

Call for tenders' details

Title: Gender Equality Prospects in Labour Markets Transformed by Artificial Intelligence and Platform Work

Start date: 24/04/2020

Time limit for receipt of tenders: 08/06/2020

Contracting authority: European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)

Status: Closed

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#	Submission date	Publication date	Question subject	Question	Answer
1	08/05/2020 11:57	11/05/2020 16:14	Electronic signature	Under current circumstances, will the contracting authority accept electronically signed administrative documents?	11/05/2020 Yes. Electronically signed documents will be accepted. Note that once possible, all tenderers shall provide dated, signed by hand by an authorised representative of the signatory and dispatched via regular post the following documents, as instructed in the Invitation letter: • Declaration(s) on honour on exclusion and selection criteria; • The submission report (a document generated by e-Submission and listing all the documents included in the tender, to be signed by the tenderer or the group leader in case of a joint tender).

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2	08/05/2020 08:06	11/05/2020 16:17	Team	Can you please clarify to which extent are the roles in the core project team exclusive? Can a senior researcher also participate in the role of a national researcher? Can a national researcher also participate as peer-reviewer?	11/05/2020 As indicated in technical specifications (p.20) "team profiles could be covered by the same person (i.e. project manager and senior researcher), however it is up to the tenderer to ensure that the person meets professional requirements listed under both profiles. In addition, the timing of the activities of the profiles shall not overlap", meaning that a senior researcher might also hold a role of a national researcher if the professional requirements are met and the timing of the activities of the profiles not overlap. Technical specifications also asks for "External peer reviewers" who should be independent from the rest of the project team and cannot hold any additional roles.
3	14/05/2020 21:33	19/05/2020 09:04	Technical offer template	Where can we find the technical offer template for this call?	19/05/2020 There is no technical offer template; economic operators may choose the most suitable format respecting the font size and number of pages indicated in the technical specifications.

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4	16/05/2020 10:37	19/05/2020 09:12	Request for extention of deadline	Dera Madame/Sir, the tender is asking for demanding tasks which will need more time in order to provide the best value for money, furthermore contemplating that the fully justified measures taken at the moment at international level to mitigate and contain the COVID-19 major threat have important repercussions on the operations of companies.	19/05/2020 EIGE has considered the possible delays that may occur due to the current crisis and at the stage of the launch of this open call has extended the deadline. Due to the strict internal timelines for the project results, the submission time remains as published in the contract documentation: 08/06/2020 12:00 Brussels time (UTC+02:00).
5	14/05/2020 18:28	19/05/2020 09:21	Online panel survey described in D2 (waves and duration).	Could you provide more information related to the 'online panel survey' described in D2? Based on point 1.10 in the specifications, the timeframe between the translated versions of the questionnaires, and the full clean data set is approximately 8 weeks. Are there any requirements in terms of the minimum number of observations per participant (i.e. waves)? Or a minimum frequency of observations (e.g. weekly, bi-weekly)? Also, is there any minimum requirement regarding the extension of the questionnaire?	19/05/2020 The online panel survey shall cover at least 10 Member States with a total sample size of at least 20,000 unique respondents. As indicated in the Technical Specifications (p.10), the tenderer should present their methodological and practical proposal for the implementation of the online panel survey. Regarding the length of the questionnaire, as indicated in the Technical Specifications (p.10), the survey questionnaire as a minimum should cover the key research questions indicated in p. 9. of the Technical Specifications.

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6	19/05/2020 17:50	20/05/2020 08:40	Declaration of Honour	Please clarify if one DoH document is enough to cover both the exclusion and selection criteria?	20/05/2020 If the tenderer submits a tender as a sole economic operator, one DoH document is enough to cover both the exclusion and selection criteria. However, please note that evidence for selection criteria must be submitted as well as indicated in section 2.2.3 of Technical Specifications.
7	19/05/2020 17:49	20/05/2020 08:45	statement of exclusivity and availability	Please clarify if the statement of exclusivity and availability is required for all team members or just the senior researchers and the statistician?	20/05/2020 The statement of exclusivity and availability is required to be signed the senior researchers and the statistician.
8	20/05/2020 11:03	20/05/2020 12:36	Technical capacity criterion T3	Please clarify if the evidence for criterion T2 can be used for criterion T3?	20/05/2020 Yes, as long as each specific requirement under criterion T2 and T3 are met and clearly distinguished per criterion.
9	20/05/2020 11:02	20/05/2020 12:39	Technical capacity criterion T2	Please clarify if the evidence for T2 can include projects in other thematic area other than the service request?	20/05/2020 Yes, it can. Tenderers shall list at least two (2) EU and/or international projects, involving a number of national researchers and/or experts, of at least ten (10) different countries, within the past five (5) years in which the tenderer acted in a leading capacity.

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10	22/05/2020 18:31	25/05/2020 09:27	Online survey	We have carefully considered the feasibility of a survey of 20,000 respondents in 10 Member States and would appreciate if you could clarify the target group: - Does the sample of 20,000 refers to the general population from which we would reach approximately 2,000 platform workers who would fill in the full questionnaire? The remaining 18,000 would only fill a screening questionnaire and possibly a small number of general questions about online platforms. OR - Does the sample of 20,000 refer to 20,000 platform workers? Considering the work required in the other tasks as well as the cost of the COLLEEM survey as a comparison, we believe that the project budget is not sufficient for a survey of 20,000 platform workers. Therefore, we would appreciate your response.	25/05/2020 The minimum sample requirement of 20,000 individuals refers to the general population.
11	26/05/2020 09:08	26/05/2020 14:39	Maximum page count	Can you please clarify whether the maximum page count of the technical offer exclude annexes?	26/05/2020 Maximum page number refers only to the main part of the technical offer. Annexes and other tender documents shall not be counted.

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12	27/05/2020 14:09	27/05/2020 17:13	Document for selection criteria	Please clarify what documents is required from subcontractors to fulfil the selection criteria?	27/05/2020 According to Art.2.2.3.1 of the Tender Specifications for the Legal and Regulatory capacity “subcontractors whose share of the contract is above 10% must provide the Declaration on honour on exclusion criteria and selection criteria”. For the economic and financial capacity, subcontractors have to provide the economic and financial capacity form ONLY in case that received more than 30% of the contract and the main Contractor relies on the subcontractor’s economic and financial capacity. In the case of subcontracting, the technical and professional capacity shall be assessed in relation to the combined capacity of all the parties involved in the tender. If the main Contractor relies on subcontractor’s technical and professional capacity, subcontractor shall provide evidences requested under each Technical Criterion set in the Tender Specifications document.

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13	29/05/2020 19:17	02/06/2020 10:57	Data use and processing of personal data	(1) Understanding that EIGE will own the collected data from the online panel survey, would it be possible to make use of that data for academic purposes? Is there any process that allows using that data for academic publications? (2) The contract indicate that personal data shall be processed within EU/EEA territory. If the main data processing will be done in the UK, will the contractor need any special authorisation to store the data?	02/06/2020 1. Any processing of personal data must be done for a specific and well-defined purpose with a data subject's consent. Data may be processed for additional purposes that are compatible with the original purpose, such as for scientific research, in accordance with Article 13 of Regulation 2018/1725. Further, the principles of data protection do not apply to anonymous information, namely information which does not relate to an identified or identifiable natural person or to personal data rendered anonymous in such a manner that the data subject is not or no longer identifiable. If the data will be anonymised, their further use would have no data protection implications. The process will be explained during the project implementation. 2. A transition period began on 1 February 2020, which is due to end on 31 December 2020. After the end of the transition period, the UK will continue to apply EU data protection rules to the current "stock of personal data", until the EU, through an adequacy decision, establishes that the UK's data protection rules provide safeguards which are essentially equivalent to those in the EU. EIGE will continue to operate in accordance with the

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					operate in accordance with the timelines set by its rules and regulations throughout the BREXIT process.
14	02/06/2020 23:58	03/06/2020 09:57	Hand signature	The invitation letter states that some documents need to be signed "by hand". Is an official electronic signature considered an equivalent of "by hand"?	03/06/2020 Electronic signature is sufficient to submit tender documents electronically. However, original hand-signed tender submission report and declaration on honour on exclusion and selection criteria must be sent by letter to the contracting authority's postal address.
15	03/06/2020 10:26	03/06/2020 10:35	Hand-signed originals	According to the 1 and 14 answers could you please clarify when exactly original hand-signed tender submission report and declaration(s) on honour on exclusion and selection criteria must be sent by letter to the contracting authority's postal address? Please clarify whether it should be sent at the latest on the first working day following the electronic submission of tender or the contracting authority will inform the deadline for sending hand-signed originals later?	03/06/2020 The hand-signed originals must be sent by letter to the contracting authority's postal address at the latest on the first working day following the electronic submission of tender. If it is not possible due to COVID-19 situations, to send when possible, including the proof of the situation, i.e. unavailable/closed postal services.

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16	02/06/2020 15:40	03/06/2020 10:45	Team	Can the same person play different roles in the project? (senior researcher and researcher, for instance, or researcher and national field researcher). Thank you.	03/06/2020 Question2

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