

# Fact Checking

- When evaluating proposals, don't forget to verify that the participants are who they say they are – check for red flags!
- Use the tools in the following slides to check.

# Examples of red flags

## The entity

- Emails not in company's domain
- Bank account in different town/country than company's headquarters
- Missing essential information on website
- False address

## Subcontracting

- Important parts of project subcontracted
- Repeated awards to same contractor
- Subcontracting to companies whose activities cannot be linked to the project

## Budget

- Perfect correlation between budget foreseen and declared
- Repeated declaration of similar amounts in work packages

# Tools - Companies

## Company registers

<https://www.commercial-register.sg.ch/home/worldwide.html>

## VAT number

[http://ec.europa.eu/taxation\\_customs/vies/vieshome.do?locale=en](http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/vies/vieshome.do?locale=en)

# Company location

Google maps – Location of a big insurance company



# Tools - Companies' websites

## IT tools

### Web archives

<http://www.archive.org/web/web.php>

### Website Domains

<http://whois.domaintools.com/>

<http://www.networksolutions.com/whois/index.jsp>