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## **Invitation to tender MOVE/C2/2015-582 for a contract regarding a Study TOWARDS A SINGLE AND INNOVATIVE EUROPEAN TRANSPORT SYSTEM**

**Contract notice in OJEU 2015/S 166-302371 of 28/08/2015**

### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

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#### **Question 1:**

Having regard to the most effective preparation of our potential offer, I would like to ask about the possibility of accessing information, which are indicated in the tender specifications as the preferred source of data.

#### **Answer:**

The tender specifications do not mention any preferred source of data, but point out that the tenderer will organise the data collection as to focus on the countries for which statistical data are not yet or less available. It is up to the tenderer to describe in the offer the proposed approach to the data collection.

#### **Question 2:**

Section of Specifications to which Question refers to:

Section 3.1.

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"Particular focus areas for action to be covered by the study include:

1. Connected driving and automation of transport, and use of automated optimisation of traffic flows;
2. Transformation of infrastructure to address connectivity, resilience, new fuels and energy efficiency;
3. Smart mobility services (including provision and use of data, and urban mobility), freight and logistics;
4. Standardisation and interoperability;
5. Alternative fuels other than electrification"

Question: Having in mind that Specifications refer to 2011 White Paper on Transport, which covers e.g. road transport, rail transport, air transport, sea transport,

passenger/freight transport - could you please provide explanation which "focus area" refers to which transport modes?

**Answer:**

In line with the objectives of the 2011 Transport White Paper, the aim is not to limit the focus areas to some particular sectors, but to look at all sectors and in particular cross-modal aspects per focus area.

**Question 3:**

I want to ask a) whether there any restrictions for participation of Swiss entities in these tenders and b) do they get paid directly from the tender's coordinator who is responsible for distributing the budgets to each partner?

**Answer:**

As stated in the Tender Specifications under section 1.1, "Participation in this tender procedure is open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons coming within the scope of the Treaties and to all natural and legal persons in a third country which has a special agreement with the Union in the field of public procurement on the conditions laid down in that agreement. Where the Multilateral Agreement on Government Procurement (see [http://www.wto.org/english/tratop\\_E/gproc\\_e/gp\\_gpa\\_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_E/gproc_e/gp_gpa_e.htm)) concluded within the WTO applies, the participation to the call for tenders is also open to nationals of the countries that have ratified this Agreement, on the conditions it lays down." Therefore, Swiss entities can participate in this tender.

The payment is made to the consortium leader, which makes the payments to the other members of the consortium.

**Question 4:**

The TOR indicates the study will cover 15 Member States for each focus area. Do you have an estimate of how many Member States in total you are thinking of? Can we optimize the selection and data collection by selecting those Member States which are of interest to several focus areas?

**Answer:**

Guidelines on the selection of the 15 Member States to be covered per focus area are given in the Tender Specifications under section 3.2.1. In addition, under Task 1.1 it is clarified that it is up to the tenderer to "specify which 15 countries will be assessed per focus area and the rationale for their selection."

