

Call for tenders' details

Title: New Mobility Patterns in European Cities

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#	Submission date	Publication date	Question subject	Question	Answer
1	18/04/2019 16:45	23/04/2019 11:14	Methodology to conduct an EU-wide NTS.	Strictly following the NTS methodology as prescribed in Eurostat's Passenger Mobility Guidelines in all EU MS, might prove to be prohibitive in light of the available budget reserved for task A. To which extent flexibility exists in the methodological approach to be followed under this task?	<p>23/04/2019</p> <p>Dear Madam/Sir, In the technical specification document, it is mentioned "The methodological reference for the study shall be the latest version of Eurostat Guidelines on Passenger Mobility Statistics to the best extent possible." Thus we don't expect a complete compliance with the Guidelines. In the Technical Specifications a minimum requirements are specified, such as conducting the survey through probability sampling or the minimum effective sample size of 1067 respondents, use of the same definitions (e.g. travel purpose) etc. Besides a number of recommendations are made (such as stratified random sampling, to collect a sample ranging between a minimum of 1,067 to 9,604 , etc). Beyond these the contractor has the flexibility to propose the appropriate methodology, taking into account the minimum requirements and the recommendation for methodology as well as the resources available. The proposed methodological approach should be justified. "It suffices to collect information from a sample of the reference population, insofar that this sample is representative for that reference population. The quality of a sample depends on two elements: the</p>

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					sample depends on two elements: the sampling frame and the sampling method." (Passenger Mobility Guidelines, 2018, page 42). Best regards.

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2	18/04/2019 17:03	23/04/2019 14:48	Task C. Territoriality principle.	Is it possible to be more precise on the definition of the territoriality principle as opposed to the nationality principle currently applied in TRACCS, in particular in relation to the level of the territory typology (e.g. LAU level 2 or NUTS 3). Based on the tender specifications we would expect the definition of Metro Regions (NUTS 3) to be leading but would like to receive confirmation of this.	<p>23/04/2019 Dear Madam, dear Sir, The tender specifications document provides the context definition of urban area, corresponding to the EC-OECD definition of "greater city" and their boundaries (section 2.3.2, page 20). The definitions should be consistent through the whole survey (Tasks A, B and C). References are https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/cities/spatial-units. However, as concerns the Task 3: Development of a consistent dataset for quantitative analysis, it is mentioned that "The transport activity should be however based on the territoriality principle, unlike the TRACCS project where the nationality principle has been used." In general, international road freight data is reported based on the nationality principle. In order to adjust this data according to the territoriality principle, Eurostat uses data disaggregated at NUTS 3 level (as explained in the article 'Freight transport statistics-modal split'). This method is recommended. In this context, the NUTS 3 concepts should be applied. Best Regards</p>

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3	09/05/2019 09:09	10/05/2019 10:00	Evidence	Dear sir, madam, Regarding the evidence described for criteria A3, do you mean that each survey has to cover a minimum of 10 countries or do you mean that the 5 surveys altogether have to cover 10 countries?	10/05/2019 Dear madam, sir, with regards to the criterion A3, the tenderer must provide a list of a minimum five statistical surveys and/or opinion polls [...] each carried out in at least ten EU countries or territories covered by this tender in the past three years. Many thanks, best regards
4	10/05/2019 13:03	10/05/2019 13:51	Criteria A3	Dear sir, madam, Regarding the evidence described for criteria A3, can you please confirm that these five statistical surveys and/or opinion polls can address consumers and/or enterprises. Thank you in advance!	10/05/2019 Dear madam, sir, as evidence for criterion A3 (The tenderer must prove its experience in the field of running representative statistical surveys and polls at international level), we confirm that the tenderer must provide a minimum five statistical surveys and/or opinion polls addressing consumers and/or enterprises. Many thanks, best regards

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5	22/05/2019 16:38	22/05/2019 18:13	Selection criteria B1	Are EU funded project (H2020) also considered in the above 1 million projects ?	<p>22/05/2019 Dear Madam/Sir, In the tender specification document, with regards to B1 - Project manager, it is specified: "at least 5 years of experience in project management, including overseeing project delivery, quality control of delivered service, client orientation and conflict resolution experience in projects of a similar size (at least EUR 1,000,000) and coverage (at least 10 countries covered), with experience in management of team of at least 5 people and with knowledge of EU data protection framework." This is one of the technical and professional capacity criteria and evidence to be compliant with, related to the team delivering the service, to be CV consistent evidenced. There are no further restrictions to typologies of projects except those in the tender specifications. Many thanks, best regards.</p>
6	22/05/2019 16:52	28/05/2019 10:18	Annexes templates	Would you please provide annex 1 2 3 templates in word format ?	<p>28/05/2019 Dear Madam/Sir, The documents have been made available as separate documents. Many Thanks, Best Regards,</p>

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7	27/05/2019 12:55	29/05/2019 16:47	Data and outputs from the survey	Dear Madam/Sir, I would like to ask if the data and outputs from the survey (passenger mobility and Urban Logistic surveys) could be used for research purposes and results from analysis could be publicized by the research institutes or not. Thank you in advance.	29/05/2019 Dear Madam/Sir, The Union acquires ownership of the results of contract implementation (article I.10 of the draft contract (Annex 3)). Having said this, the results of the surveys, once made publicly available, may be reused under the conditions of article 6 of Commission Decision 2011/833/EU. Kind regards,

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8	30/05/2019 10:15	31/05/2019 12:44	Deadline of Task C	Dear sir/ madam, peer review check for task C.1 should be done within 10 months or after them? On page 32 is mentioned, that subtask C.1 should be done within 10 months including peer review, but on page 36 D.4 1st Progress Report (T+10 months) is mentioned, that peer review check should be after this deadline. Thank you.	31/05/2019 Dear Madam/Sir, according to the tender specifications, as part of a quality control check process, data should be provided in a user friendly format and fully documented. It will then be submitted to a panel of experts on the different transport modes. In the light of this peer review, data will then be amended and/or completed, as necessary. The peer review process is not intended to be a single task, but a set of interactions taking place at different moments during the survey. In the tender specifications it is mentioned that: - with regards to C.1.1 and C.1.2, [the tasks] shall be completed within 10 months from the conclusion of sub-task C.0, including the respective peer-reviews; - with regards to C.2.1, C.2.2 and C.2.3, [the tasks] shall be completed within 10 months from the completion of sub-tasks C.1.1 and C.1.2, including the respective peer-reviews; - tasks C.3 further defines deadlines for above tasks'peer reviews as the first is to be expected for data-set version for C.1.1 and C.1.2 while the second for C.2.1, C.2.2 and C.2.3. These requirements are reflected in the schedule for deliverable and meetings (pages 35 onward). D.4 specifies that "[sub-tasks are] to be shared with the

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					tasks are] to be shared with the Contracting Authority and with the Peer Review group for further refinement". D.8 specifies that "[sub-tasks are] to be shared with the Contracting Authority and with the Peer Review group for further refinement". The Final Report of Task C (D.9) must be ready to be submitted to the final Peer review by t+24. Many thanks, best regards,

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9	04/06/2019 09:09	04/06/2019 13:02	Sample size	<p>Our understanding regarding the sample size for urban logistics survey is that either we choose to collect the activity of at least 100 vehicles for a reference week (7 days) in each selected city either we choose collect the activity of 700 vehicles for a reference day (1 day). Correct?</p>	<p>04/06/2019 Dear Madam/Sir, The contractor shall collect the activity of at least 100 vehicles over a reference week (7 days) in each selected city, by interviewing a variety of logistics operators in each Member State (at least 10). In case it is not possible to follow the 100 vehicles over the week, the minimum sample size shall be 700 for each city, for each particular day of the week. However, the contractor should propose a sample size to properly reflect the activity of light and heavy goods vehicles and the NACE rev. 2 composition of the logistics operator in urban freight, taking into account the desired precision of results (in terms of margin of error), a confidence level of 95% for the main indicators of the survey (indicated in sub-task B.2.5) and the sampling method. The chosen sample size should be proposed by the tenderer in their offer, to be discussed with and approved by the Contracting Authority at the inception of the work. Many thanks, Best regards</p>