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The European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA) signed a single framework contract¹ with each one of the four contractors setting up the EU FAB² network to ensure sufficient and agile manufacturing capacities for three different vaccine types (mRNA-based, vector-based, and protein-based).

The framework contracts were awarded in full compliance with the public procurement rules as a result of a competitive procedure with negotiation. The tender specifications³ included the requirements that (i) each contractor has the capacity to allow for the manufacturing of at least 50 million doses; and (ii) the whole manufacturing chain (namely all manufacturing sites from the manufacturing of the active substance(s) to the finished medicinal product, including fill and finish, packaging, batch release and storage) must be located within the territory of the European Union and/or European Economic Area countries. The companies that were selected complied with those requirements.

¹ https://hadea.ec.europa.eu/news/framework-contract-signed-under-eu4health-guarantee-fast-response-future-health-crises-2023-06-30_en

² EU FAB is a network of 'ever-warm' production capacities for vaccine and medicine manufacturing that can be activated in case of future crisis.

³ <https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-document.html?docId=117384>