

## Call for tenders' details

Title: Study on 'Investigation into interoperability standards for the promotion of the internal market for electronic communications' - SMART 2014/0023.

Start date: 22/07/2014

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Contracting authority: European Commission, DG for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (CONNECT)

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#	Submission date	Publication date	Question subject	Question	Answer
1	08/08/2014 17:48	12/08/2014 13:45	Clarification of the goal of the study	The tender specification uses several times the expression "cross border". Could you confirm if the goal of the study is to assess the feasibility of a technical solution whereby an access seeker present in one given country (e.g. France) could provide services based on VULA in all EU countries? Or, is it understood that for an access seeker to provide services based on VULA in all EU countries, the access seeker will have to purchase VULA and get interconnected locally in each of the EU countries?	<b>12/08/2014</b> The tender specifications for the study 'Investigation into access and interoperability standards for the promotion of the internal market for electronic communications networks and services' (SMART 2014/0023) specifies as its objective 'to support the Commission's policy development efforts towards the building of a truly single market for electronic communications through a thorough techno-economic assessment of the technical specifications and related standards supporting the provisions of virtual access products in Europe as well as an assessment of the conditions required for ensuring technical harmonisation and related network and service interoperability in the EU'. When the tender specifications refer to 'cross-border service provision' (in section 1 regarding the context) or 'cross-border' environment (in section 2 regarding tasks), they refer to the provision of electronic communications retail services (for both residential and business markets) by one operator in more than one Member State on the basis of own network assets and/or harmonised wholesale access products. For the purpose of the study it is

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					For the purpose of the study it is hence understood that for an access seeker to provide services based on VULA (or other classes of access products referred to in the tender specifications) in all (or more than one) EU countries, the access seeker will have to purchase VULA (or other classes of access products referred to in the tender specifications) and get interconnected in each of the EU countries.
2	20/08/2014 19:52	26/08/2014 12:24	Criteria for the qualification of technical background	One of the criteria is "Experience in working at EU level with at least 3 EU-wide projects delivered in the last five years". Could you please give more details on what constitutes "EU level"? Does this mean that - the referenced projects must have the European Commission as the client; or - the clients can be private entities but the projects must involve studies and research on several Member states?	<b>26/08/2014</b> Experience in working at EU level with at least 3 EU-wide projects delivered in the last five years does not mean that those projects must have the European Commission as a client. Clients may be private or public entities. However, those projects should cover the European Union.

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3	26/08/2014 19:09	27/08/2014 08:46	Title of Annexes 1, 4, 5, 6A, 6B	<p>Currently, the title for the Annexes 1, 4, 5, 6A, 6B as provided on Ted eTendering is</p> <p>"Identification of the market of radio equipment operating in license-exempt frequency bands to assess medium and long-term spectrum usage densities – SMART 2014/0023"</p> <p>Shouldn't the title of the Annexes be in line with the current tender such as</p> <p>"Investigation into interoperability standards for the promotion of the internal market for electronic communications – SMART 2014/0023"</p> <p>Many thanks for your reply,</p> <p>Best regards,</p> <p>TERA Consultants</p>	<p><b>27/08/2014</b></p> <p>The annexes 1,4,5,6A and 6B have been updated with the version displaying the correct heading of the call 'Investigation into interoperability standards for the promotion of the internal market for electronic communication'. The annexes 1,4,5,6A and 6B in Tender Specifications have been corrected accordingly.</p>

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