

Call for Tenders VT/2013/079

Answers to questions sent on the Call for Tenders VT/2013/079

Q1. One critical issue is the access to the different national databases such as MEGA or COLCHIC and the permission of the data owner to use these data. Mostly the permission to use these databases is restricted. It is expected that the information which is publicly available is not sufficient to evaluate the robustness and quality of the data and to achieve successful project-end with useful results (database and model).

Is the tenderer responsible to ask all data owner for permission? And what should be done if access to the data will not be given?

In principle, as mentioned in the Terms of Reference, the tenderer is responsible for contacting the Institutions and asking for access to the data. The Commission Services can write a letter of explanation encouraging the owners of private databases to share their information. This letter can also provide general information on the objectives of the project to encourage the active participation of stakeholders.

However, it will remain the decision of the data owners to provide, or not, the information requested.

Q2. The application guide states (ch. 11 a, p25), that the consolidated turnover during the previous financial year has to be 2,25 Mio. EUR.

Do we understand it right, that this amount is meant for the consortium as a whole - all partners - or does the institute acting as consortium co-ordinator has to have a consolidated turnover of 2,25 Mio EUR?

The consolidated turnover during the previous financial year should be proved by a statement of overall turnover for the grouping/consortium as a whole.

Q3. The tender documents specify the need to supply financial capacity for the partners. Will this be necessary for all the partners, or will it be sufficient if we only provide this for the lead contractor?

As indicated in point 9 of tender specifications "The documents required and listed in the following points 10 and 11 must be supplied by every member of the grouping".

As indicated in the economic and financial capacity (point 11.a), a statement of overall turnover must be provided for the grouping/consortium.

Q4. Availability of data from EUROSTAT. Our proposal will depend to quite some extent on the availability of EUROSTAT data (both labour force survey and structural business statistics). Are there any special arrangements made to access these data or will we have to apply for access to the micro data from EUROSTAT?

General information on access to microdata:

<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/microdata/introduction>

We are aware that the contractor may require access to microdata held by EUROSTAT. In connection with this, special arrangements for access to this data can be discussed when the project starts.

Q5. The final database. Are there any requirements with regard to the hosting of the final database. Can this be on website of one of the project partners, or does this need to be on a EC supported website?

Regarding the hosting of the final database, this is not specified in detail in the Terms of Reference. Therefore, the potential tenderers should put forward the different options with the suitable comments and analysis, in accordance with this aspect of the study specifications.