

## Call for tenders' details

Title: Support for Social Statistics Protection

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Status: Closed

## Call for tenders question list

#	Submission date	Publication date	Question subject	Question	Answer
1	14/01/2019 09:59	22/01/2019 08:47	Question about Task 1.A – Methodological documents for the ESSPROS meetings	Would it be possible to have an idea of the expected length (n° of pages) of the methodological documents to be drafted under this task? Thank you.	<b>22/01/2019</b> The length of the methodological documents is variable, depending on the complexity of the subject and the level of detail of the analysis. However, you can have an idea by consulting the documents of the latest Social protection Working Group and Task Force meetings (the links are included in the tender specifications). In particular, you should consider the WG documents under point "ESSPROS Task Force on methodology" (e.g. point 8 of the WG 2018) and the TF documents under point "Methodological review of the existing ESSPROS system" (e.g. point 5 of the TF 2017).

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2	14/01/2019 10:09	22/01/2019 08:49	Expected results of Task 1: D1A	When indicating that for each of the two renewal contracts, "12 draft and final documents" are expected, does it mean that those 12 documents will include both draft and final versions, or does it mean that there will be 12 draft documents and 12 final documents (for each year of contract)?	<b>22/01/2019</b> It is intended 12 draft documents and 12 final documents.

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3	21/01/2019 09:41	22/01/2019 08:54	Task 2 - New ESSPROS module on beneficiaries of unemployment social benefits	<p>Question 1: Concerning the content, we would like to know to what extent existent knowledge about the sources employed to fill in the SOCR database will be shared. More specifically, the report presented during the last meeting of the ESSPROS TF in November 2018 (DOC SP-TF-2018-04.1 Annex 1) suggests on page 32 that a "brief examination" of these sources has been carried out but did not result in useful indications of possible sources. Question 2: From the same document, we take that in order to develop the new ESSPROS module, several methodological aspects still have to be clarified such as a clear definition of unemployment benefit recipients, the scope of benefits to be included, the level of data aggregation, the type of measurement, the frequency of data collection etc. Indeed, before an analysis of possible data sources in member states can take place these things will have to be specified. Would this be part of task 2 of the call or are specifications provided by Eurostat?</p>	<p><b>22/01/2019</b> Answer question 1: Available knowledge about the sources employed to fill in the SOCR database will be shared. Answer question 2: More precise specifications are expected from the Working Group meeting in May 2019. However, some methodological aspects may still need further work after May 2019.</p>

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4	21/01/2019 09:43	22/01/2019 08:55	Possibility of publishing in an academic context the results of the project and in particular of TASK 2.	In the ambition of academic publishing, we would like to know if there is any chance of using the work on the project for this purpose? Of course, none of the data nor any of the produced reports can be used as such. Still, how about an article discussing the technical challenges of developing a European benefit reciprocity database/module on the basis of national statistical records?	<b>22/01/2019</b> Academic publications on benefits recipients are not part of this task.
5	21/01/2019 12:10	22/01/2019 08:57	Indicative start for Task 2	Following the description of Task 2 on page 12 of the ToR, the first draft of the report (deliverable D2.A) is expected 4 months after the start of tasks execution. Based on the draft time schedule on page 15 of the ToR, this should be during the third quarter of 2019. Can you confirm that June 2019 could also be considered valid to start working on task 2, as this task mainly depends on the decisions that will be taken during the Social Protection Working Group meeting of May 2019 and therefore we logically see the start of this Task 2 after the Working Group meeting in May 2019?	<b>22/01/2019</b> We confirm.

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6	29/01/2019 11:44	30/01/2019 09:46	TAsk 2. Expected tasks	<p>From the description of task 2 in the ToR, we understand that the first report will include, on the one hand, an analysis of possible data sources in EU member states with the aim of developing the new ESSPROS module. On the other hand, a proposal for a pilot data collection is expected. In the tworenewal contracts (each 12 months), documents are expected in which results of the pilot data collection are reflected. The question arises of who will be responsible for the step in-between: the data collection itself? Will this be done by Eurostat or would this also be part of task 2? If contractors are not responsible for the data collection, will the data be made available by Eurostat to evaluate the process and the content of the pilot project?</p>	<p><b>30/01/2019</b> Eurostat is responsible of the pilot data collection and will provide available documents.</p>

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7	29/01/2019 11:45	30/01/2019 09:47	Task 2 - pilot data collection	We were wondering about the scope of the pilot data collection. Does it mean to run a pilot including all member states or would this focus on the countries that are – subject to the analysis of possible data sources – the most promising in terms of data availability and conformity to the module-specific methodology?	<b>30/01/2019</b> Pilot data collections are on voluntary basis.
9	05/02/2019 10:25	06/02/2019 09:24	Power of attorney	The tender documents read that the power of attorney must be provided only after the award of the contract but that a letter must be included signed by each member of the group of economic operators giving the authorisation to the lead partner to submit the tender on its behalf (no model provided). However, Annex 9 lists the power of attorney as one of the obligatory documents to be uploaded. Can you please confirm which is correct? Thank you	<b>06/02/2019</b> At the step of the submission, all members of the consortium has to sign an authorisation to the group leader to submit the tender on its behalf (named as power of attorney, correspond to the first line in the check list Annex9). The annex 4 Power of attorney will be requested in the notification letter only in case of award.

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10	05/02/2019 11:43	06/02/2019 09:25	Quality reports (Web links on page 8/43 of the Tender Specifications).	<p>Dear Madam, Dear Sir, It seems the following links (p 8/43 of the Tender Specifications) are not working:</p> <p><a href="http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/social-protection/quality/consolidated-quality-report">http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/social-protection/quality/consolidated-quality-report</a>  <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/social-protection/quality/national-quality-reports-core-system">http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/social-protection/quality/national-quality-reports-core-system</a>  <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/social-protection/quality/national-quality-reports-pension-beneficiaries">http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/social-protection/quality/national-quality-reports-pension-beneficiaries</a>  <a href="http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/social_protection/quality/National_quality_reports_on_net_social_protection_benefits">http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/social_protection/quality/National_quality_reports_on_net_social_protection_benefits</a></p>	<p><b>06/02/2019</b>                      The link to the quality reports has changed due to the recent reorganisation of our dedicated pages. The new link (for all kind of reports) is  <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/social-protection/quality">https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/social-protection/quality</a></p>

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