execute the delivery/contract	The supplier's annual financial statements (including notes
	with reports from the board auditor) for the past 2 years.
	If the annual financial statements for the preceding year have
	not been completed by the expiry of the tendering deadline for
	this competition, then interim annual accounts for the
	preceding year must be attached in addition.
	Credit rating from a recognized rating supplier (must not be more than 2 months old)
	If the requested documentation is not available Norges Bank may accept other documentation as it finds suitable and
	relevant. If the financial documentation is showing a negative
	trend, the Self-Declaration Form should include a short
	explanation, including an explanation of the tenderer's
	liquidity risk (the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty
	in meeting obligations associated with liabilities)

3.3.6 Requirements associated with the tenderer's technical and professional qualifications

Qualification requirements	Documentation requirements
The tenderer must have sufficient	Description and documentation of the supplier's competency
professional qualifications and	within Integrity Due Diligence (IDD) services.
concepts to be able to complete the	
assignment	

3.3.7 Execution of the qualification phase

Norges Bank will assess whether the qualification requirements have been fulfilled based on the documentation the suppliers have submitted together with the inquiry on participation in the competition. Suppliers who do not fulfil one or more qualification requirements will be rejected from the competition.

4 For the tendering part

4.1 Award criteria

The contract will be awarded to the tenderer with the best conditions between quality and price based on the award criteria and percentage weighting set out in the table directly below.

Normalization of score will not be used in the evaluation. Each area (LOT 1, LOT 2, LOT 3) will be evaluated separately

AWARD CRITERIA – QUALITY 70 %	DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENT
Norges Bank wants the best possible Achievement of the requirements, including • Functional requirements • Security requirements • Privacy requirements/GDPR	Documentation requirement: Requirements matrix Please answer all the requirements in Appendix 5
Risk	Documentation requirement: Participants offered contractual terms and conditions including order forms and other relevant contractual material (not including any reservations to the Key Contractual Requirements in Appendix 7)

AWARD CRITERIA – PRICE 30 %	DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENT
Norges Bank wants suppliers with competitive prices	Please fill inn Price matrix, Appendix 6

4.2 Evaluation

Evaluation of the award criteria «Price»

Scoring and weighting of price is done according to a relative evaluation model, proportionate method. The best offer on each sub-criterion gets 10 points, the other offers get points proportionally in relation to this according to the following formula: Lowest price divided by price which is evaluated multiplied by 10. The calculated points are weighted against the weight of the sub-criterion and then the weight of the main criterion. Weighted points are summed to a total sum for this criteria.

Evaluation of the award criteria" Quality"

For evaluation of the tenders in relation to the award criterion quality, the tenders will be awarded points on the basis of an evaluation model where the best tender receives 10 points. Other offers receive points after a relative difference from the best offer.

"Must be met" requirement is mandatory. Please note that the tenderer will be rejected if the requirement is not confirmed and met. "Should be met" requirements will be given a qualitative score of 0-10 (10 being the best) based on the quality of the answer. The points will be summarized to a total sum for the sub-criteria, and they will be weighed against the weight of the sub-criterion and then against the weight of the main criteria. Weighted points are summed to a total sum for this criteria.

5 Tender delivery

5.1 Delivery of tenders

All tenders must be delivered electronically in Mercell within the deadline stated in clause 2.3, possibly a new deadline specified by Norges Bank. The Supplier may, before expiry of the tendering deadline, make possible changes and submit a new tender. The last tender submitted will be regarded as the final tender.

5.2 Tender structure

The tender shall follow the structure as given in Tender letter **Appendix 1**.

5.3 Alternative tenders and minimum requirements

There is no ability to submit alternative tenders.

6 Termination of the competition

6.1 Notification and qualifying period

Norges Bank will inform all suppliers in writing and simultaneously of who Norges Bank intends to award the contract to as soon as the selection of the supplier has been made. The notification will contain a justification for the selection and specify the qualifying period from when the award is announced to when the signing of the contract is planned to be carried out (entry into the contract).

If Norges Bank finds that the award decision is not in accordance with the criteria for the selection of a supplier, then the decision may be annulled up to when the contract is entered into.

6.2 Tax and VAT certificate

Norges Bank will require the selected supplier to submit a tax certificate for VAT and a tax certificate for tax, cf. FOA § 7-2. This only applies to Norwegian suppliers. The tax certificate must not be older than 6 months from the deadline for submitting tenders or the deadline for pre-qualification applications. Norges Bank reserves the right to require a tax certificate for VAT and a tax certificate for tax from more than a selected supplier at earlier stages of the competition.

6.3 Cancellation of the competition

Norges Bank may cancel the competition if objective grounds exist. cf. the Public Procurement Regulations, section 25-4.

Template – Tender letter

Appendix 1

Tenderers shall submit this tender letter together with the tender The tenderer shall complete the table and sign below

Procurement for Integrity Due Diligence (IDD) services

We have reviewed your tender documentation for the procurement for services with any amendments/supplements. We accept that our tender will be valid until the expiry of the validity deadline stated in the progress plan in the tender documentation.

We confirm that we are bound by the terms of the tender and that Norges Bank may accept them at any point during the validity period.

We declare the following with regard to deviations from the tender documents:

Tick the correct

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We confirm that the offer does not contain any deviations from the tender	
documents	
Our offer contains deviations from the tender documents.	
An exhaustive description of all deviations is given in Appendix 2	

We confirm that our complete offer has been answered according to the procurement documents, and consists of:

Enclosed Tender letter Completed template for description of all deviations from the procurement documents. Ref Appendix 2 Completed self-declaration on pay and working conditions Ref Appendix 3 Documentation in reply to qualification criteria Ref Section 3 of this tender Documentation in reply to award criteria Quality Ref Section 4 of this tender Documentation in reply to award criteria price Tenderer shall fill in all requested price elements in the price schedule Ref Section 4 of this tender

The undersigned, who is authorised to sign on behalf of the tenderer confirms that the information provided in the tender is correct, accurate and current and that the tender is valid until the end of the validity period stated in section 2.3.

Place: Signature:	Date:
Name of signatory with capital letters:	Position of signatory:
Contact person for the tender	
Name	
Title	
E-mail	
Mobile phone	

Description of all deviations from the tender documents

Document reference	Original text	Deviation

Appendix 3

Self-declaration relating to wage and working condition

Legal authority is contained in the Act of 17th June 2016 No. 73 relating to public procurements; see also the Regulations relating to wage and working conditions in public contracts, adopted by Royal Decree of 6 February 2008

This confirmation concerns:		
Company		
Organisation number		
Address		
Postcode/place		
Country		

I confirm that all employees in our company, externally hired employees and sub-contractors directly involved in the performance of the contract are subject to/have in place wage and working conditions as follows: I confirm that the wage and working conditions accord with the applicable regulations in areas covered by the Regulations relating to general collective wage agreements; I confirm that the wage and working conditions accord with the applicable national collective wage agreement for the relevant sector in areas which are not covered by the Regulations relating to general collective wage agreements. In this context, "wage and working conditions" means provisions relating to minimum working hours, wages including overtime supplements, shift and rota supplements, and inconvenience supplements, and the coverage of expenses relating to travel, food and accommodation, to the extent that the collective wage agreement contains such provisions.

Pursuant to section 5 of the regulations, Norges Bank requires the supplier and any sub-contractors directly involved in the performance of the contract to be able to document, upon request during the contract period, the wage and working conditions of employees and externally hired employees who are involved in the performance of the contract.

If the supplier fails to comply with this duty, Norges Bank shall be entitled to retain parts of the contract sum corresponding to approximately twice the saving made by the supplier, until it is documented that the matter has been remedied. The supplier and any sub-contractors shall, upon request, document the wage and working conditions of the persons mentioned in the first paragraph.

General manager (signature).	General manager (signature):	Date:
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Form for the tenderer's description of similar deliveries

It is the provider's responsibility to document relevance through the description. A table has been set up for 4 references

Norges Bank reserves the right to contact references if required

Delivery	
Company name / Customer	
Contact person with email and mobile	
Time and duration of delivery	
Brief description of the delivery,	
including information on size and complexity	
Scope of delivery	
Delivery	
Company name / Customer	
Contact person with email and mobile	
Time and duration of delivery	
Brief description of the delivery,	
including information on size and complexity	
Scope of delivery	
Delivery	
Company name / Customer	
Contact person with email and mobile	
Time and duration of delivery	
Brief description of the delivery,	
including information on size and complexity	
Scope of delivery	
Delivery	
Company name / Customer	
Contact person with email and mobile	
Time and duration of delivery	
Brief description of the delivery,	
including information on size and complexity	
Scope of delivery	

Price matrix

System costs ex VAT	Cost year 1	Annual cost	Comment
Establishment costs	ex VAT	years 2 to 8 ex VAT	
Price for setup and			
implementation			
(incl. pilot and approval period)			
in accordance with the			
requirement specification			
License costs	Cost year 1 ex VAT	Annual cost years 2 to 8 ex VAT	Comment
License type administrator			
Incl operations and updates –			
total for 6 people			
License regular users –			
5 - 10 people			
License regular users –			
11 - 20 people			
•		•	
Screening	Cost per so	creening ex VAT	Comment
Continous screening			
Batch screening			
Search	Cost per	search ex VAT	Comment
Cost per search	,		
Reports			Comment
Reports			
Facilitation of reports			
Training			Comment
Support			
Other costs			

If the price is stated in intervals, the highest price will be used as the basis for the evaluation. All taxes and fees shall be included, but excl. VAT.

If tenderers offer is received in another currency (e.g., USD, EUR), Norges Bank official exchange currency rate at date of deadline for delivery of tenders will be used to convert offer to the Norwegian Krone (NOK)

Key Contractual Requirements for Norges Bank (Central Bank Operations)

Norges Bank's Key Contractual Requirements are set out below and include the following terms and conditions. These are requirements, and material reservations to these may lead to the tender being rejected according to the Norwegian Public Procurement Regulation Section 24-8.

Tenderers shall also include their offered standard terms and conditions as part of the tender, including order form DPA, SLA, or other relevant contractual material. Please ensure that these standard terms and conditions either:

- 1. Incorporate the Key Contractual Requirements by specific drafting of these Key Contractual Requirements into the offered standard terms and conditions; or
- 2. Incorporate by reference as for example, an appendix to the offered standard terms and conditions, the Key Contractual Requirements, stating that the Key Contractual Requirements take precedence over the standard terms and conditions.

1) Counterparty's liability	The counterparty's liability to Norges Bank shall cover direct losses and expenses. Nothing in the terms and conditions shall limit the counterparty's liability for IPR-related indemnities, breach of confidentiality, defective title, and/or liabilities that cannot legally be limited.
2) Norges Bank's liability	Norges Bank's liabilities to the counterparty shall, as a maximum, be equivalent to the annual contract value.
3) Governing law	The terms and conditions and any dispute or claim (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by the laws of one of the following: Norway, Sweden, Denmark, England and Wales, or the State of New York
4) Dispute resolution	The terms and conditions shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of the governing law jurisdiction, ref point 3) above.
	The terms and conditions and any dispute or claim shall not be subject to exclusive arbitration agreements.
5) Confidentiality	All information received about Norges Bank shall be confidential and treated accordingly. The duty of confidentiality applying to employees and others working or rendering services for Norges Bank follows from Section 5-2 of the Act on Norges Bank and the Monetary System (Norges Bank Act). Subcontractors and third parties who become aware of information regarding the contract, or other information subject to confidentiality according to Section 5-2 of the Norges Bank Act, shall be subject to a duty of confidentiality corresponding to the duty of confidentiality laid down in the Norges Bank Act. The counterparty is obliged to include the equivalent provision in agreements with its subcontractors. The duty of confidentiality also applies after the termination of the contract.
	Employees and others whose service with one of the parties is terminated are subject to a duty of confidentiality also after the termination of service.
	Both during the term and post termination or expiry, Norges Bank shall, based on the provisions in Section 5-2 of the Norges Bank Act, et al. be entitled to provide the counterparty's confidential information to the Ministry of Finance and to Norges Bank's internal and external auditors, in connection with their supervision/audit of Norges Bank.
	Norges Bank shall also be entitled to retain the counterparty's confidential information to comply with Norges Bank's filing, reporting and archiving obligations.
6) Access for Norges Bank's auditors	The counterparty shall co-operate when necessary, to produce relevant supporting documentation or data, if required., in connection with any audits.
7) Use of Norges Bank's name	The counterparty shall not without prior written consent from Norges Bank, use Norges Bank's name on customer lists, reference list or in any marketing materials. The counterparty is obliged to include the equivalent provision in agreements with its subcontractors.

8) Transfer of rights	Both parties may only assign its rights and obligations under the agreement	
0) Pata Brata di	with the prior written consent of the counterparty.	
9) Data Protection	To comply with the Norwegian Personal Data Act, implementing the General	
	Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679) (the "GDPR"),	
	Norges Bank requires:	
	a) That the accompany of accompliance with the CDDD	
	a) That the counterparty complies with the GDPR b) Where the counterparty (in its capacity as a "processor") processes	
	b) Where the counterparty (in its capacity as a "processor") processes personal data on behalf of Norges Bank, the parties shall enter into a	
	data processing agreement in accordance with the requirements of	
	article 28 GDPR; and including but not limited to provide an exhaustive	
	list of sub-processors used in the processing of personal data, including	
	information on the nature and purpose of the processing and type of	
	personal data; and	
	c) Where personal data is transferred outside of the European Economic	
	Area (EEA), such transfers must comply with chapter V of the GDPR	
	and the requirements following from the judgement C-311/18 (Schrems	
	II) in the EU Court of Justice. Consequently, it is required that	
	i. data processing activities will take place solely in jurisdictions	
	recognized by the European Commission as providing adequate	
	level of protection; or	
	ii. the transfers are subject to appropriate safeguards pursuant to	
	article 46 GDPR, including where required by Norges Bank, the EU	
	Standard Contractual Clauses (EU controller to Non-EU/EEA processor or EU controller to non-EU/EEA controller, as	
	appropriate), or any replacement or alternative clauses approved by	
	the European Commission; and	
	iii. the personal data being transferred are subject to a level of	
	protection essentially equivalent to the level offered in the EEA	
	pursuant to relevant recommendations from the EDPB.	
	Note that <i>transfer</i> includes without limitation cases where personal data are	
	stored outside the EEA and where personal data are stored inside the EEA	
	but can be remotely accessed from a person (such as an employee of a sub-	
	processor) located outside the EEA.	
10) Conflict of interests	The contractor is expected to have a policy and procedure in place for	
	identifying and assessing possible impartiality of conflicts of interest.	
11) Pay and working	The terms and conditions shall, where applicable, include requirements	
Conditions	regarding pay and working conditions, documentation, and sanctions	
	pursuant to "Forskrift om lønns- og arbeidsvilkår i offentlige kontrakter" (Pay and Working Conditions Regulation) of 08.02.2008 no. 112.	
12) Requirements for	To ensure that they are processed efficiently and correctly, invoices sent to	
invoices issued to	Norges Bank must be specified with the following information:	
Norges Bank	Contact person, Cost center, Job No, Project no.	
	The invoice must clearly state the product or service billed for. Time sheets	
	for work performed must always be attached. If invoicing Norges Bank for	
	work related to several different projects/jobs/tasks, we ask for one invoice	
	per project/job/task. Invoices are to be sent once per month, with payment	
	due 30 days from the invoice date (Net 30), electronically in EHF format to Norges Bank, organization number 937884117. Until the Contractor can	
	issue EHF invoices, invoices may be sent by e-mail to:	
	invoice-management@norges-bank.no	



Data Processing Agreement

by and between

Norges Bank
Hereinafter "Controller"

and

[COMPANY]

(hereafter the "Processor")

1 Purpose of the Agreement

The Processer shall provide services to the Controller pursuant to the agreement entered into [on date], [title] between the Processor as service provider and the Controller as client (hereafter the "Master Agreement"). Performance of the services under the Master Agreement requires the Processor to process personal data on behalf of the Controller.

This data processing agreement (hereafter the "Agreement") regulates the processing of personal data. The Agreement is intended to ensure that personal data are processed in accordance with the requirements laid down in:

- Acts and regulations relating to the processing of personal data
- Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (the General Data Protection Regulation, hereafter "GDPR")

(hereafter collectively "Privacy Regulations").

In the event of any conflict between the Master Agreement and the Agreement with regard to the processing of personal data, the Agreement shall prevail. Annex 5 shall take precedence over all other documents with respect to damages for harm caused by breach of Privacy Regulations.

The Agreement includes the following annexes:

Annex 1: Purpose of data processing and subcontracting processors

Annex 2: Contact information for the parties

Annex 3: Schematic overview of data flows

Annex 4: Personal data protection level

Annex 5: Supplementary protective measures

Annex 6: Change of subcontracting processors

The Processer's services are described in the Master Agreement.

2 Guarantee

Through the Agreement, the Processor guarantees that suitable technical and organisational measures will be implemented to ensure compliance with Privacy Regulations.

3 Duties of the Controller

The Controller shall ensure that there is statutory authority for all processing of personal data and shall define the purpose and method for the processing of personal data by the Processor pursuant to the Agreement.

The Controller shall treat personal data in accordance with the Privacy Regulations in force at any given time.

4 Duties of the Processor

4.1 Routines and instructions

The Processor shall only process personal data in the manner described in the Agreement. The Processor shall follow the processing routines and instructions the Controller has decided shall apply at any given time. The Processor may not process personal data beyond what is necessary to provide services pursuant to the Master Agreement, unless otherwise stated in the Controller's documented instructions.

If a change is made to Privacy Regulations which it is reasonable to assume will have a negative impact on the Processor's ability to comply with the provisions of the Agreement, the Processor shall notify the Controller of the change without undue delay as soon as the Processor becomes aware of the change.

The same shall apply if the Processor is likely to become unable to comply with the obligations in the Agreement. However, this disclosure duty shall not restrict the Processor's independent duty to comply with Privacy Regulations.

The Processor shall provide the Controller with reasonable assistance to ensure that the Controller complies with provisions in Privacy Regulations. The Processor shall notify the Controller without delay if, in the Processor's opinion, the Controller's instructions breach Privacy Regulations.

A change in the location where personal data are stored shall require prior written approval from the Controller before implementation.

The Processor shall without undue delay reply to queries from the Controller regarding the processing of personal data. Further, the Processor shall assist the Controller with access to personal data as necessary. Queries concerning the Agreement submitted to the Processor by third parties, including any queries from data subjects regarding access, rectification, erasure and other rights, shall be forwarded to the Controller as quickly as possible.

The Processor shall ensure that personal data that are processed for the Controller are kept logically separate from the Processor's own and third-party data.

The Processor shall have documented internal controls in place for its processing of personal data and shall submit this documentation to the Controller.

The Processor agrees that the Processor shall be fully liable to the Controller for compliance with the Agreement by the Processor's personnel, and that the Processor shall be fully liable in damages to the Controller for any loss, use or release of personal data, activities involving personal data and accessing or acquisition of personal data which the Processor's personnel cause and which is contrary to the Processor's obligations under the Agreement.

4.2 Physical access and access to data

The Processor shall maintain an overview of employees and any contractors granted access to the information system, areas containing personal data or equipment on which personal data are stored. Access shall be restricted to employees with a work-related need for the information. All use of the information system shall be logged.

The Processor shall grant the Controller access to its security documentation. Unless otherwise agreed or required by law, the Controller shall have the right to access, physically and otherwise, personal data processed by the Processor and the systems used for this purpose. The Processor shall provide the necessary assistance in this regard.

The Processor shall assist the Controller with any access requests and other requests from data subjects related to the processing of personal data.

A corresponding right of verification and access shall be granted to the Norwegian Data Protection Authority (Datatilsynet) and any other relevant supervisory body authorised to demand access to the Controller's activities. The right of verification and access shall include the power to conduct on-site inspections. Further, the Processor shall respond to direct queries and provide documentation.

4.3 Duty of confidentiality

The Processor and its employees, including consultants and others engaged by the Processor, shall have a duty of confidentiality with respect to matters of which they become aware during the term of the Agreement. Such information shall be kept confidential.

The Processor shall ensure that all persons with access to personal data are familiar with applicable Privacy Regulations and the obligations set out in the Agreement, including the duty of confidentiality.

This provision shall continue to apply after cessation of the Agreement.

4.4 Transfer of personal data outside the European Economic Area (EEA)

The Processor shall not transfer personal data to a country outside the EU/EEA that is not covered by a European Commission equivalence decision (a "Third Country") without the Controller's written prior approval. "Transfer" includes situation where an entity (data exporter) stores, sends for processing or otherwise makes personal data accessible to another entity in a Third Country (data importer), for example by remote access from a Third Country.

If a transfer to a Third Country is to occur, the Processor shall, before the transfer begins, verify the existence of

- (i) a valid basis of transfer (hereafter "personal data transfer mechanism" or "transfer mechanism"), including on request, or if other transfer mechanisms do not exist, cooperating with the Controller to enter into data transfer agreements based on the EU's Standard Contractual Clauses (SCC)/the EU's standard data protection terms for transfers of personal data to processors and/or controllers established in a Third Country and
- (ii) documentation showing compliance with the conditions for the transfer of personal data in the Privacy Regulation, including
 - a. assessments of the Third Country's laws and practices and
 - b. supplemental measures to ensure a satisfactory protection level for the personal data in the Third Country.

The Processor shall submit the documentation to the Controller for assessment before any approval is granted. Further information on assessments and protective measures shall be included in Annex 4 to the Agreement.

Further, the Processor shall enter into such written agreements and sign such written declarations as are necessary (in the Controller's view) to comply with Privacy Regulations relating to transfers of personal data to a Third Country, whether to or from the Processor.

5 Use of subcontractors

The Processor may only use subcontractors pursuant to what is agreed in Annex 6 to the Agreement. Any use of subcontractors entailing transfer of personal data to a Third Country requires the Controller's express written prior approval (see Annex 4 and Clause 4.4). If any processing of personal data is carried out by a subcontractor, the subcontractor shall be made subject to the same obligations and restrictions as apply to the Processor pursuant to the Agreement.

The Processor shall be liable for the performance of services and duties under the Agreement by subcontractors in the same manner as if the Processor itself had performed these, including for infringements of regulatory provisions and breaches of the Agreement.

The Processor shall maintain an overview of subcontractors used pursuant to the Agreement. The overview of subcontractors shall be included in Annex 1 to the Agreement.

6 Information security

The Processor shall comply with requirements regarding security measures imposed by applicable Privacy Regulations.

The Processor shall implement satisfactory technical, physical and organisational security measures to protect personal data covered by the Agreement against unauthorised or unlawful access, changes, erasure, damage, loss or inaccessibility.

The Processor shall document its own security organisation, its guidelines and procedures for security work, its risk assessments, and its established technical, physical and organisational security measures.

All transmission of personal data between the parties – whether in the form of computer files or in another manner – shall be satisfactorily secured against unauthorised access. The same shall apply to agreed transmission or disclosure to a third party.

The Processor shall put in place continuity and contingency plans to deal with security incidents effectively.

The Processor shall provide its own employees with sufficient information on and training in information security to ensure the security of personal data processed on behalf of the Controller.

Documentation of compliance with information security requirements pursuant to the Agreement shall be made available to the Controller on request.

7 Discrepancies

Personal data breaches and other security breaches shall be treated as "Discrepancies". This shall include use of personal data or the information system in breach of established routines, the Agreement or Privacy Regulations. The Processor shall have in place routines and systematic processes for following up on Discrepancies.

If a Discrepancy is discovered, or if there is reason to believe that a Discrepancy has arisen, the Processor shall report the Discrepancy to the Controller immediately, without undue delay and under no circumstances later than 24 hours after the Discrepancy has arisen.

The report shall describe the Discrepancy, summarise the consequences of the Discrepancy – including its scope and what personal data are affected – and specify the remedial measures implemented by the Processor.

The Processor shall immediately implement necessary and recommended remedial measures, and shall cooperate fully with the Controller and make all reasonable and lawful efforts to prevent, minimise or remedy the Discrepancy, including by:

- a) investigating the Discrepancy and carrying out analyses to identify the cause of the security breach;
- b) alleviating the effects of the Discrepancy; and
- c) giving the Controller reasonable assurance that such a Discrepancy is unlikely to recur.

The Processor shall have procedures and systematic processes in place for following up on Discrepancies, ie for re-establishing normal status, eliminating the cause of a Discrepancy and preventing recurrence.

The Processor shall submit a written report to the Controller as soon as possible. The report shall detail the measures implemented by the Processor to re-establish normal status, eliminate the cause of the Discrepancy and prevent recurrence. The Processor shall provide the Controller with all information the Controller needs to comply with applicable Privacy Regulations, and shall enable the Controller to answer questions from supervisory authorities. The content of folders, communications, notifications, press releases and reports relating to the Discrepancy shall be approved by the Controller before being published or communicated.

8 Liability

The liability in damages of the parties for harm caused to a data subject or other natural person through breach of Privacy Regulations is governed by the provisions in Article 82 GDPR. Any limits on damages included in the Master Agreement shall not apply to liability under Article 82 GDPR.

The parties shall be severally liable for any administrative fine imposed pursuant to Article 83 GDPR.

9 Security audits

Security audits of systems and the Processor's duties under the Agreement shall be conducted by the Processor at the written request of the Controller. Ordinary security audits pursuant to the Agreement may only be conducted once per calendar year. The Controller may conduct additional security audits in response to incidents or suspected incidents involving a security breach.

The Processor shall make available all information necessary for demonstrating compliance with the provisions of the Agreement.

The Processor shall permit the Controller and the Controller's internal and external auditors to observe the Processor's performance of the Agreement. This shall also apply to all other matters which the Controller and/or the Controller's auditors consider to be of potential importance for the performance of the Processor's obligations, or which are necessary to verify that work routines and procedures are being implemented as specified in, and pursuant to, the requirements of the Agreement.

The Processor shall be entitled to request that a different auditor be used if it can be documented that this is necessary for competition-related reasons.

A corresponding right of verification and access shall be granted to the Norwegian Data Protection Authority (Datatilsynet) and any other relevant supervisory body authorised to demand access to the Controller's activities. The right of verification and access shall include the power to conduct on-site inspections. Further, the Processor shall respond to direct queries and provide documentation.

The parties shall bear their own costs associated with the conduct of audits unless an audit uncovers faults and deficiencies in the Processor's services. In such case, all costs shall be borne by the Processor.

10 Duration of the Agreement

The Agreement shall remain in force as long as the Processor processes personal data on behalf of the Controller.

11 Communications and messages

Communications and messages pursuant to the Agreement shall be sent in writing to the persons specified in Annex 2.

12 Notification, suspension and termination

The Processor shall notify the Controller without undue delay if the Processor is likely to become unable to meet its obligations under the Agreement.

Upon receipt of such notification, or if the Agreement is breached, the Controller shall be entitled – at its sole discretion – to suspend the Processor's right to process personal data pursuant to the Agreement with immediate effect and until the Processor can prove satisfactory compliance, or to terminate the Agreement with ten (10) working days' written notice.

13 Cessation

Upon cessation of the Agreement, the Processor shall erase and return – in accordance with best practice at the relevant time – all personal data, including copies of such personal data, which have been processed on behalf of the Controller and which are covered by the Agreement.

The Processor shall erase or appropriately destroy all documents, data, storage media, etc. containing (copies of) information or data which are covered by the Agreement and which the Processor is not obliged to store pursuant to law. This shall also apply to any back-up copies.

The Processor shall document in writing that erasure and/or destruction has been carried out in accordance with the Agreement within a reasonable period after termination of the Agreement.

14 Choice of law and legal venue

The Agreement shall be governed by Norwegian law and the parties have adopted Oslo District Court as the legal venue [unless otherwise specified in the Master Agreement]. This shall continue to apply after the cessation of the Agreement.

Two (2) originals of this Agreement have been prepared, of which each party shall retain one (1).

Place and date

Controller Processor

[Place/date] [Place/date]
[Name] [Name]
[Title] [Title]

ANNEX 1 – Purpose of data processing and subcontracting processors

Provide a brief description of the Processor's processing of personal data Purpose of the processing ☐ HR and personnel-related □ Controls Bank operations Protection of assets security and measures ☐ Compliance with statutory requirements ☐ Research and analysis and protection of legal interests □ Other (please specify): **Data subjects** □ Employees of Norges Bank Employees' related parties □ Lessees Protection of assets and security measures The general public □ Other data subjects (please specify): Personal data ☐ Contact information □ Name □ Date of birth National identity number □ Employee information Information on personal assets ☐ Recruitment and hiring/employment Copy of identification documents documents □ Attendance and absence П Physical access and access logs Use of computer systems and internet ☐ Use of mobile phones П ☐ Travel information □ Photo/video □ Microdata ☐ Other (please specify): Sensitive personal data ☐ Racial or ethnic origin Political opinions, philosophical religious beliefs Sex life or sexual orientation П ☐ Trade union membership ☐ Genetic or biometric data ☐ Criminal convictions and offences Not applicable П

Personal data transfer mechanism/ Basis of transfer (if transfer to/accessing from a country outside the EEA)

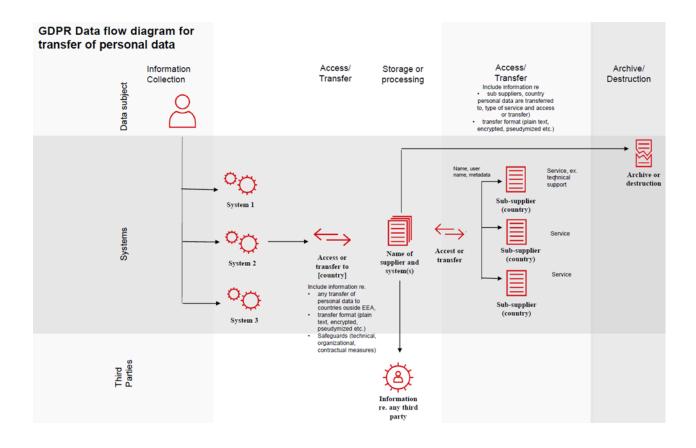
	Adequacy decision [specify country]	Not applicable
	European Commission standard agreements/Standard Contractual Clauses (SCC)	If personal data are to be transferred outside the EEA, Annex 4 must be completed. ("Transfer" includes remote
Ш	Binding corporate rules (BCR)	• •
	Other: [Specify in more detail here, eg additional transfer mechanism, Article	access from outside the EEA.)
	49 GDPR, etc.]	

ANNEX 2 – Contact information for the parties

	For the Controller	For the Processor
Name		
Job title		
Telephone		
Email		

Email queries shall be cc'd to personvern@norges-bank.no.

ANNEX 3 - Schematic overview of data flows



ANNEX 4 – Personal data protection level

Summary of protection level assessment:

[The annex must be completed with a list of measures implemented to ensure an adequate level of personal data protection: see Article 32 GDPR.

If personal data are processed outside the EEA, a summary must also be included of the country assessment from the Transfer Impact Assessment (TIA). Note that "transfer" also includes remote accessing of personal data stored in the EEA to/from a Third Country, for example for maintenance and error-correction purposes.]

Country assessment:

[To be completed only if personal data are transferred to or remotely accessed from a Third Country] The country assessment shall contain an assessment of whether the transfer mechanism will be effective in the light of the circumstances of the transfers, including whether practices in Third Countries may affect how the data exporter or importer processes persona data under the transfer mechanism and whether the laws and practices result in a lower level of protection in practice than in the EEA. The country assessment shall contain all necessary assessments that are required in Step 3 of the European Data Protection Board (EDPB) Recommendations].

Supplemental measures: [Shall always be completed with details of measures pursuant to Article 32 GPDR, <u>not</u> with generic descriptions. Alternatively, if a basis of transfer is used, reference may be made to specific annexes to the basis of transfer in which the measures are listed, for example new SCC, Annex 2. The description of supplemental measures shall contain all necessary assessments required in Step 4 of the EDPB Recommendations.

- Technical measures: [Copy of the supplier's response to requirements in the tender to be included here.]
- Organisational measures: [Copy of the supplier's response to requirements in the tender to be included here.]
- Legal measures: [Copy of the supplier's response to requirements in the tender to be included here.]

ANNEX 5 - Legal measures

[Note: This annex describes legal measures and will apply in the event of transfers to/accessing from countries outside the EEA.]

1. Protection against release and disclosure of data

If the Processor is ordered by a third party to disclose data and/or personal data transferred in accordance with a basis of transfer, the Processor shall:

- (a) make all reasonable efforts to redirect the third party to request data directly from the Controller;
- (b) immediately notify the Controller unless doing so is prohibited by legislation applicable to the requesting third party and, if notification of the Controller is prohibited, make all lawful efforts to secure a right to waive the prohibition against communication so that the Controller receives necessary information as quickly as possible; and
- (c) implement all lawful measures to challenge the disclosure order based on lack of legal grounds pursuant to the legislation applicable to the requesting party, or relevant conflicts with EU legislation or applicable member state legislation.

It is emphasised that "lawful measures" does not include actions that would result in civil or criminal penalties, such as contempt of court, pursuant to the laws of the jurisdiction in question.

2. Notification of changes

The Processor agrees and guarantees that there is no reason to believe that the legislation applicable to the Processor or the Processor's subcontracting processors — including in countries to which personal data are transferred either by the Processor personally or via a subcontracting processor — prevents fulfilment of instructions received from the data exporter or its obligations under the Agreement, the annex or the basis of transfer, and that in the event of a change in legislation which is expected to have a negative effect on the guarantees and obligations in this annex or the basis of transfer the Processor will immediately notify the Controller of the change as soon as it becomes known, in which case the Controller shall be entitled to stop the transfer of data and/or terminate the contract.

3. Cessation

This annex shall automatically cease to apply if the European Commission, a competent supervisory authority in a member state or a competent court in the EU or a member state approves a different lawful transfer mechanism which will apply to data transfers covered by the basis of transfer (and if this mechanism only applies to some data transfers, this annex shall only cease to apply to such transfers) and which does not require the supplementary protective measures specified in this annex. Cessation shall be conditional on the parties formally establishing a lawful transfer mechanism applicable to processing under the Agreement.

4. Interpretation/priority

This Annex 5 shall take precedence in the event of any conflict between the Agreement, the Master Agreement and other agreements between the parties.

*Indemnity provisions that may be considered for inclusion in some agreements:

Note: use of these provisions shall be in exceptional cases and shall always be cleared with NBA Legal in advance.

* Indemnity

Pursuant to Sections 3 and 4, the Processor shall indemnify the Controller in respect of all tangible and intangible harm caused to the Controller and/or a data subject by the Processor's disclosure of the data subject's personal data – as transferred pursuant to the basis of transfer – in response to an order issued by a state body from outside the EU/EEA or a prosecuting or intelligence body (a "**Disclosure**").

*Conditions of indemnity

The indemnity pursuant to Section 2 shall be conditional on the Controller establishing that:

- (a) the Processor has made a Disclosure;
- (b) the Disclosure was made in response to an official order issued against the Controller or the data subject by a state body from outside the EU/EEA or a prosecuting or intelligence body; and
- (c) the Disclosure caused the Controller tangible or intangible harm, for example in the form of a claim by the data subject or fines/fees.

Notwithstanding the above, the Processor shall have no obligation to indemnify the data subject pursuant to Section 2 if the Processor establishes that the relevant Disclosure was not made in breach of GDPR obligations.

*Scope of harm

Indemnification pursuant to Section 2 above shall be limited to tangible and intangible harm as specified in the GDPR and the Personal Data Act, and shall exclude consequential losses and all other harm not due to the Processor's breach of the GPDR.

The indemnity shall not be subject to any liability limitation which may otherwise have been agreed with the Processor.

ANNEX 6 Change of subcontracting processors

1. Approved subcontracting processors

The following subcontracting processors have been approved:

Org. name	
Address	
Country	
Org. no.	
Basis	[If transfer to/accessing from a country outside the EEA: the data transfer mechanism pursuant to Chapter V GDPR.]
Processing	[The personal data to be processed and the purpose of processing.]
Org. name	
Address	
Country	
Org. no.	
Basis	[If transfer to/accessing from a country outside the EEA: the data transfer
	mechanism pursuant to Chapter V GDPR.]
Processing	[The personal data to be processed and the purpose of processing.]

 $\ \square$ The Processor does not use subcontracting processors to process personal data.

2. Change of subcontracting processors

Unless otherwise stated in the table below, the Processor may only implement changes in the use of subcontracting processors after the express prior written approval of the Controller. The subcontracting processor may not process personal data before such approval has been given. Approval may not be denied without just cause.

The Controller also gives consent that the Processor may make changes in the use of subcontracting processors:

(Remember to tick the alternative(s) before sending the data processing agreement. More than one alternative may be ticked.)

Tick	Alternatives
	Subcontracting processor domiciled in the EEA
	The Processor may use subcontracting data processors established in
	EEA countries, assuming that the Processor notifies the Controller and
	gives the Controller the opportunity to oppose the changes. Such
	notification shall be received by the Controller no later than one month before the change becomes effective, unless otherwise agreed between
	the parties in writing. If the Controller opposes the change, the Processor
	shall be informed as soon as possible. The Controller may not oppose
	the change without just cause.
	Subcontracting processor in the same corporate group domiciled in
	the EEA
	The Processor may use a subcontracting processor in the same
	corporate group (parent, fellow subsidiary or subsidiary) established in an
	EEA member state. The Processor shall notify the Controller of the use
	of such a subcontracting processor before the change takes place.

3 Subcontracting processors established in a Third Country

Any use of subcontracting processors that entails the transfer of personal data to a Third Country requires prior written approval (see Clause 4.4).

If a change or use of subcontracting processors entails a transfer of personal data to a Third Country, Norges Bank shall receive the information necessary to make the required assessments pursuant to Clause 4.4 of the Agreement by no later than 60 days before the change is to take place. Notice and documentation shall be given to the contact person stated in the Agreement.

4 Subcontracting processors that provide standardised third-party services

If the Processor uses subcontracts (third-parties) that provide standardised third-party services (typically cloud services) and with which the Processor has concluded a direct data processing agreement, a change of subcontractor to the third party will follow the provisions of the third party's data processing agreement.