

Goods: Procurement of Mountaineering Equipment

Organization: Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova

Type of contract: Purchase Agreement

Duration of the contract: The delivery period for the mountaineering equipment must be no longer than 3 months from the date of contract signing.

Deadline for submitting applications: 12.05.2025, inclusive.

Organizational Context: Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova is the Chisinau Branch of Fundacja Solidarność Międzynarodowej, Warsaw, a state foundation, managed and co-financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland, created to contribute to the development of the neighbouring countries.

In 2023, Solidarity Fund PL successfully completed the process of obtaining the EU "Pillar Assessment" certification, joining the group of entities with greater capacities to access European funds. You can find out more about the activity of Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova [here](#).

Project Context: EU4 Moldova Resilience- Secure States, Resilient Communities (EU4MR), a 1.5-year project funded by the European Commission through the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI) and implemented by Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova (SFPL in Moldova). It is being launched as part of the European Union's support for the Republic of Moldova in the context of the country's intensified integration process into the EU and the decreasing geopolitical security in the region, exacerbated by Russia's aggression against Ukraine. The general objective and expected outcome of the EU4MR project is to increase the Republic of Moldova's resilience to emergencies and potential security threats. To this end, the capacities of state institutions will be strengthened to detect and counter potential emergencies and security threats. Additionally, the resilience of local communities will be enhanced by fostering local development opportunities that maintain social cohesion and increase confidence in the European path of the Republic of Moldova as a perspective for modernization and development of the country.

The expected results of the project implementation are:

Result 1: State institutions have enhanced their capacity to protect critical infrastructure, identify, detect, and counter threats, and inform the population about threats.

Result 2: The resilience of society to security threats is improved through various local opportunities and initiatives that maintain and promote social cohesion, thereby increasing confidence in the European integration process.

Together, these results will contribute to increasing the resilience of the Republic of Moldova to security threats.

Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova invites you to submit a bid for the following lots. Bidders may apply for one or more lots. Each bid will be evaluated individually and separately for each lot.

Description of the procurement:

The purpose of this procurement is to acquire:

1. Steel Screw-Lock Carabiner – 140 Units

High-strength, heavy-duty carabiner designed for intensive use in climbing, rescue operations, and industrial rope access systems. This component is essential for secure and reliable load-bearing in high-risk, technical environments. It is suitable for use in anchors and protection during climbing, as well as in rescue operations under heavy stress and sudden loads, and in industrial contexts such as rope access and fall arrest systems.

2. Mountaineering Helmet – 28 Units- size XL

Durable, lightweight climbing helmet providing protection from falling debris and impact during technical mountaineering, rope rescue operations, and vertical access work. This helmet is ideal for mountaineering and climbing, rope access professionals, and tactical units operating in high-angle or mountainous environments.

3. Polyamide Accessory Cord 5 mm – 1 of 100 m coil and 1 of 50 m coil (together 150 m)

High-performance 5 mm polyamide cord for technical ropework, rescue systems, rigging, and gear attachment. Durable and flexible, it is ideal for mountaineering and climbing applications including prusiks and anchor systems, rescue operations as part of backup systems, and light-duty rigging in tactical or industrial environments.

4. Protective Leather Gloves – 34 Pairs (14 size M, 20 size L)

Heavy-duty protective gloves offering abrasion resistance, dexterity, and durability for handling rope and equipment in rugged conditions. These gloves are well suited for mountaineering and technical climbing, rope access work, and rescue operations that demand precise control and hand protection in challenging environments.

5. Rope Protector – 30 Units (100 cm each)

Abrasion-resistant sleeve that protects ropes from damage caused by friction against rough or sharp surfaces. This component ensures rope longevity and reliability during climbing, industrial rigging over metal or concrete surfaces, and in rescue operations to maintain rope safety during evacuations or critical interventions.

6. Croll Lock Chest Ascender – 30 Units

Compact and efficient chest ascender for rope climbing, rescue, and rope access systems. Designed for smooth upward progression and preventing downward slippage, it is ideal for mountaineering and caving, as well as technical rope access work where vertical mobility and safety are paramount.

7. Tandem Speed Pulley – 29 Units

High-efficiency double pulley for ropeways and zip lines. Designed for fast, low-friction movement over long distances, especially on steel cables. This pulley is useful for highline and zip line operations, rescue systems, and industrial rope access traverses that require efficient movement across horizontal spans.

8. Static Rope 11 mm – 1100 Meters

Low-stretch static rope for climbing, rescue, hauling, and rigging. Offers high strength and control in technical systems. Ideal for use in industrial rope access operations, anchoring and hauling during rescue scenarios, and as fixed safety lines in mountaineering or tactical ropework.

9. RIG Self-Locking Descender – 16 Units

Professional-grade self-locking descender for rope access, rescue, and controlled descent. Provides precise rope control and safety for experienced users. Suitable for descending and rappelling in rope access environments, controlled lowering in rescue systems, and work positioning in technical or industrial contexts.

Lot No. 1: Steel Screw-Lock Carabiner – 140 Units

Product Specifications:

- Material: Galvanized steel, corrosion-resistant and highly durable in harsh environments
- Weight: 255 g (± 10 g)
- Gate Opening: 25 mm
- Major Axis Strength (Closed Gate): Minimum 50 kN
- Major Axis Strength (Open Gate): Minimum 20 kN
- Minor Axis Strength (Cross Load): Minimum 13 kN
- Locking Mechanism: Manual screw-lock gate
- Shape: D-shaped for optimal force distribution
- Compliance: Must meet or exceed relevant international standards for mountaineering and industrial safety equipment (e.g., EN 12275, EN 362 or equivalent)

Product Features:

- High-strength galvanized steel construction for maximum reliability and long service life
- Screw-lock mechanism ensures secure closure and reduces risk of accidental gate opening
- Generous gate opening (25 mm) allows for easy attachment of ropes, slings, or pulleys

- Engineered for safety in both vertical and horizontal load scenarios
- Suitable for use in complex rigging systems and technical rope operations

Lot No. 2: Mountaineering Helmet- 28 Units- size M/L

Product Specifications:

- Size: M/L (Head circumference: 53–61 cm)
- Weight: 295 g (± 10 g)
- Material: High-impact ABS or polycarbonate outer shell with EPS or EPP foam inner liner with scratch-resistant finish
- Colour: Grey preferred; optionally Red or Orange
- Ventilation: Multiple openings to ensure adequate airflow without compromising structural integrity
- Adjustment System: Ergonomic and easy-to-operate size adjustment dial for one-handed use, with adjustable chin strap
- Certification: CE certified; compliant with EN 12492 or equivalent standard for mountaineering helmets

Product Features:

- Lightweight construction for maximum comfort during prolonged wear
- Scratch-resistant surface finish ensures durability in rugged conditions
- Effective ventilation system for enhanced breathability in high-intensity use
- Ergonomic harness system with secure, customizable fit
- Equipped with headlamp clips for hands-free work in low-light conditions
- Compatible with earmuffs or communication systems for tactical operations

Lot No. 3: Polyamide Accessory Cord 5 mm - 2 Units

Product Specifications:

- Material: Polyamide (Nylon)
- Diameter: 5 mm
- Length: Supplied 1 in 100-meter coil, and 1 in 50-meter coil
- Breaking Strength: Minimum 5 kN
- Weight: Minimum 18.7 g/m, Maximum 20 g/m
- Color: Black (UV-resistant, non-reflective finish)
- Standards: Must comply with EN 564 or equivalent standard for accessory cords

Product Features:

- Constructed from high-quality polyamide for optimal elasticity and abrasion resistance
- Consistent performance under load with minimal elongation
- Compact and lightweight, ideal for hauling, prusiks, anchors, and gear setup
- Durable sheath resists wear from friction and environmental exposure
- Easily cut to length, retains flexibility in varying temperatures

Lot No. 4: Protective Leather Gloves – 34 Pairs

Product Specifications:

- Total Quantity: 34 pairs
 - o Size L: 14 pairs
 - o Size XL: 20 pairs
- Weight: 90–95 g per pair
- Materials:
 - o Palm and finger sides: Durable natural leather
 - o Back of hand and fingers: Elastic Tweave®-type breathable material
 - o Stitching: Reinforced with Kevlar® or equivalent thread
- Reinforcements: Leather overlays on critical areas (fingers, palm joints)
- Cuff: Adjustable Velcro strap with integrated loop for attachment to harness or gear
- Colour Options: Grey, Black, or Brown (non-reflective, scratch-resistant finish)

- Standards: Must comply with EN 388 or equivalent PPE standards for mechanical protection gloves

Product Features:

- High flexibility and tactile sensitivity for handling equipment
- Durable construction for long-term use in rugged environments
- Flame- and cut-resistant stitching enhances glove longevity
- Comfortable ergonomic fit with secure closure system
- Attachment loop ensures gloves can be clipped to safety harness when not in use

Lot No. 5: Rope Protector (Length: 100 cm) – 30 Units

Product Specifications:

- Quantity: 30 units
- Length: 100 cm
- Material: Durable PVC or equivalent abrasion-resistant material
- Colour: Black or high-visibility color (e.g., yellow/orange) – to be specified by the supplier
- Closure System: Hook-and-loop (Velcro) fastening or equivalent for secure placement on rope
- Weight: 150–250 g per unit
- Compatibility: Designed to fit standard dynamic and semi-static ropes with diameters between 9–13 mm
- Standards: Must be made of materials suitable for use in personal protective equipment systems (PPE), though the protector itself may not require formal certification

Product Features:

- High resistance to cuts, friction, and mechanical wear
- Flexible design allows easy positioning over ropes already rigged or in use
- Lightweight and foldable for easy transport and storage
- Quick fastening system for secure attachment during climbing or rigging
- Protects rope integrity during edge transitions and contact with rough or industrial surfaces

Lot No. 6: Croll Lock Chest Ascender – 30 Units

Product Specifications:

- Quantity: 30 units
- Weight: 85–90 g
- Compatible Rope Diameter: 8–11 mm
- Materials:
 - o Body: Lightweight aluminum alloy
 - o Cam: Hardened chrome steel
 - o Latch: Durable nylon
- Color: Black (preferred); other standard colors such as yellow or orange acceptable
- Certification and Standards:
 - o CE EN 567 (Rope clamps)
 - o UIAA Certified

Product Features:

- Designed for chest-level integration into rope climbing systems
- Chrome steel cam with aggressive tooth profile for secure rope engagement
- Self-cleaning cam slot ensures consistent performance in wet, muddy, or icy conditions
- Ergonomic nylon latch allows for easy operation even when wearing gloves
- Low-profile design fits comfortably when combined with chest or full-body harnesses
- Suitable for extended vertical ascents and rope access systems.

Lot No. 7: Tandem Speed Pulley - 29 Units

Product Specifications:

- Quantity: 29 units
- Weight: 270 g

- Efficiency: 95%
- Working Load Limit: 10 kN
- Breaking Load: 24 kN
- Compatible Cable/Rope Diameter: Up to 13 mm
- Material: Aluminum side plates with stainless steel sheaves
- Color: Black (preferred); other standard colors acceptable (e.g., red or silver)
- Certification and Standards:
 - o CE EN 12278 (Mountaineering pulleys)
 - o UIAA Certified

Product Features:

- Double pulley design with stainless steel sheaves mounted on sealed ball bearings
- High-speed capability for efficient movement on long traverses and horizontal lifelines
- Side-by-side sheave placement ensures stability and balance on cable or rope
- Compatible with hauling systems and rescue setups where friction must be minimized
- Rear attachment hole allows for secondary carabiner or backup safety line.

Lot No. 8: Static Rope 11 mm

Product Specifications:

- Total Length: 1100 meters (supplied in coils or spools as agreed with supplier)
- Diameter: 11–12 mm
- Weight: 77–80 g/m
- Maximum Shock Load: 34.7 kN
- Static Elongation: Max. 3.3%
- Material: High-tenacity polyamide (nylon) core with durable braided sheath
- Color: Black (non-reflective, UV-resistant finish)
- Certification: Must comply with EN 1891 Type A or equivalent international standard for static ropes

Product Features:

- Low-stretch construction for secure positioning, anchor systems, and rappelling
- High shock resistance for demanding load-bearing applications
- Durable sheath resists abrasion, dirt, and moisture
- Consistent handling and flexibility over time
- Suitable for knotting, belaying, and use with mechanical ascenders or pulleys.

Lot No. 9: RIG Self-Locking Descender – 16 Units

Product Specifications:

- Quantity: 16 units
- Compatible Rope Diameter: 10.5–11.5 mm
- Maximum Load Capacity: 200–220 kg
- Mechanism: Self-locking cam mechanism
- Handle: Multifunctional ergonomic handle for controlled descent, positioning, and safety locking
- Weight: 400–500 g
- Certifications and Standards:
 - o EN 341 Class A
 - o CE EN 12841 Type C
 - o NFPA 1983 (Technical Use)
 - o EAC Certified
- Colour: Black (preferred); other standard colours acceptable

Product Features:

- Self-braking function enhances safety by automatically engaging if the user lets go
- Allows smooth and controlled lowering of loads or individuals

- Compact, ergonomic design optimized for use in confined or complex vertical environments
- Handle enables precise rope control and easy locking/unlocking for work positioning
- Designed specifically for experienced rope access professionals – not recommended for beginners
- Suitable for descending and controlled lowering of individuals or gear.

Requirements for bidders:

Within the purchase call may apply legal entities who:

- i. own and are able to submit a valid certificate of registration or extract for the legal entity in line with the activities outlined in the ToR;
- ii. have at least 2 years of demonstrated experience in supplying equipment for mountaineering, rope access, rescue, or other related technical applications, particularly in high-risk or tactical environments;
- iii. have collaboration with at least 2 specialized institutions, such as rescue, such as rescue services, emergency response teams, law enforcement agencies, military units, industrial rope access companies or other relevant entities;
- iv. offer a minimum 1-year warranty for the **mountaineering** equipment supplied.

Ineligible bidders:

- i. candidates with a record of non-compliance in fulfilling obligations under previous contractual relationships with Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova;
- ii. candidates currently engaged in active collaboration with Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova or holding an existing contract for the same or a similar type of service;
- iii. candidates appearing on government sanctions lists issued by the European Union and Poland.

Estimated order and execution time:

- The delivery period for the equipment kits should not exceed 3 months from the date of contract signing;
- The delivery is carried out under DAP (Delivered At Place) Incoterms 2020;
- The delivery direction is the Republic of Moldova, Ministry of Internal Affairs.

The application file will contain the following documents:

1. Certificate of Registration/Extract for the Legal Entity.
2. Activity portfolio with:
 - a. Demonstrated operational history of a minimum 2 years (through register of contracts, reports, other relevant documents);
 - b. Collaboration with at least 2 specialized institutions such as rescue services, emergency responders, law enforcement, military units, industrial rope access companies or other relevant entities (proven through contracts, recommendation letters, handover documents, and other relevant documents);
 - c. Demonstrated operational history of at least 2 import-export operations conducted under DAP Incoterms 2020 conditions (through proof of delivery, customs declarations, commercial invoices, or other relevant documents).
3. Price offer, in EUR, personalized and which will include:
 - (i) *the offer, indicating the amount without VAT and mentioning whether or not he is a VAT payer;*
 - (ii) *contact details (company, e-mail address, contact details, telephone number);*
 - (iii) *technical compliance specifications of the offered equipment, (demonstrating conformity with the requirements listed in the procurement description in the Terms of Reference).*
 - (iv) *a statement confirming a 1-year warranty for the product.*
4. A declaration of compliance [LINK](#) (according to the provided template from link), with the following annexes:
 - (i). an extract from the state registry;
 - (ii). a certificate confirming the absence of debts to the national budget as of the submission date;

5. Tax residency certificate¹ for non-resident legal entities (in electronic form) or another official document attesting tax residence, issued by the competent authority of their country of residence.

****All documents in the dossier must be submitted in English.***

Due Diligence Procedure:

The applications are subject to verification to ensure the accuracy and compliance of the information provided by the bidder with public data and to identify their presence or absence on the sanction lists mentioned. The due diligence procedure is carried out in accordance with the internal rules of Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova.

Evaluation procedure:

The evaluation procedure takes place in two stages:

1. **Formal evaluation** of the file:

- The file is submitted within the deadline;
- The file contains all the required documents (including those submitted in response to subsequent requests for additional relevant documents and/or information).

Where applicable, the Evaluation Committee may request the submission of missing documents, as well as additional relevant documents and/or information. The Committee is also entitled to correct technical errors, including calculation errors, provided that such corrections do not significantly alter the content of the application file, and shall immediately notify the Bidder of any changes made.

2. **Content evaluation** according to **the evaluation criteria** reflected in the **Evaluation Form** that can be accessed [here](#). The application files are individually evaluated by the members of the evaluation committee, after which the individual results are consolidated, and the average score obtained for each application file is determined.

After evaluating the application files, the evaluation committee may decide to negotiate the proposed price offer, conduct the interview phase with the bidder(s) pre-selected at the previous stage in order to identify the most suitable bidder for the provision of the service. At the interview stage, the evaluation committee may request relevant additional documents if deemed necessary.

After completing the selection stages, all bidders will be informed about the results of the call for tenders.

Exclusion of bidders from the procurement process:

1. Bidders are excluded from the procurement procedure if a final court decision or administrative act has been rendered against the natural person, entity or person representing him/her, has control/decision-making power, or against any member of the executive, management/supervisory bodies for any of the following reasons:
 - a. bankruptcy, insolvency or liquidation proceedings;
 - b. violation of obligations regarding the payment of taxes or social security contributions;
 - c. committing serious professional misconduct, including false statements;
 - d. fraud;
 - e. corruption;
 - f. an action associated with a criminal organisation;
 - g. money laundering and terrorist financing;
 - h. terrorist offence or offences related to terrorist activities;
 - i. child labour or any other crime related to human trafficking;
 - j. establishment and fulfilment of the function of a front company;
 - k. setting up a roofing company;

¹ The tax residency certificate is submitted by the bidders if they are residents of a foreign country.

1. using or participating in discrimination or harassment, including sexual harassment. The exclusion can also occur if there is no final court decision or administrative act in question and has been proven by means available to Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova or development partners.
2. The bidder is excluded from the procurement procedure if according to the legislation of the Republic of Moldova, the Republic of Poland, the European Union, international, or the country of the donor, restrictions are applied regarding the entity or person representing it, holding control/decision-making power, or against any member of the executive, management/supervisory bodies.
3. The bidder is excluded from the procurement procedure if the application file is incomplete or sent after the deadline.
4. Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova reserves the right not to limit itself to the exclusion criteria from the procurement procedure, mentioned above.

The application file must be sent to the email address: procurements@solidarityfund.md, with a note/title **"Offer for Mountaineering Equipment "**.

NB! Questions regarding the purchase can be sent to the email address: procurements@solidarityfund.md, no later than 5 days before the deadline for submitting the application file.

The answers will be published in the Q&A section, 3 days before the deadline for submitting the application file.

** The bidder has the right to establish the limits of confidentiality of the data provided and to mention which of the documents attached to the tender are confidential.*

*** Personal data will be processed by Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova for the purpose of carrying out the procurement process, in accordance with the provisions of the legislation in force and internal rules. The provision of personal data is voluntary. The refusal to provide data leads to the impossibility of concluding the contract with Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova. Individuals have the right to obtain information on the purpose, scope and manner of processing of personal data, the right of access to their personal data, their portability and rectification. Personal data may be transmitted to donors, auditors, state bodies, including public law enforcement bodies, lawyers – for the purpose of controlling Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova, protecting rights, resolving disputes. Personal data will not be passed on to other third parties without the prior consent of the bidder. Any questions regarding personal data can be directed to Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova via e-mail info@solidarityfund.md.*

****For the purpose of transparency of the procurement process, the results of the tender with the information on the selected provider (name/surname, surname, service provided, price, period) will be published on the website of Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova. Participation in the tender by sending documents means acceptance of the publication of the results of the call for tenders, except for information marked as confidential.*

***Solidarity Fund PL in Moldova reserves the right to cancel the procurement process at any time without any obligations towards the bidders.*