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CALL FOR TENDERS VT/2007/040

**"STUDY CONTRACT TO IMPROVE THE KNOWLEDGE ON THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT
OF PENSION SYSTEMS ON WOMEN"**

Subject: Information request nr 1

Question

Under point 12, a, 1 of the tender specifications ("economic and financial capacity"), it is mentioned that "for the last financial year, the annual turnover should at least equal the value of the contract".

In case of consortia, does this condition apply:

- to the main promoter only;
- to the consortium as a whole;
- to all individual members of a consortium separately.

Answer

In case of consortia, the condition that the annual turnover should at least equal the value of the contract applies to the consortium as a whole. In other words, a consolidated assessment (all members of the consortium together) should be made.

Information request nr 2

Question

In case of tenders from consortia, do the documents required under 12.a) (Economic and financial capacity), points 1., 2. and 3 of the tender specifications have to be provided by each member of the consortium?

Answer

In case of tenders from consortia, the documents required under 12.a) (Economic and financial capacity), points 1., 2. and 3 of the tender specifications must be provided by each member of the consortium.



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Subject: Information request nr 3

Question

We would like to have as a coordinator of our project a lady from Russia. Other co-workers will come from Poland. Is it possible that the coordinator comes from a state which is not a member state of the European Union?

Answer

Please note that in accordance with Section 4 ("participation") of the Tender specifications, *"the competition is open to any physical person or legal entity coming within the scope of the Treaties and any other physical person or legal entity from a third country which has concluded with the Communities a specific agreement in the area of public contracts, under the conditions provided for in that agreement."*

Section 12 b) of the Tender specifications specifies the technical and professional capacity required as regards the coordinator and the team members. Conditions of nationality are not foreseen.

It is not the nationality of the coordinator or team member which is relevant, but the fact whether the applicant to the competition is from the EU-27 or from a third country under the conditions mentioned above.



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Subject: Information request nr 4

Question

How should a state financed university prove its "economic and financial capacity" (see Article 12 (a) of the Tender Specifications)?

Answer

Article 12(a) of the Tender Specifications provides that:

"If, for some exceptional reason which the contracting authority considers justified, the tenderer or candidate is unable to provide the references requested by the contracting authority, he may prove his economic and financial capacity by any other means which the contracting authority considers appropriate."

Therefore, in order to prove the economic and financial capacity it is sufficient to give the proof that the university is state financed.