

Call for tenders' details

Title: Regional cooperation networks for industrial modernisation - Reconfirm initiative.

Start date: 15/04/2016

Time limit for receipt of tenders: 09/06/2016

Contracting authority: European Innovation Council and Small and Medium-sized

EnterprisesExecutive Agency (EISMEA)

Status: Closed

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#	Submission date	Publication date	Question subject	Question	Answer
1	22/04/2016 08:40	29/04/2016 17:45	Information on Tendering- Participation	<p>Geographical scope is mentioned as "the services will cover all the regions of the 28 EU Member States...".</p> <p>Besides, regarding the participation, participating countries are not defined clearly.</p> <p>In this case, firstly, can Turkey be a tenderer? Then, is Turkey in the geographical scope?</p>	<p>29/04/2016 Tenderers from Turkey as per the Tender Specifications are not eligible as leader and/or partner in a consortium.</p> <p>Regarding the geographical scope: according to section 1.4.2 "The services to be delivered will cover all regions of the 28 EU Member States for which there are national and/or regional strategies for smart specialisation". Hence, Turkey will not be covered by the services provided</p> <p>02/05/2016 PLEASE DISREGARD THE ANSWER PUBLISHED FOR THIS QUESTION A revised answer will be published shortly.</p> <p>02/05/2016 Tenderers from Turkey ARE eligible. Regarding the geographical scope: according to section 1.4.2 "The services to be delivered will cover all regions of the 28 EU Member States for which there are national and/or regional strategies for smart specialisation". Hence, Turkey will not be covered by the services provided</p>

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2	02/05/2016 11:26	02/05/2016 16:31	Matchmaking events	Could you please provide an indication of expected number of participants per matchmaking event (to be organised within Task 2.2)? Is the contractor expected to reimburse the associated travel costs of participants of the matchmaking events from the project budget?	02/05/2016 The expected number of participants per matchmaking event (to be organised within Task 2.2) has not been specified on purpose. The number of participant may vary according to the theme selected, the number of regions potentially involved and other factors. Nevertheless, an appropriate number of participants will be considered as an indicator of the potential impact of the event. The contractor is not expected to reimburse from the project budget the associated travel costs of participants of the matchmaking events. Only the costs of speakers or other event 'facilitators', if any, can be indicated as part of the subcontracting.
3	02/05/2016 11:57	02/05/2016 16:33	Focus of Reconfirm	Would it be correct to state that the Reconfirm initiative aims to focus on smart specialisation of regions specifically in the area of advanced manufacturing (as its thematic orientation)?	02/05/2016 It would be correct to state that the Reconfirm initiative aims to focus on smart specialisation of regions specifically in the area of industrial modernisation and, as part of this, also on advanced manufacturing.

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4	02/05/2016 11:34	04/05/2016 16:58	Web-based platform	Could you please specify if the contract implies the development of a dedicated web-based platform (website) for the Reconfirm initiative (as most of Reconfirm activities would benefit from online visibility)? If so, would this platform need to be embedded into the Europa platform or should it be hosted separately?	04/05/2016 The contract implies, under WP 1 of the tender specifications, the provision of the content for a dedicated web-based platform (website) of the Reconfirm initiative and the development of relevant web-pages. Such a website would need to be embedded into the Europa platform with technical support provided by the EC services. In no case the RECONFIRM platform will be hosted outside the Europa portal.
5	04/05/2016 17:17	11/05/2016 10:29	WP1 - Update RIM+	What should be the regional and thematic scope of the RIM+ update under Task 1.3? Do we need to update all regional baseline profiles for all regions and all themes, or only for the relevant regions and selected 'key areas of actions' identified under task 1.2? The ToR are not clear in this regard ... Thank you for your answer.	11/05/2016 Regarding the regional and thematic scope of the RIM+ update under Task 1.3, the contractor will have to ensure the updates for all regional baseline profiles for all regions and all themes, as provided for under the current contract for RIM+.

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6	09/05/2016 11:03	13/05/2016 10:04	Task 1.1	Could you please specify if Task 1.1 implies systemising exclusively the diverse sources of relevant information? Or does it also imply consolidating and systemising the actual information from these sources (e.g. in a form of a meta-database)? Could you please elaborate on the ultimate objective of this Task?	13/05/2016 Under Task 1.1, the contractor will have to deliver a complete "inventory of national and regional innovation strategies for smart specialisation, studies and mapping exercises". This means that the work is not limited to the identification of the relevant sources of information, but the contractor will have to consolidate the existing information in a database. In addition to that, it will be seen as an asset if the tenderer foresees the possibility – especially as regards lagging regions - to complement the above with an assessment of the key results from projects funded under any EU programme.
7	13/05/2016 11:30	20/05/2016 09:52	Deadline for submission	Given the size of the project and the relative short time between issue of the tender and the deadline for submission, we were wondering whether it would be possible to extend the deadline with 1 or 2 weeks.	20/05/2016 It is not possible to extend the deadline for submission beyond 30.05.2016. The Contracting authority considers that the time allowed is sufficient for the preparation of the offer.

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8	17/05/2016 15:33	25/05/2016 17:44	Documentum	<p>Page 10 of 32 of the specifications states that: The site should also respect DG GROW's editorial guidelines and should be created in WCMS (Documentum) Our understanding is that Documentum is being phased out by the end of the year. Can you confirm this is the technology that you wish us to use?</p>	<p>25/05/2016 It is correct to say that "Documentum" is phasing out. However, at the moment when the tender specifications were prepared, this information was not yet confirmed. The contractor will be asked to follow the guidelines of the IT service of the Commission which will be made available during the implementation of the project</p>
9	25/05/2016 15:37	30/05/2016 17:39	Declaration on honour on exclusion criteria and selection criteria	<p>Under point 4 in the Declaration on honour on exclusion criteria and selection criteria, if we would like to declare that we are not facing a ground for rejection from this offer based on the (h) and (i), which of the boxes should we tick? The question is phrased in such a way that we are not sure whether we need to tick the "yes" or "no" box.</p>	<p>30/05/2016 Regarding point (h), tenderers should choose 'No' if they have not distorted competition by being previously involved in the preparation of procurement documents for this procurement procedure; and 'yes' to point (i) if they have provided accurate, sincere and complete information to the contracting authority within the context of this procurement procedure.</p>

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10	30/05/2016 18:09	31/05/2016 17:09	Your answer on Question #9 about the declaration on honour.	<p>We have submitted the declaration of honour for many tenders and are quite suprised about your answer on Q #9. As "YES" and "NO" should indicate if you are in a specific situation, the answer "NO" would lead to a double negative: "No, I'm not in the situation that I have not distorted competition." Which means that you have distorted competition.</p> <p>We have already collected the documents from our subcontractors. We and them ticked "YES", which means "YES, I am in the situation that I have not distorted competition."</p> <p>Our understanding of the document was always that within a specific category you expect the same answer if a tenderer fulfills all exclusion and selection criteria (that's why you chose a negative formulation for h):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. block Tick "No" in all boxes 2. block Tick "No" in all boxes 3. block Tick "No" or "N/A" in all boxes 4. block Tick "YES" in all boxes 5. block (no check-box) 6. block Tick "YES" in all boxes 7. block (no check-box) <p>Could you please let us know if you</p>	<p>31/05/2016</p> <p>We confirm that our answer to question n.9 is correct.</p> <p>In such cases and to avoid any confusion or doubt we would advise to add an additional statement to go with the tender clearly stating that:</p> <p>(a)neither you, nor your partners or your subcontractors has distorted competition by being previously involved in the preparation of procurement documents for this procurement procedure;</p> <p>(b)you, your partners, and your subcontractors have provided accurate, sincere and complete information to the contracting authority within the context of this procurement procedure."</p>

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				Could you please let us know if you persist on "NO" for h) in the declaration of honour if a tenderer has not distorted competition and we would need to collect new forms from our partners?	

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