



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities DG

Employment, Lisbon Strategy, International Affairs
Employment Analysis

Study Service Contract

Contract title **Labour mobility within the EU in the context of enlargement and the functioning of the transitional arrangements**

Contract reference No **VC/2007/0293**
The above title and reference No **must** be quoted in **all** correspondence with the Commission.

Contractor
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Other administrative information

Department **DG EMPL/D/1**

Prior information O.J. ref. No of notice publication:
Call for tender DG EMPL ref. No: VT/2007/057 of
Tender information O.J. ref. No of notice publication:
EPIC Record No:/.../.....
Databases SMART record No:
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Other accounting information

Commitment No **SI2.**
This commitment No **must** be quoted in correspondence relating to **invoices / payments**.

Type of Contract **V/SE/STUSEC02**

The European Community (hereinafter referred to as **“the Community”**),
represented by the Commission of the European Communities (hereinafter referred to as **“the Commission”**),
which is represented for the purposes of the signature of this Contract by Radek MALY, Head of
Unit - EMPL/D/1, Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities DG,

on the one part,

AND

.....(*official name in full*),
registered legal form:,
statutory registration number:,
official address in full:,
VAT registration number:,
(hereinafter referred to as **“the Contractor”**),
represented for the purposes of the signature and management of the present Contract by
.....(*forename and name in full*),(*function*),

of the other part,

HAVE AGREED

the Special Conditions and the General Conditions below and the following Annexes:

- **Annex I** Tender Specifications (Invitation to Tender No. VT/2007/057 of) and Monitoring
- **Annex II** Contractor's Tender (Registre CAD Ref. No. of)
- **Annex III** Breakdown of prices
- **Annex IV** CVs and classification of experts
- **Annex V** Fiscal provisions regarding invoicing by the Contractor

which forms an integral part of this Contract (hereinafter referred to as **“the Contract”**).

The terms set out in the Special Conditions shall take precedence over those in the other parts of the Contract. The terms set out in the General Conditions shall take precedence over those in the Annexes. The terms set out in the Tender Specifications (Annex I) and in the Breakdown of prices (Annex III) shall take precedence over those in the Tender (Annex II).

Subject to the above, the several instruments forming part of this Contract are to be taken as mutually explanatory. Ambiguities or discrepancies within or between such parts shall be explained or rectified by a written instruction issued by the Commission, subject to the rights of the Contractor under Article I.7 should he dispute any such instruction.

I. **Special conditions**

Article I.1 **Subject**

I.1.1. The subject of the Contract is the following study: **Labour mobility within the EU in the context of enlargement and the functioning of the transitional arrangements.**

I.1.2. The Contractor shall execute the tasks assigned to him in accordance with the Tender Specifications annexed to the Contract (Annex I).

Article I.2 **Duration**

I.2.1. The Contract shall enter into force on the date on which it is signed by the last contracting party. The date of signature of the present Contract is that of the date stamp applied by the postal services of Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities DG on the title page of the present Contract after it has been signed by both parties.

I.2.2. Execution of the tasks may under no circumstances begin before the date on which the Contract enters into force.

I.2.3. The duration of the tasks shall not exceed 12 months. This period and all other periods specified in the Contract are calculated in calendar days. Execution of the tasks shall start from the date of entry into force of the Contract. The period of execution of the tasks may be extended only with the express written agreement of the parties before such period elapses.

The Commission is not obliged to react to any request for extension of the duration of the tasks received less than 30 days before expiry of the period of execution or with less than one third of the period of execution left to run, whichever period is the shorter.

Article I.3 **Contract price**

I.3.1. *Maximum total amount*

The maximum total amount to be paid by the Commission under the Contract shall be EUR 0.00 covering all tasks executed.

I.3.2. *Price revisions*

Not applicable.

I.3.3. *Travel, subsistence and shipment expenses*

In addition to the total amount specified in Article I.3.1, travel, subsistence and shipment expenses shall be reimbursed in accordance with Article II.7, as shall other expenses provided for by the Tender Specifications up to a maximum amount of EUR 0.01. The daily subsistence allowance referred to in Article II.7.4(d) shall be determined in accordance with Annex III, 2.2.1.

Article I.4 **Payment periods and formalities**

Payments under the Contract shall be made in accordance with Article II.4. Payments shall be executed only if the Contractor has fulfilled all his contractual obligations by the date on which the invoice is submitted. Payment requests may not be made if payments for previous periods have not been executed as a result of default of negligence on the part of the Contractor.

I.4.1. Pre-financing

Following signature of the Contract by the last contracting party, within 30 days of the receipt by the Commission of a request for pre-financing with a relevant invoice, a pre-financing payment equal to 30% of the total amount referred to in Article I.3.1 shall be made.

I.4.2. Interim payment

Requests for interim payment by the Contractor shall be admissible if accompanied by

- an interim technical report in accordance with the instructions laid down in Annex I,
- the relevant invoices,
- statements of reimbursable expenses in accordance with Article II.7,

provided the report has been approved by the Commission.

The Commission shall have 45 days from receipt to approve or reject the report, and the Contractor shall have 30 days in which to submit additional information or a new report.

Within 30 days of the date on which the report is approved by the Commission, an interim payment corresponding to the relevant invoices, up to maximum 40% of the total amount referred to in Article I.3.1, shall be made.

I.4.3. Payment of the balance

The request for payment of the balance of the Contractor shall be admissible if accompanied by:

- the final technical report in accordance with the instructions laid down in Annex I,
- the relevant invoices,
- statements of reimbursable expenses in accordance with Article II.7,

provided the report has been approved by the Commission.

The Commission shall have 45 days from receipt to approve or reject the report, and the Contractor shall have 30 days in which to submit additional information or a new report.

Within 30 days of the date on which the report is approved by the Commission, payment of the balance of the total amount referred to in Article I.3.1 shall be made.

I.4.4. Performance guarantee

Not applicable.

Article I.5 Bank account

Payments shall be made to the Contractor's bank account denominated in euro ¹, identified ² as follows:

- Name of bank:
- Address of branch in full:
- Exact designation of account holder:
- Full account number including codes:
- IBAN or, if non available, BIC code: —

Article I.6 General administrative provisions

Any communication relating to the Contract shall be made in writing and shall bear the Contract number. Ordinary mail shall be deemed to have been received by the Commission on the date on which it is registered by the department responsible indicated below. Communications shall be sent to the following addresses:

¹ Or local currency where the receiving country does not allow transactions in EUR.

² By a document issued or certified by the bank.

Commission

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Directorate-General Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
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Contractor

..... (Mr/Mrs/Ms + forename and name)
..... (function)
..... (company name)
..... (official address in full)

Article I.7 Applicable law and settlement of disputes

I.7.1. The Contract shall be governed by the national substantive law of Belgium.

I.7.2. Any dispute between the parties resulting from the interpretation or application of the Contract which cannot be settled amicably shall be brought before the courts of Brussels.

Article I.8 Other special conditions**Definition of the term “payment request” regarding the interests for late payments**

It is understood that a payment request, as mentioned in Article II.5.3, will only be considered as complete, if all specific documents mentioned in Article I.4; are joined to this request. If these specific documents are not sent to the Commission all together with the payment request, the 45 days shall only run from the date of the first registered receipt of the last document, making the payment request complete. As regards payments subject to the prior approval of a report (or to the signature of a certificate of final acceptance for supplies delivery) by the Commission, according to Article I.4, the period of 45 calendar days shall start only on the date when both the complete payment request has been registered and the report has been approved (or the certificate of final acceptance has been signed) by the Commission, provided the Commission has itself respected the time limits set in the present Contract and its annexes for such approvals.

Data protection

Any personal data included in the Contract shall be processed pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data. It shall be processed solely for the purposes of the performance, management and follow-up of the Contract by Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities DG without prejudice to possible transmission to the bodies charged with a monitoring or inspection task in conformity with Community law. The Contractor shall have the right of access to his personal data and the right to rectify any such data that is inaccurate or incomplete. Should the Contractor have any queries concerning the processing of his personal data, he shall address them to Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities DG. The Contractor shall have right of recourse at any time to the European Data Protection Supervisor.

Other additional special conditions

Article I.4.2 will be replaced as follows:

Requests for interim payment by the contractor will be admissible if accompanied by:

- a first interim technical report in accordance with instructions laid down in Annex I,
- the relevant invoices,

provided the report has been approved by the Commission.

The Commission will have 45 days from receipt to approve or reject the report and the contractor will have 30 days in which to submit additional information or a new report.

Within 30 days of the date on which the first interim report is approved by the Commission, an interim payment corresponding to the relevant invoices; up to a maximum of 20% of the total amount referred to in article I.3.1, will be made.

Requests for interim payment by the contractor will be admissible if accompanied by:

- a second interim technical report in accordance with instructions laid down in Annex I,
- the relevant invoices,

provided the report has been approved by the Commission.

The Commission will have 45 days from receipt to approve or reject the report, and the contractor will have 30 days in which to submit additional information or a new report.

Within 30 days of the date on which the second interim report is approved by the Commission, an interim payment corresponding to the relevant invoices, up to a maximum of 20% of the total amount referred to in article I.3.1, will be made.

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II. General conditions

Article II.1 Performance of the Contract

II.1.1. The Contractor shall perform the Contract to the highest professional standards. The Contractor shall have sole responsibility for complying with any legal obligations incumbent on him, notably those resulting from employment, tax and social legislation.

II.1.2. The Contractor shall have sole responsibility for taking the necessary steps to obtain any permit or licence required for performance of the Contract under the laws and regulations in force at the place where the tasks assigned to him are to be executed.

II.1.3. Without prejudice to Article II.3 any reference made to the Contractor's staff in the Contract shall relate exclusively to individuals involved in the performance of the Contract.

II.1.4. The Contractor must ensure that any staff performing the Contract have the professional qualifications and experience required for the execution of the tasks assigned to him.

II.1.5. The Contractor shall neither represent the Commission nor behave in any way that would give such an impression. The Contractor shall inform third parties that he does not belong to the European public service.

II.1.6. The Contractor shall have sole responsibility for the staff who execute the tasks assigned to him.

The Contractor shall make provision for the following employment or service relationships with his staff:

- staff executing the tasks assigned to the Contractor may not be given orders direct by the Commission;
- the Commission may not under any circumstances be considered to be the staff's employer and the said staff shall undertake not to invoke in respect of the Commission any right arising from the contractual relationship between the Commission and the Contractor.

II.1.7. In the event of disruption resulting from the action of a member of the Contractor's staff working on Commission premises or in the event of the expertise of a member of the Contractor's staff failing to correspond to the profile required by the Contract, the Contractor shall replace him without delay. The Commission shall have the right to request the replacement of any such member of staff, stating its reasons for so doing. Replacement staff must have the necessary qualifications and be capable of performing the Contract under the same contractual conditions. The Contractor shall be responsible for any delay in the execution of the tasks assigned to him resulting from the replacement of staff in accordance with this Article.

II.1.8. Should any unforeseen event, action or omission directly or indirectly hamper execution of the tasks, either partially or totally, the Contractor shall immediately and on his own initiative record it and report it to the Commission. The report shall include a description of the problem and an indication of the date on which it started and of the remedial action taken by the Contractor to ensure full compliance with his obligations under the Contract. In such event the Contractor shall give priority to solving the problem rather than determining liability.

II.1.9. Should the Contractor fail to perform his obligations under the Contract in accordance with the provisions laid down therein, the Commission may - without prejudice to its right to terminate the Contract - reduce or recover payments in proportion to the scale of the failure. In addition, the Commission may impose penalties or liquidated damages provided for in Article II.16.

Article II.2 Liability

II.2.1. The Commission shall not be liable for damage sustained by the Contractor in performance of the Contract except in the event of wilful misconduct or gross negligence on the part of the Commission.

II.2.2. The Contractor shall be liable for any loss or damage caused by himself in performance of the Contract, including in the event of subcontracting under Article II.13. The Commission shall not be liable for any act or default on the part of the Contractor in performance of the Contract.

II.2.3. The Contractor shall provide compensation in the event of any action, claim or proceeding brought against the Commission by a third party as a result of damage caused by the Contractor in performance of the Contract.

II.2.4. In the event of any action brought by a third party against the Commission in connection with performance of the Contract, the Contractor shall assist the Commission. Expenditure incurred by the Contractor to this end may be borne by the Commission.

II.2.5. The Contractor shall take out insurance against risks and damage relating to performance of the Contract if required by the relevant applicable legislation. He shall take out supplementary insurance as reasonably required by standard practice in the industry. A copy of all the relevant insurance contracts shall be sent to the Commission should it so request.

Article II.3 Conflict of Interests

II.3.1. The Contractor shall take all necessary measures to prevent any situation that could compromise the impartial and objective performance of the Contract. Such conflict of interests could arise in particular as a result of economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional ties, or any other relevant connection or shared interest. Any conflict of interests which could arise during performance of the Contract must be notified to the Commission in writing without delay. In the event of such conflict, the Contractor shall immediately take all necessary steps to resolve it.

The Commission reserves the right to verify that such measures are adequate and may require additional measures to be taken, if necessary, within a time limit which it shall set. The Contractor shall ensure that his staff, board and directors are not placed in a situation which could give rise to conflict of interests. Without prejudice to Article II.1 the Contractor shall replace, immediately and without compensation from the Commission, any member of his staff exposed to such a situation.

II.3.2. The Contractor shall abstain from any contact likely to compromise his independence.

II.3.3. The Contractor declares:

- that he has not made and will not make any offer of any type whatsoever from which an advantage can be derived under the Contract,
- that he has not granted and will not grant, has not sought and will not seek, has not attempted and will not attempt to obtain, and has not accepted and will not accept, any advantage, financial or in kind, to or from any party whatsoever, where such advantage constitutes an illegal practice or involves corruption, either directly or indirectly, inasmuch as it is an incentive or reward relating to performance of the Contract.

II.3.4. The Contractor shall pass on all the relevant obligations in writing to his staff, board, and directors as well as to third parties involved in performance of the Contract. A copy of the instructions given and the undertakings made in this respect shall be sent to the Commission should it so request.

Article II.4 Payments

II.4.1. Pre-financing

Where required by Article I.4.1, the Contractor shall provide a financial guarantee in the form of a bank guarantee or equivalent supplied by a bank or an authorised financial institution (guarantor) equal to the amount indicated in the same article to cover pre-financing under the Contract. Such guarantee

may be replaced by a joint and several guarantee by a third party. The guarantor shall pay to the Commission at its request an amount corresponding to payments made by it to the Contractor which have not yet been covered by equivalent work on his part. The guarantor shall stand as first-call guarantor and shall not require the Commission to have recourse against the principal debtor (the Contractor). The guarantee shall specify that it enters into force at the latest on the date on which the Contractor receives the pre-financing. The Commission shall release the guarantor from its obligations as soon as the Contractor has demonstrated that any pre-financing has been covered by equivalent work. The guarantee shall be retained until the pre-financing has been deducted from interim payments or payment of the balance to the Contractor. It shall be released the following month. The cost of providing such guarantee shall be borne by the Contractor.

II.4.2. *Interim payment*

At the end of each of the periods indicated in Annex I the Contractor shall submit to the Commission a formal request for payment accompanied by those of the following documents which are provided for in the Special Conditions:

- an interim technical report in accordance with the instructions laid down in Annex I;
- the relevant invoices indicating the reference number of the Contract to which they refer;
- statements of reimbursable expenses in accordance with Article II.7.

If the report is a condition for payment, on receipt the Commission shall have the period of time indicated in the Special Conditions in which:

- to approve it, with or without comments or reservations, or suspend such period and request additional information; or
- to reject it and request a new report.

If the Commission does not react within this period, the report shall be deemed to have been approved. Approval of the report does not imply recognition either of its regularity or of the authenticity, completeness or correctness of the declarations or information enclosed. Where the Commission requests a new report because the one previously submitted has been rejected, this shall be submitted within the period of time indicated in the Special Conditions. The new report shall likewise be subject to the above provisions.

II.4.3. *Payment of the balance*

Within sixty days of completion of the tasks referred to in Annex I the Contractor shall submit to the Commission a formal request for payment accompanied by those of the following documents which are provided for in the Special Conditions:

- a final technical report in accordance with the instructions laid down in Annex I;
- the relevant invoices indicating the reference number of the Contract to which they refer;
- statements of reimbursable expenses in accordance with Article II.7.

If the report is a condition for payment, on receipt the Commission shall have the period of time indicated in the Special Conditions in which:

- to approve it, with or without comments or reservations, or suspend such period and request additional information; or
- to reject it and request a new report.

If the Commission does not react within this period, the report shall be deemed to have been approved. Approval of the report does not imply recognition either of its regularity or of the authenticity, completeness or correctness of the declarations and information enclosed. Where the Commission requests a new report because the one previously submitted has been rejected, this shall be submitted within the period of time indicated in the Special Conditions. The new report shall likewise be subject to the above provisions.

Article II.5 General Provisions concerning Payments

II.5.1. Payments shall be deemed to have been made on the date on which the Commission's account is debited.

II.5.2. The payment periods referred to in Article I.4 may be suspended by the Commission at any time if it informs the Contractor that his payment request is not admissible, either because the amount

is not due or because the necessary supporting documents have not been properly produced. In case of doubt on the eligibility of the expenditure indicated in the payment request, the Commission may suspend the time limit for payment for the purpose of further verification, including an on-the-spot check, in order to ascertain, prior to payment, that the expenditure is eligible.

The Commission shall notify the Contractor accordingly by registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt or equivalent. Suspension shall take effect from the date of dispatch of the letter. The remainder of the period referred to in Article I.4 shall begin to run again once the suspension has been lifted.

II.5.3. In the event of late payment the Contractor may claim interest within two months of receiving the payment. Interest shall be calculated at the rate applied by the European Central Bank to its most recent main refinancing operations (*"the reference rate"*) plus seven percentage points (*"the margin"*). The reference rate in force on the first day of the month in which the payment is due shall apply. Such interest rate is published in the C series of the Official Journal of the European Union. Interest shall be payable for the period elapsing from the calendar day following expiry of the time limit for payment up to the day of payment. Suspension of payment by the Commission may not be deemed to constitute late payment.

Article II.6 Recovery

II.6.1. If total payments made exceed the amount actually due under the Contract or if recovery is justified in accordance with the terms of the Contract, the Contractor shall reimburse the appropriate amount in euro on receipt of the debit note, in the manner and within the time limits set by the Commission.

II.6.2. In the event of failure to pay by the deadline specified in the request for reimbursement, the sum due shall bear interest at the rate indicated in Article II.5.3. Interest shall be payable from the calendar day following the due date up to the calendar day on which the debt is repaid in full.

II.6.3. The Commission may, after informing the Contractor, recover amounts established as certain, of a fixed amount and due by offsetting, in cases where the Contractor also has a claim on the Communities that is certain, of a fixed amount and due. The Commission may also claim against the guarantee, where provided for.

Article II.7 Reimbursements

II.7.1. Where provided by the Special Conditions or by Annex I, the Commission shall reimburse the expenses which are directly connected with execution of the tasks on production of original supporting documents, including receipts and used tickets.

II.7.2. Travel and subsistence expenses shall be reimbursed, where appropriate, on the basis of the shortest itinerary.

II.7.3. Travel expenses shall be reimbursed as follows:

- (a) travel by air shall be reimbursed up to the maximum cost of an economy class ticket at the time of the reservation;
- (b) travel by boat or rail shall be reimbursed up to the maximum cost of a first class ticket;
- (c) travel by car shall be reimbursed at the rate of one first class rail ticket for the same journey and on the same day;
- (d) travel outside Community territory shall be reimbursed under the general conditions stated above provided the Commission has given its prior written agreement.

II.7.4. Subsistence expenses shall be reimbursed on the basis of a daily allowance as follows:

- (a) for journeys of less than 200 km (return trip) no subsistence allowance shall be payable;
- (b) daily subsistence allowance shall be payable only on receipt of a supporting document proving that the person concerned was present at the place of destination;
- (c) daily subsistence allowance shall take the form of a flat-rate payment to cover all subsistence expenses, including accommodation, meals, local transport, insurance and sundries;

- (d) daily subsistence allowance, where applicable, shall be reimbursed at the rate specified in Article I.3.3.

II.7.5. The cost of shipment of equipment or unaccompanied luggage shall be reimbursed provided the Commission has given prior written authorisation.

Article II.8 Ownership of the Results – Intellectual and Industrial Property

Any results or rights thereon, including copyright and other intellectual or industrial property rights, obtained in performance of the Contract, shall be owned solely by the Community, which may use, publish, assign or transfer them as it sees fit, without geographical or other limitation, except where industrial or intellectual property rights exist prior to the Contract being entered into.

Article II.9 Confidentiality

II.9.1. The Contractor undertakes to treat in the strictest confidence and not make use of or divulge to third parties any information or documents which are linked to performance of the Contract. The Contractor shall continue to be bound by this undertaking after completion of the tasks.

II.9.2. The Contractor shall obtain from each member of his staff, board and directors an undertaking that they will respect the confidentiality of any information which is linked, directly or indirectly, to execution of the tasks and that they will not divulge to third parties or use for their own benefit or that of any third party any document or information not available publicly, even after completion of the tasks.

Article II.10 Use, Distribution and Publication of Information

II.10.1. The Contractor shall authorise the Commission to process, use, distribute and publish, for whatever purpose, by whatever means and on whatever medium, any data contained in or relating to the Contract, in particular the identity of the Contractor, the subject matter, the duration, the amount paid and the reports. Where personal data is concerned, Article I.8 shall apply.

II.10.2. Unless otherwise provided by the Special Conditions, the Commission shall not be required to distribute or publish documents or information supplied in performance of the Contract. If it decides not to publish the documents or information supplied, the Contractor may not have them distributed or published elsewhere without prior written authorisation from the Commission.

II.10.3. Any distribution or publication of information relating to the Contract by the Contractor shall require prior written authorisation from the Commission and shall mention the amount paid by the Community. It shall state that the opinions expressed are those of the Contractor only and do not represent the Commission's official position.

II.10.4. The use of information obtained by the Contractor in the course of the Contract for purposes other than its performance shall be forbidden, unless the Commission has specifically given prior written authorisation to the contrary.

Article II. 11 Taxation

II.11.1. The Contractor shall have sole responsibility for compliance with the tax laws which apply to him. Failure to comply shall make the relevant invoices invalid.

II.11.2. The Contractor recognises that the Commission is, as a rule, exempt from all taxes and duties, including value added tax (VAT), pursuant to the provisions of Articles 3 and 4 of the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Communities.

II.11.3. The Contractor shall accordingly complete the necessary formalities with the relevant authorities to ensure that the goods and services required for performance of the Contract are exempt from taxes and duties, including VAT.

II.11.4. Invoices presented by the Contractor shall indicate his place of taxation for VAT purposes and shall specify separately the amounts not including VAT and the amounts including VAT.

Article II.12 Force Majeure

II.12.1. *Force majeure* shall mean any unforeseeable and exceptional situation or event beyond the control of the contracting parties which prevents either of them from performing any of their obligations under the Contract, was not due to error or negligence on their part or on the part of a subcontractor, and could not have been avoided by the exercise of due diligence. Defects in equipment or material or delays in making it available, labour disputes, strikes or financial problems cannot be invoked as *force majeure* unless they stem directly from a relevant case of *force majeure*.

II.12.2. Without prejudice to the provisions of Article II.1.8, if either contracting party is faced with *force majeure*, it shall notify the other party without delay by registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt or equivalent, stating the nature, likely duration and foreseeable effects.

II.12.3. Neither contracting party shall be held in breach of its contractual obligations if it has been prevented from performing them by *force majeure*. Where the Contractor is unable to perform his contractual obligations owing to *force majeure*, he shall have the right to remuneration only for tasks actually executed.

II.12.4. The contracting parties shall take the necessary measures to reduce damage to a minimum.

Article II.13 Subcontracting

II.13.1. The Contractor shall not subcontract without prior written authorisation from the Commission nor cause the Contract to be performed in fact by third parties.

II.13.2. Even where the Commission authorises the Contractor to subcontract to third parties, he shall none the less remain bound by his obligations to the Commission under the Contract and shall bear exclusive liability for proper performance of the Contract.

II.13.3. The Contractor shall make sure that the subcontract does not affect rights and guarantees to which the Commission is entitled by virtue of the Contract, notably Article II.17.

Article II.14 Assignment

II.14.1. The Contractor shall not assign the rights and obligations arising from the Contract, in whole or in part, without prior written authorisation from the Commission.

II.14.2. In the absence of the authorisation referred to in 1 above, or in the event of failure to observe the terms thereof, assignment by the Contractor shall not be enforceable against and shall have no effect on the Commission.

Article II.15 Termination by the Commission

II.15.1. The Commission may terminate the Contract in the following circumstances:

- (a) where the Contractor is being wound up, is having his affairs administered by the courts, has entered into an arrangement with creditors, has suspended business activities, is the subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;
- (b) where the Contractor has been convicted of an offence concerning his professional conduct by a judgment which has the force of *res judicata*;

- (c) where the Contractor has been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the contracting authority can justify;
- (d) where the Contractor has not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which he is established or with those of the country applicable to the Contract or those of the country where the Contract is to be performed;
- (e) where the Commission seriously suspects the Contractor of fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organisation or any other illegal activity detrimental to the Communities' financial interests;
- (f) where the Contractor is in breach of his obligations under Article II.3;
- (g) where the Contractor was guilty of misrepresentation in supplying the information required by the Commission as a condition of participation in the Contract procedure or failed to supply this information;
- (h) where a change in the Contractor's legal, financial, technical or organisational situation could, in the Commission's opinion, have a significant effect on the performance of the Contract;
- (i) where execution of the tasks has not actually commenced within three months of the date foreseen, and the new date proposed, if any, is considered unacceptable by the Commission;
- (j) where the Contractor is unable, through his own fault, to obtain any permit or licence required for performance of the Contract;
- (k) where the Contractor, after receiving formal notice in writing to comply, specifying the nature of the alleged failure, and after being given the opportunity to remedy the failure within a reasonable period following receipt of the formal notice, remains in serious breach of his contractual obligations.

II.15.2. In case of *force majeure*, notified in accordance with Article II.12, either contracting party may terminate the Contract, where performance thereof cannot be ensured for a period corresponding to at least to one fifth of the period laid down in Article I.2.3.

II.15.3. Prior to termination under point e), h) or k), the Contractor shall be given the opportunity to submit his observations.

Termination shall take effect on the date on which a registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt terminating the Contract is received by the Contractor, or on any other date indicated in the letter of termination.

II.15.4. Consequences of termination

In the event of the Commission terminating the Contract in accordance with this article and without prejudice to any other measures provided for in the Contract, the Contractor shall waive any claim for consequential damages, including any loss of anticipated profits for uncompleted work. On receipt of the letter terminating the Contract, the Contractor shall take all appropriate measures to minimise costs, prevent damage, and cancel or reduce his commitments. He shall draw up the documents required by the Special Conditions for the tasks executed up to the date on which termination takes effect, within a period not exceeding sixty days from that date.

The Commission may claim compensation for any damage suffered and recover any sums paid to the Contractor under the Contract.

On termination the Commission may engage any other contractor to complete the services. The Commission shall be entitled to claim from the Contractor all extra costs incurred in making good and completing the services, without prejudice to any other rights or guarantees it has under the Contract.

Article II.16 Liquidated Damages

Should the Contractor fail to perform his obligations under the Contract within the time limits set by the Contract, then, without prejudice to the Contractor's actual or potential liability incurred in relation to the Contract or to the Commission's right to terminate the Contract, the Commission may decide to impose liquidated damages of 0.2% of the amount specified in Article I.3.1 per calendar day of delay. The Contractor may submit arguments against this decision within thirty days of notification by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt or equivalent. In the absence of reaction on his part or of written withdrawal by the Commission within thirty days of the receipt of such arguments, the

decision imposing the liquidated damages shall become enforceable. These liquidated damages shall not be imposed where there is provision for interest for late completion. The Commission and the Contractor expressly acknowledge and agree that any sums payable under this article are in the nature of liquidated damages and not penalties, and represent a reasonable estimate of fair compensation for the losses that may be reasonably anticipated from such failure to perform obligations.

Article II.17 Checks and Audits

II.17.1. Pursuant to Article 142 of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities, the European Court of Auditors shall be empowered to audit the documents held by the natural or legal persons receiving payments from the budget of the European Communities from signature of the Contract up to five years after payment of the balance.

II.17.2. The Commission or an outside body of its choice shall have the same rights as the European Court of Auditors for the purpose of checks and audits limited to compliance with contractual obligations from signature of the Contract up to five years after payment of the balance.

II.17.3. In addition, the European Anti Fraud Office may carry out on-the-spot checks and inspections in accordance with Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 and Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 from signature of the Contract up to five years after payment of the balance.

Article II.18 Amendments

Any amendment to the Contract shall be the subject of a written agreement concluded by the contracting parties. An oral agreement shall not be binding on the contracting parties.

Article II.19 Suspension of the Contract

Without prejudice to the Commission's right to terminate the Contract, the Commission may at any time and for any reason suspend execution of the tasks under the Contract or any part thereof. Suspension shall take effect on the day the Contractor receives notification by registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt or equivalent, or at a later date where the notification so provides. The Commission may at any time following suspension give notice to the Contractor to resume the work suspended. The Contractor shall not be entitled to claim compensation on account of suspension of the Contract or of part thereof.

Signatures

1. For the Contractor,
..... (forename and name)
..... (position)
..... (company name)

2. For the Commission,
Radek MALY
Head of Unit - EMPL/D/1
Employment, Social Affairs and Equal
Opportunities DG

Done at (place), Done at Brussels,

..... (date) (date)

In duplicate in English.

Tender Specifications and Monitoring

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1. Background

Ten countries joined the EU on May 1, 2004, followed by Bulgaria and Romania on January 1, 2007. The accession treaties of all except two countries (Malta and Cyprus) contain derogations from the principle of free movement of workers between Member States.³ During the transitional periods of up to seven years after accession the free movement of workers from, to and between the EU-8 and EU-2 Member States⁴ may be restricted under certain conditions. This restriction relates in particular to free access to the labour market for salaried workers.

These transitional periods follow a "2+3+2" formula. During the first two phases of the transitional periods EU-15 Member States (EU-25 in the case of accession of Bulgaria and Romania) may apply national law and restrict free movement of workers from the EU-8 Member States (EU-2 in the case of accession of Bulgaria and Romania). In principle all EU-15 Member States (EU-25 in the case of accession of Bulgaria and Romania) should fully apply Community law after 5 years following accessions, unless there are serious disturbances of their labour markets, in which case national measures may be prolonged for a further two years.⁵

The accession treaties stipulate that before the end of the two year period following the date of accession, the Council shall review the functioning of the transitional provisions on the basis of a report from the Commission. Regarding the 2004 enlargement the Commission submitted its report on the functioning of the transitional arrangements in February 2006⁶.

A similar report for review by the Council will need to be drafted by the Commission before the end of the first phase of the transitional period for Bulgaria and Romania, i.e. towards the end of 2008.

Furthermore, during the transitional periods further Commission reports may be requested by any of the Member States concerned.

The first Commission report on the functioning of the transitional arrangements analyzed workers' mobility flows from the EU-8 Member States and their effects on the economies of the EU-15 Member States. The functioning of the transitional arrangements and the impact of enlargement have also been a subject of reports by different Member States and institutions.⁷

³ Free movement of workers is a fundamental principle of the European Union (Article 39 of the Treaty establishing the European Community) which permits nationals of one EU Member State to work in another EU Member State under the same conditions as that Member State's own citizens.

⁴ The EU-8 will relate hereafter to the Czech Republic, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Hungary, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia, the EU-2 to Bulgaria and Romania.

⁵ For a detailed description of the provisions under the transitional period see the following link to the free movement of workers website of DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities:
http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/free_movement/enlargement_en.htm

⁶ See Report on the Functioning of the Transitional Arrangements set out in the 2003 Accession Treaty (period 1 May 2004–30 April 2006), Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, Brussels, 8.2.2006, COM(2006) 48 final.

⁷ Some of the references are:

- UK Home Office (2005, 2006), *Accession Monitoring Reports*, joint online reports by the Home Office, the Department for Work and Pensions, the HM Revenue and Customs and the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.
- Portes, J. and S. French (2005), *The impact of free movement of workers from Central and Eastern Europe on the UK labour market: early evidence*, Working Paper No 18, UK Department for Work and Pensions.
- Gilpin N. et al. (2006), *The impact of free movement of workers from Central and Eastern Europe on the UK labour market*, Working Paper No 29, the UK Department for Work and Pensions
- Boeri, T. H. and Brücker (2005), *Migration, Co-ordination Failures and EU Enlargement*, IZA Discussion Paper No. 1600.

In addition, several studies, some conducted for the Commission, and national reports tried to assess migration potential before the 2004 enlargement and recently the migration potential from Bulgaria and Romania, or subsequently compare various estimates and their performance.⁸ Therefore, the evaluation of the economic and social impact of recent mobility from the EU-8 and EU-2 Member States to the EU might be also enriched with adequate assessment of a scale of further mobility.

In this perspective, a study will be launched on the impact of increased labour mobility from the EU-8 and EU-2 Member States on the economies and social situation of the EU, and on the size of potential future labour flows from the EU-8 and EU-2 Member States, Candidate Countries, and where possible from Potential Candidate Countries⁹.

2. Purpose of the Contract

The study will focus on assessing recent and future mobility from the EU-8 Member States to the EU-15 Member States, from the EU-2 Member States to the EU-25 Member States and from the Candidate Countries to the EU-27 Member States.

Firstly, it will aim at assessing the functioning of the transitional arrangements, the impact of enlargement and effects of workers mobility from the EU-8 and EU-2 Member States on the economy, labour markets and social situation in the EU, including country specific assessments. Secondly it will estimate the mobility potential from the EU-8 and EU-2 Member States and Candidate Countries.

In particular, the objectives are to:

- collect and update empirical evidence on mobility flows from EU-8 and EU-2 Member States and Candidate Countries to the EU Member States,
- review literature and develop a methodology for evaluation of the economic and social impact of these flows and of the role of the transitional arrangements,
- based on the proposed methodology evaluate the functioning of the transitional arrangements, the impact of enlargements and increased mobility on the economy and labour markets of the EU Member States,
- prepare country case studies with more detailed specific descriptions and assessments,
- review complementary literature on estimation of migration potential and critically assess methodological approaches,
- based on the selected approach estimate potential mobility flows from the EU-8 and EU-2 Member States and Candidate Countries to the EU Member States.

The outcome of the study is intended to serve as an analytical basis for the Commission's preparation of the report required by the 2005 Accession Treaty concerning transitional arrangements for workers from Bulgaria and Romania, and for other potential reports requested by Member States.

3. Tasks to be performed by the Contractor

(including description of output documents to be created by the Contractor and submitted to the Commission for its approval)

⁸ Some references are:

- Boeri, T. et al. (2001), The Impact of Eastern Enlargement on Employment and Labour Markets in the EU Member States, Report for European Commission, DG Employment and Social Affairs, Brussels.
- Alvarez-Plata, P. et al. (2003), Potential Migration from Central and Eastern Europe into the EU-15 – An Update, Report for European Commission, DG Employment and Social Affairs, DIW Berlin.

⁹ The term "Candidate Countries" will hereafter include Candidate Countries, namely Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey, as well as Potential Candidate Countries, namely Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia and Kosovo. The latter may be considered collectively, although individual analytical treatment would be welcome.

The study will include two distinctive parts:

- (1) An assessment of enlargement and the functioning of transitional arrangements with respect to the impact on size, destination and forms of mobility flows from the EU-8 and EU-2 Member States, and the subsequent impact on economies, labour markets and social situation in the EU, including country specific assessments;
- (2) An estimate of potential flows from the EU-8 and EU-2 Member States and Candidate Countries.

Description of the tasks

Task 1: Assessment of enlargement and transitional arrangements

The work carried out under task one will produce findings which can be used as an analytical basis for the Commission report required by the Accession Treaty due for the end of 2008 and potential other reports related to transitional arrangements for the free movement of workers.

It is intended to produce findings on a number of questions, including:

- the impact of individual countries' transitional arrangements on the distribution of mobility flows between the Member States, including impact on sector developments in countries with partially opened labour markets,
- the impact of the labour inflow on the receiving countries with emphasis on issues such as:
 - economic growth, inflation, wages, employment, unemployment and government finances,
 - developments at the level of different Member States, regions and economic sectors, as well as the skill structure of the labour force (paying also attention to the issue of brain waste – underutilization of migrants' skills),
 - ability to assimilate the inflow of EU-8 and EU-2 workers with respect to social and educational systems, local infrastructure, housing etc.;
- the impact of the labour outflow on the sending countries with emphasis on issues such as:
 - economic growth, inflation, wages, employment, unemployment and government finances,
 - developments at the level of Member States, regions and economic sectors, as well as the skills structure of the labour force (paying special attention to the issue of brain drain).

Sub-task 1A

As a starting point the study will review relevant literature on methodology and propose an approach to evaluate the role of transitional arrangements and the impact of enlargement and mobility flows from the EU-8 and EU-2 Member States on the EU economies.

This part will begin with a survey on existing theoretical and empirical studies, models and migration theories. As a result of this research the study will explore and stress determinants and barriers relevant to mobility from EU-8 and EU-2 Member States and will establish a methodology and a set of quantitative and qualitative measures to enable assessing the impact of increased flows from the EU-8 and EU-2 Member States on the EU economy.

Sub-task 1B

Afterwards, the study will establish an empirical basis for further examining the impact of mobility flows from EU-8 and EU-2 Member States on the EU economies building on the Commission report and other studies.

This will present and analyse relevant information and figures related to recent flows from EU-8 and EU-2 Member States, available either as raw data in the harmonized European data sets and national

sources, including administrative data or as information extracted from existing studies. Drawbacks of the data should be mentioned.

Sub-task 1C

Finally, based on the empirical and statistical evidence, and building on the proposed methodology, the study will provide an assessment of EU enlargement and the role of transitional arrangements in terms of their impact on the magnitude of workers mobility flows from the EU-8 and EU-2 Member States and distribution (i.e. geographical, sectoral) patterns. Consequently the impact on the receiving and sending EU economies, labour markets and social situation (including job-to-job mobility, family mobility) should be pictured in terms of quantitative and qualitative evidence.

This assessment will be provided separately for the flows from two groups of countries: the 2004 enlargement group (EU-8), and the 2007 enlargement group (EU-2).

Sub-task 1D

In addition, the situation in several (approximately 15) selected receiving and sending Member States will be analyzed in a greater detail. The choice of those Member States will be determined by the contractor and the Steering Committee at the stage of the discussion of the inception report. Country specific assessments of 3-5 pages each should include the institutional setting (a system of permits and legal aspects) if relevant, a description of the overall economic and labour market situation, evidence on magnitude of inflows/ outflows, and a quantitative and qualitative assessment of their impact on the country's economy and labour market.

Task 2: Estimation of potential flows from EU-8 and EU-2 Member States and Candidate Countries

This part will review relevant literature on potential mobility from the EU-8 and EU-2 Member States and Candidate Countries to the EU Member States, reconcile the results with evidence from the recent enlargement rounds, develop an improved approach and present updated estimates.

Sub-task 2A

It will begin by exploring existing theoretical and empirical research and methods for estimating potential migration. Subsequently, the study will critically assess forecasting performance of different estimation procedures, compare real flows versus forecasts and give the reasons for variety of estimates in the literature.

Sub-task 2B

Afterwards, the study will propose a methodology to project short-run and long-run potential flows (and stocks). A description of the selected approach/ model should take into account various assumptions on different economic and mobility conditions, including implications of various regimes of transitional arrangements. Relevant data, its availability, drawbacks and treatment of missing data should be mentioned.

Sub-task 2C

Finally, the study will apply the selected methodology to forecast potential flows (and stocks), in particular from Bulgaria and Romania and Candidate Countries. The estimates will supplement current knowledge on magnitude and various features of mobility flows.

4. Expertise required ¹⁰

See Annex IV of the draft contract, experts' CVs.

5. Schedule of reports – Terms for approval, structure and content

See Article I.4.

¹⁰ See Article II.1 as regards the replacement of experts.

Specific requirements other than those mentioned in Article I.4 (e.g. schedule of interim reports)

The full duration of the contract should not exceed 12 months from the date of the signature of the contract.

The contractor will deliver an **inception report** within 2 months from the signature of the contract. This report will consist of the following elements:

- survey of existing studies on economic and social impact of enlargement and transitional arrangements,
- survey of existing studies on potential mobility,
- presentation of a refined and fully operational methodology and analytical framework for establishing the empirical basis of the study,
- presentation of a refined and fully operational methodology for assessment of the functioning of transitional arrangements and evaluation of impact of increased mobility,
- detailed work schedule for the remaining period.

The contractor will deliver a **first interim report** within 5 months from the signature of the contract:

- summary of the work progress,
- presentation of data and empirical basis of the report,
- draft analytical presentation and preliminary findings on the assessment of the functioning of transitional arrangements and evaluation of impact of increased mobility,
- presentation of a refined and fully operational methodology for estimation of mobility potential from the EU-8 and EU-2 Member States and Candidate Countries,
- work programme for the remaining period.

The contractor will deliver a **second interim report** within 7 months from the signature of the contract:

- summary of the work progress,
- revised and amended version of intermediate presentation and findings on the assessment of the functioning of transitional arrangements and evaluation of impact of increased mobility, which will be a base of the Commission report due to end of 2008 (a draft final version of the first part),
- draft analytical presentation and preliminary findings on evaluation of potential mobility,
- work programme for the remaining period.

The contractor will deliver a **draft final report** after 10 months from the signature of the contract in the form of a revised and amended version of the intermediate reports.

The contractor will deliver a **final report** within 12 months from the signature of the contract. The final report will be of around 100 pages plus country case studies plus data annexes, accompanied by an executive summary of maximum 10 pages in English, French and German. Output needs to be provided on electronic supports, such as CDs – tables and graphs in Excel format and report in Word format – and 3 paper copies.

All above mentioned reports should be submitted in English.

A Commission Steering Committee will be established to guide the contractor during the execution of the project.

The contractor should anticipate 5 working meetings with the Commission Services to discuss the reports. These meetings will take place in Brussels.

6. Schedule of audits to be carried out in accordance with Article II.17 of this Contract

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ANNEX III Breakdown of prices

1. Breakdown of prices

Description	Unit price in €	Max. No of units	Unit type	Sub-total per item	Total amounts in €
FEES AND DIRECT COSTS (fixed prices)					
Experts' fees (to be specified for each expert)					0,00
Details	0,00	0	w.d.	0,00	
Other direct costs (to be specified)					0,00
Details	0,00	0	unit	0,00	
Sub-total "Fees and Direct Costs" (Art. I.3.1)					0,00
REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES (max. prices)					
Travel expenses					0,00
Journeys for experts as mentioned in Annex I					
Details	0,00	0	trip	0,00	
Provision for supplementary journeys effected upon request of the Commission					
Details	0,00	0	trip	0,00	
Accommodation expense					0,00
Hotel for experts as mentioned in Annex I					
Details	0,00	0	pers.	0,00	
Provision for supplementary accommodation upon request of the Commission					
Details	0,00	0	pers.	0,00	
Subsistence expense					0,00
Subsistence expenses for experts as mentioned in Annex I					
Details	0,00	0	w.d.	0,00	
Provision for supplementary subsistence upon request of the Commission					
Details	0,00	0	w.d.	0,00	
Shipment and/or other reimbursements (to be specified)					0,00
Details	0,00	0	unit	0,00	
Contingencies (cannot be used without the prior and express approval by the Commission, by the way of a written note allowing for reallocation(s) of part or total of this provision to one or several items above)					
Calculation base	0,00				
Contingencies: approx. % of calculation base		0	%	0,00	
Sub-total "Reimbursable Expenses" (Art. I.3.3)					0,00
Overall Total					00,00

w.d. = 1 working day for 1 expert

2. Calculation of amounts due under the present Contract

2.1. Fees

Initial calculation based on unit price(s) per w.d. of expert(s) depending on the level of qualification of the expert(s) executing the mission. The unit price(s) is (are) expected to cover the expert(s) fees, the Contractor's administrative expenses, as well as the costs of producing the contractual number of

copies of the required report(s) ¹¹ in the required format(s), but does not include the reimbursable expenses defined below.

N.B. Duration of the services: This includes, besides the time necessary for the carrying out of the services themselves, the necessary time for preparatory work, trips and travelling back and forth between the offices of the Contractor and/or the expert(s) and the places where the services are being carried out and for meetings with the services of the Commission, as well as time for the preparation of reports and output documents related to the work.

2.2. Reimbursements

If the reimbursement of expenses is foreseen in the Special Conditions, the Commission will reimburse only:

- the subsistence expenses of the Contractor and his staff,
- travel expenses (other than local transport costs),
- expenses for the shipment of equipment or unaccompanied luggage,

directly connected with performance of the tasks specified in Article I.1. of this Contract.

2.2.1 DSAs (Daily Subsistence Allowances)

The daily subsistence allowance (DSA) is paid as a flat-rate amount and is considered to cover breakfast and two main meals, local travel, the cost of telecommunications, including fax and Internet, and all other sundries. They will be paid for each calendar day spent on mission away from the usual place of work, provided that the corresponding assignment is of a short-term nature. The DSA will vary according to the country in which the missions are to be carried out.

Daily subsistence allowances (DSA) are to be calculated as follows according to the length of the mission:

- 6 hours or less: reimbursement of actual expenses (on production of supporting documents);
- more than 6 hours but not more than 12 hours: 0.5 DSA;
- more than 12 hours, but not more than 24 hours: 1 DSA;
- more than 24 hours but not more than 36 hours: 1.5 DSA;
- more than 36 hours but not more than 48 hours: 2 DSA;
- more than 48 hours but not more than 60 : 2.5 DSA, and so on.

The agreed rates (in EUR per calendar day) to be used for the purposes of the present Contract are set as follows:

Destinations		DSA in EUR	Maximum hotel price in EUR
AT	Austria	95,00	130,00
BE	Belgium	92,00	140,00
BG	Bulgaria	70,00	205,00
CY	Cyprus	93,00	145,00
CZ	Czech Republic	75,00	155,00
DE	Germany	93,00	115,00
DK	Denmark	120,00	150,00
EE	Estonia	71,00	110,00
EL	Greece	82,00	140,00
ES	Spain	87,00	125,00
FI	Finland	104,00	140,00
FR	France	95,00	150,00
HR	Croatia	60,00	120,00
HU	Hungary	72,00	150,00
IE	Ireland	104,00	150,00

Destinations		DSA in EUR	Maximum hotel price in EUR
IT	Italy	95,00	135,00
LT	Lithuania	68,00	115,00
LU	Luxembourg	92,00	145,00
LV	Latvia	66,00	145,00
MK	Macedonia	50,00	160,00
MT	Malta	90,00	115,00
NL	The Netherlands	93,00	170,00
PL	Poland	72,00	145,00
PT	Portugal	84,00	120,00
RO	Romania	60,00	170,00
SE	Sweden	97,00	160,00
SI	Slovenia	70,00	110,00
SK	Slovakia	80,00	125,00
TR	Turkey	55,00	165,00
UK	United Kingdom	101,00	175,00

¹¹ All details on Monitoring and Reporting are to be indicated and included in the Tender Specifications.

2.2.2 *Travel expenses*

Travel expenses shall be reimbursed following the provisions of Article II.7.3.

3. Additional provision

It is understood that the Parts “Fees and Direct Costs” and “Reimbursable Expenses” are set as provisions only. They constitute a maximum for the overall cumulative value of all services rendered by the Contractor under the present Contract – they will be due only if services are actually rendered to the Commission according to this Contract and its Annexes, both in quantity and in quality.

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ANNEX IV CVs and classification of experts

1. Classification of experts according to level of expertise

<i>Level of qualification</i>	<i>Category of personnel</i>
I	Highly qualified expert having assumed important responsibilities in his/her profession, recruited for his/her management/supervisory, thought and creativity skills as regards professional practise. He/she must have at least 15 years professional experience of which at least 7 must be connected with the professional sector concerned and the type of tasks to be performed.
II	Highly qualified expert having assumed responsibilities in his/her profession, recruited for his/her management/supervisory, thought and creativity skills as regards professional practise. He/she must have at least 10 years professional experience of which at least 4 must be connected with the professional sector concerned and the type of tasks to be performed.
III	Certified expert having received a high-level training in his/her profession, recruited for his/her thought and creativity skills as regards professional practise. He/she must have at least 5 years professional experience of which at least 2 must be connected with the professional sector concerned and the type of tasks to be performed.
IV	Junior expert, newcomer to the profession but holding a university degree or equivalent training related to the professional sector concerned and the type of tasks to be performed.

2. List of experts assigned

Full names of experts assigned	Level of Qualification (I to iv, see above)
Mister x	I

3. CVs of experts assigned

See Annex II.

Fiscal provisions regarding invoicing by the Contractor

Choose 1 out of 4 options:

- **(option 1: the Contractor is subject to VAT and his place of fiscal imposition is in Belgium)**

Local supplies and services

Supplier with fiscal imposition place in Belgium – delivery address in Belgium

1. VAT exemption – Exemption level

In Belgium, the terms of the present Contract have the same value as the VAT exemption request No 450 (VAT exemption – Article 42, par. 3.3, VAT Code).
The European Commission benefits of a direct VAT exemption for all invoices EUR 123.95 and more.

2. Invoicing the Commission

An invoice will be made for each payment related to the present Contract. The applied VAT rate and amount shall be specified.

In view of VAT exemption, invoices addressed to the European Commission should bear the mention:

“Exonération de la TVA, article 42, § 3.3, du code de la TVA” or

“Vrijstelling van BTW, artikel 42, § 3.3, BTW-Wetboek”.

The above indication is given only as piece of information. The Contractor must refer to the Belgian national laws.

- **(option 2: the Contractor is subject to VAT and his place of fiscal imposition is a Member State other than Belgium)**

Intra-community supplies and services

Supplier with fiscal imposition place in a Member State other than Belgium – delivery address in Belgium

1. VAT exemption level

The European Commission benefits of a direct exemption of VAT for all invoices of EUR 123.95 and more.

2. Use of form 15.10

To allow the Contractor to justify to the fiscal authorities an invoicing to the European Commission using a 0% VAT rate (direct exemption) or to enable the benefit of the exemption by reimbursement, it is necessary to use the form 15.10.

These forms have recently been up-dated, and the new versions are the only ones to remain in official use. They entered into force on 01.04.1997, with a new ref. XXI/03278 – 01.04.1997.

See attached document: 2 pages and 1 page of explanatory notes.

3. Signature of the form 15.10 – Delegation of signature

The forms must normally be signed by the fiscal authorities of Belgium. However, a delegation of signature has been awarded by the Belgium authorities to the European Commission – ref. ET 76430 of 22.12.1992 (This ref. No should be inserted in box 7 of new form 15.10). The Commission being represented for the present Contract by the Director General of Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities DG, form 15.10 will therefore be signed by the latter.

4. Invoicing the Commission

An invoice will be made for each payment related to the present Contract. The applied VAT rate and amount shall be specified. Concerning the direct VAT exemption or VAT exemption by the way of reimbursement, the invoice shall bear all the necessary mentions.

The above indication is given only as piece of information. The Contractor must refer to the national laws in force in his Member State of fiscal imposition.

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- **(option 3: the Contractor is not subject to VAT)**

Not applicable to the present Contract.

- **(option 4: the country of fiscal imposition of the Contractor is unknown)**

Provisions to be applied depending on the country of fiscal imposition of the Contractor..

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