

Frequently asked questions

VT/2012/040 – Analytical support on social protection reforms and their socio-economic impacts in the EU Member States and EFTA/EEA, acceding, candidate and potential candidate countries

1) [...] Are there additional documents (as mentioned in Section I, I.1) which can be sent to the applicants?

The full tender dossier required for application is available on the Europa website: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=625&langId=en&callId=366&furtherCalls=yes>

Other documents, included those mentioned in the general provision in point I.1 of the contract notice, are not required to apply for this particular tender.

2) [...] Could you please clarify what is the maximum budget? (850000€ or 1700000€)

As stated in point 5.1 of the tender specifications, the contract will have a duration of 1 year, with the possibility to extend it for another year.

Bids must indicate the planned budget for one year, which may not exceed € 850.000,00.

1 700 000 EUR is the eventual maximum value of the contract in case of renewal for another year.

3) [...] Can external experts join different bids/consortia or must they work exclusively for one bid?

Each bidder has the discretion to propose appropriate experts, provided that the experts meet the conditions specified in points 11b and 13 of the tender specifications. The tender specifications do not preclude that the same expert can be proposed by different bidders.

4) [...] Who is eligible?

We would like to confirm that, in line with tender specifications, any physical person or legal entity coming within the scope of the Treaties is eligible to bid for the tender "Analytical support on social protection reforms and their socio-economic impacts in the EU Member States and EFTA/EEA, acceding, candidate and potential candidate countries". Furthermore, according to Art. 10 of Decision No 1672/2006/EC establishing the PROGRESS programme, access to the programme is open to all public and/or private bodies, actors and institutions.

5) [...] Can one single national expert qualify as a national expert of more than one country and domain of specialization (pensions, healthcare and long-term care)?

The tender specifications do not preclude that the same expert can be proposed for different countries and/or policy fields.

6) [...] Is there any specification on the length of reports that national experts are expected to write?

The tender specifications (point 4.2) prescribe only the general requirements for reporting activities. Detailed guidelines for national reports will be specified in the course of implementation of the project.

7) [...] Is the overview document under point 4.2 on social protection only one document for all countries that should be done by the experts of the management team on social policies after having been able to cross the data and reports made by all the national experts or is it an additional document to be made by each expert?

Point 4.2.B. of the tender specifications refers to an overview document covering all project countries. It is up to the bidder to propose working arrangements for the production of each document.