

## Call for tenders' details

Title: Social business initiative (SBI) follow-up: cooperation between social economy enterprises and traditional enterprises.

Start date: 29/07/2016

Time limit for receipt of tenders: 21/09/2016

Contracting authority: Executive Agency for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (EASME)

Status: Closed

## Call for tenders question list

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#	Submission date	Publication date	Question subject	Question	Answer
1	18/08/2016 16:45	24/08/2016 10:50	Eligibility of GECES Members	<p>The European Commission's Social Business Initiative (SBI) counts on the support of an Expert Group on Social Entrepreneurship, officially named "Groupe d'experts de la Commission sur l'entrepreneuriat social – GECES", who, according to DG GROWTH's webpage, are "consulted by the Commission on the development, setting up and implementation of all the actions mentioned in the SBI". Could you please confirm that all members of this group (both the list that joined the group in February 2012 and the one in February 2015), as well as the organizations (companies, NGOs, networks, foundations, etc.) they represent are excluded from participating in this contract because of a conflict of interest? To our understanding, these experts/organizations interact with/advise the European Commission on a regular basis on the SBI, having direct access to privileged information thus making their participation in this tender procedure unfair for the rest of the tenderers.</p>	<p><b>24/08/2016</b> There is no possible conflict of interests between GECES entities/experts and a possible tender sent since neither the GECES as a whole nor the GECES experts individually have worked on this subject in the GECES, nor have they seen the Term of reference before it was launched/published (29/07/2016). Neither the GECES nor its members and experts have an access to any specific/ additional information which is not available to other tenderers or which would put them in a privileged position when applying under this tender. All work of the GECES is public and can be followed on the GECES website. Therefore nothing prevents any GECES private entity or expert to be part of a possible tender.</p>

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2	21/08/2016 15:06	24/08/2016 17:23	Task 2: Organisation of a wrap-up two-day conference in Brussels "The (2 day) conference will be organised in the Commission premises (interpretation to be provided by the Commission)" (Tender specification Page 9)	Could the Commission confirm to potential tenderers that all out-of-pocket costs incurred by the invited participants to this conference (travel, lodgings, etc) will be reimbursed to the participants directly by the Commission. Other than covering the direct costs incurred by the staff of the tenderer attending the conference on behalf of the tenderer, the successful tenderer will not be required to bear any participant costs.	<b>24/08/2016</b> The Commission will only offer (then cover) the premises (EC premises) and interpreters (SCIC interpreters). All other costs incurred by the invited participants to this conference (transport, accommodation, catering, etc.) will be at the successful tenderer's charge.

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3	06/09/2016 10:39	08/09/2016 16:43	Cost to be covered for the participants of the conference	<p>Dear madam/sir,</p> <p>On page 9 of the tender specifications, Task 2 explains the organisation of a two day conference in Brussels. Following a previous published clarification we would kindly like to ask, will the selected contractor have to cover the costs (travels, accomodation, per diems, etc) of all invited participants? Or is it the decision of the contractor to invite a number of participants sponsored (all costs covered) and some not sponsored? Thank you in advance for your answer.</p>	<p><b>08/09/2016</b></p> <p>It is up to the tenderer to propose the structure of potential participants of the Conference and to decide how to budget it in the financial offer.</p> <p>As stated in the answer 2 the Commission will only offer (then cover) the premises (EC premises) and interpreters (SCIC interpreters). All other costs incurred by the invited participants to the Conference (transport, accommodation, catering, etc.) will be at the successful tenderer's charge.</p> <p>According to the Section 1.4 of Tender Specifications (TS) the Conference plays a very important role in the whole project, as it is aimed at agreeing on the recommendations and on the future action plan. Therefore, it is important to ensure the most appropriate and efficient representation of stakeholders in the event (number of participants disaggregated by specific groups is also to be proposed as quantitative indicators – see Section 1.6 of TS).</p> <p>The above should be taken under consideration by the tenderers in the methodology and in the financial offer.</p>

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4	08/09/2016 13:02	09/09/2016 13:43	Tender specifications-Clarifications	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I would like to ask 2 questions:</p> <p>1) Is there a minimum number of participants foreseen for the 2day conference?</p> <p>2) Concerning data and indicators collected during the 1st phase of SBI, will these be made available to the winning contractor?</p>	<p><b>09/09/2016</b> All information collected via the SBI is on the SBI website (<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/social-economy/enterprises/">http://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/social-economy/enterprises/</a>). However the SBI website reflects the fact that the SBI roadmap was more a public policy roadmap than a specific data and indicators collection exercise.</p> <p><b>12/09/2016</b> 1) Is there a minimum number of participants foreseen for the 2day conference? R: No, there is no minimum number of participants foreseen. 2) Concerning data and indicators collected during the 1st phase of SBI, will these be made available to the winning contractor?" R: All information collected via the SBI is on the SBI website (<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/social-economy/enterprises/">http://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/social-economy/enterprises/</a>). However the SBI website reflects the fact that the SBI roadmap was more a public policy roadmap than a specific data and indicators collection exercise.</p>