

**Call for tenders for the establishment of framework contracts for the ex post evaluation of Macro-Financial Assistance (MFA) and operations of a similar nature in third countries**

This call for tenders concerns the establishment of up to three framework contracts for the evaluation of MFA and similar operations, implemented in countries outside the EU25, primarily in the Balkans and the ex-Soviet Union. The evaluations will normally take place up to two years after the final disbursement has been made to the recipient country, though in some cases they may take place earlier when considered appropriate. The evaluations are therefore largely ex post in nature

The first framework contracts will be valid for a period of one year. At the end of each year, the Commission may extend the contracts for a further year. A maximum of three renewals of each contract is possible.

It is envisaged that up to three evaluations may be conducted in any particular year of the contracts at the demand of the DG for Economic and Financial Affairs. It is also possible that additional demands to use the contracts will be received from Directorates-General responsible for the implementation of similar instruments.

The annual budgetary envelope of the framework contract amounts to €400 000. There is, however, no assurance given on the volume, value and frequency of the evaluations. It is expected that the framework contracts will be signed in the first half of 2005.

The Contract Notice for this call for tenders can be consulted in [OJ S series N° 001 of 1 January 2005 \(Ref: 2005/S 1 – 000056\)](#).

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