

Clarification

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Study on the Principles Used to Calculate the Net Costs of the Postal Universal Service Obligation

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Question

The tender seeks descriptive information on actual methods in use in countries and future principles to be used for net costs of postal USO. There appears to be no specific requirement to

- a. Obtain actual financial quantification of any USO deficit (or not) whether in absolute values or some broad percentage amount;
- b. Show how any particular (potential) deficit may or may not be funded (which could affect the scope of some of the cost information);

Question: How will the results of the study be subsequently be used either for policy and or practical implementation given that no specific financial or operational data will be required and no testing of methods with data is to be undertaken?

Answer

Regarding your question, we would like to refer you to point 4. of Annex I of the Invitation to tender, under the section "Indicative Methodology", where it is provided that the Contractor is free to follow the methodology that is most appropriate to complete the tasks set out in this Invitation to Tender, mainly specified in point 3. of Annex I. The Contractor shall gather the information and the data available that are necessary for the analysis required. Point 4 provides that, "information on the cost structure should be gathered to the extent necessary for meeting the objectives of the study".