

Call for tenders' details

Title: Overview of District Heating and Cooling Markets and Regulatory Frameworks under the Revised Renewable Energy Directive

Start date: 15/02/2019

Time limit for receipt of tenders: 29/03/2019

Contracting authority: European Commission, DG Energy (ENER)

Status: Closed

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1	20/03/2019 15:25	22/03/2019 09:37	Submission of declaration of honor and tender report	The document "EN-invitation-to-tender-e-submission" indicates that the declarations of honor and tender report shall be dated and signed, either by hand or by applying an advanced electronic signature based on a qualified certificate, by an authorised representative of the signatory. In the case of a joint tender, where the tender leader and some partners have an electronic signature and some others don't, is it possible to send by post only the documents that don't have an electronic signature? Best regards,	22/03/2019 The scans of documents signed by hand must be attached to the tender in e-submission. Their originals shall follow by post. There is no need to send by post documents signed electronically.

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2	19/03/2019 12:16	22/03/2019 14:13	Section 2.2 (Description of Tasks)	The description of Tasks 1, 2 and 5 indicates that the final geographical coverage and content of the analyses will be decided in agreement with the EC. Regarding geographical coverage, could you please confirm that there will be no extension of the geographical scope (i.e. MMSS + Norway, Iceland and Ukraine)? In case of reduction of the nr. of countries to be analysed, could you please provide further information on the criteria to decide which countries will be studied? Could you please also indicate if the geographical coverage of Tasks 1, 2 and 5 could differ?	22/03/2019 There will be no extension of the geographical coverage. Under Tasks 1, the full-specified coverage will apply. Under Tasks 2 and 5, the geographical coverage for some elements of the deliverables may focus on EU Member States and require less or no detail on the non-EU countries or EU countries where district heating does not exist or is marginal. For example, under Sub-Tasks 2.1 and 2.4, the focus is on the countries, where the typical district heating solutions are the best represented. Under Task 5, the description of EU Member States is to be thorough, while for non-EU countries fewer elements would suffice.

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3	19/03/2019 12:16	22/03/2019 14:18	Section 2.2 (Description of Tasks)	The description of Task 1 indicates that the contractor is expected to provide a description of “historical developments and investment approaches followed”. Could you please clarify what you mean by “investment approaches”? Does it relate only to historical data or also ongoing and future investments?	22/03/2019 The bullet point “The historical developments and investment approaches followed” will explore the questions of how and why district heating networks were developed; how and by which actors the necessary investments and financing were secured; whether there were changes in the financing/investment approach over time and what is the current approach. For those countries, where district heating and cooling have no tradition, the focus will be on the present situation.
4	19/03/2019 12:17	22/03/2019 14:19	Section 2.2 (Description of Tasks)	The description of Tasks 3 and 4 indicates that the contractor will elaborate up to 10 case studies and that the geographical distribution of these case studies will be defined in agreement with the European Commission. In order to provide an accurate and comparable budget for this study, could you please precise the number of case studies that each competitor should base their offer on? Shall it be 10 case studies or less?	22/03/2019 The number of case studies will not be higher than 10. In case of Task 4, as little as six case studies may be sufficient to gain a representative sample and a comprehensive overview of the possibilities. In case of Task 3, eight case studies may suffice for the same purpose. The Commission will decide on the exact number of case studies in agreement with the contractor after discussing tasks.

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5	19/03/2019 12:17	22/03/2019 14:48	Section 2.3 (Timetable)	Could you please clarify the expected content of the second interim report, in particular regarding tasks 2, 3 and 4? The latter is not included in the description, while Task 2 appears twice. Could you please indicate if all case studies analysed by Tasks 3 and 4 should be included in the respective preliminary draft deliverables?	22/03/2019 The second mentioning of Task 2 in relation to the second interim report is a clerical mistake. In the second interim report, for Tasks 3 and 4 the preliminary draft deliverables should be provided, while for Task 2, the draft deliverables should already be prepared. The text for the second interim report should therefore read as follows: "The second interim report providing the final deliverables under Tasks 1, the draft deliverables under Tasks 2 and 5 and preliminary draft deliverables under Tasks 3 and 4 shall be provided at the latest 10 months following the entry into force of the contract." The Commission will discuss the exact content of the second interim report with the contractor. In principle, this will cover the detailed approach and outline of the deliverables under Tasks 3 and 4, but not yet the developed set of case studies. The case studies will be developed in detail for the draft final report and the final deliverables.

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6	19/03/2019 15:43	22/03/2019 14:51	Clarifications	<p>1. On page 11 third paragraph you state “Second Interim Report providing the final deliverables under Tasks 1, the draft deliverables under Tasks 2 and 5 and preliminary draft deliverables under Tasks 2 and 3 shall be provided at the latest 10 months...” do you mean “preliminary draft deliverables under Tasks 3 and 4 shall be provided at the latest 10 months...” rather than “preliminary draft deliverables under Tasks 2 and 3 shall be provided at the latest 10 months...” 2. We note that there is no timing given on submission of the final report. Please can you advise when this will be expected? 3. On page 15 section 4.2.4 under criteria relating to tenderers first paragraph last sentence states that ‘...project references indicated below consist in a list of relevant services provide in the past three years however Criterion A1 states the tenderer must provide references delivered in these fields in the last five years and criterion A3 delivered in the last two years. Please can you confirm these are correct?</p>	<p>22/03/2019 1. The second mentioning of Task 2 is a clerical mistake. The text for the second interim report should read as follows: “The second interim report providing the final deliverables under Tasks 1, the draft deliverables under Tasks 2 and 5 and preliminary draft deliverables under Tasks 3 and 4 shall be provided at the latest 10 months following the entry into force of the contract.” 2. The final report is foreseen to be submitted 18 months after the entry into force of the contract, i.e. 2 months after the draft final report. The exact timing will depend on the time required to finalise the draft final report on the basis of the Commission’s comments. 3. For Criterion A1 the requirement set out in Evidence A1 applies. Accordingly, the applicable timeframe is 5 years, i.e. the last 5 years is the period within which the evidence listed in A1 should be provided as a minimum. That means that the tenderer must provide evidences for five projects delivered in the last five years with a minimum value of 120.000 EUR for each project. These projects must relate to the fields listed under Criterion A1. The chapeau of section 4.2.4a is corrected to read as follows: Tenderers (in case of a joint tender the combined capacity of all</p>

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				can you confirm these are correct? 4. Will the data submitted on district heating and cooling by member States, as required under Article 24(6) of Directive 2012/27/EU, be made available to the study?	tender the combined capacity of all members of the group and identified subcontractors) must comply with the criteria listed below. The project references indicated below consist in a list of relevant services provided during the requested time period, with the sums, dates and clients, public or private, accompanied by statements issued by the clients. 4. The data under Article 24(6) of Directive 2012/27/EU is collected by Eurostat and will be available publicly.

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