

## Call for tenders' details

Title: Mainstreaming climate change into the CSF Funds 2014–2020.

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## Call for tenders question list

#	Submission date	Publication date	Question subject	Question	Answer
1	25/05/2012 00:03	29/05/2012 18:08	pg 33 "masters degree or higher in a field covered by ESF-funds". Can you please provide further clarification regarding in a field covered by ESF funds	Page 33 "5 or more years of post-graduate experience in one or more fields covered by the CSF-Funds". Can you please provide further clarification regarding in a field covered by CSF-Funds	<b>29/05/2012</b> The CSF-Funds cover a rather broad range of fields, which are defined by the proposed regulations with the eleven thematic objectives and corresponding investment priorities, elaborated by the Commission Staff Working Paper on the Common Strategic Framework, and the concerned policy areas (re e.g. paragraphs [6], [8], [10], [22] and [45] of the Technical Specifications).

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2	24/05/2012 15:25	29/05/2012 18:36	Team criteria / CVs	<p>1. How strict are the definitions set out regarding the team criteria?</p> <p>2. Do we need to provide multiple CVs if one person is named to several Member States or will one suffice?</p>	<p><b>29/05/2012</b></p> <p>1. In the offer, the tenderer shall propose 28 country teams (EU27+Croatia). Each country team shall consist of a country team leader and four country team members. Each of the country team members shall be assigned to one of the four roles defined in paragraph [178], i.e. as either ERDF/CF expert, ESF expert, EAFRD expert, or EMFF expert. Each of the country teams shall cover the four roles. The country team members shall fulfil the requirements in paragraph [175], and there should be consistency between, on the one hand, the country team member's education and/or post-graduate experience with, on the other hand, the assigned role re paragraph [178].</p> <p>Failure to propose a country team for each of the 28 countries, with a country team leader re paragraph [171] and the four country team members re paragraph [175] covering the four roles set out in paragraph [178], i.e. as either ERDF/CF expert, ESF expert, EAFRD expert, or EMFF expert, may lead to the tender being rejected as non-compliant with the requirements.</p> <p>2. Reference is made to the</p>

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					<p>2. Reference is made to the requirements to the technical offer, item 7, on page 53 of the tender specifications: For each of the 28 country teams, the technical offer shall include the required front-page and the CVs of the country team experts.</p> <p>Therefore, the answer to the question is YES, i.e. multiple CVs shall be provided for the same person, if he/she is participating in more than one country team.</p>

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3	24/05/2012 15:22	30/05/2012 11:32	Qualifications / Page limitations	<p>QUESTION 1: Pg 33 section 5.2 - CTL and Team Members, section [171] 1st point: "Masters degree covered by the ESF-funds" as it is actually stated (meaning European Social Fund), or does it refer to CSF funds? As in section [175].</p> <p>QUESTION 2: How strict are the page limitations set out in Page 53 of the Tender Requirements? Is there scope to provide further information in supplementary annexes?</p>	<p><b>30/05/2012</b></p> <p>ANSWER 1: Paragraph [171] on page 33 of the tender specifications defines requirements to the country team leaders: In the first bullet point "ESF-funds" should be replaced by "CSF-Funds", i.e. the first bullet point should read "Masters degree or higher in a field covered by the CSF-Funds and/or climate change".</p> <p>Paragraph [175] on page 33 of the tender specifications defines requirements to the country team members: In the first bullet point "ESF-funds" should be replaced by "CSF-Funds", i.e. the first bullet point should read "Bachelor degree or higher in a field covered by the CSF-Funds and/or climate change".</p> <p>Paragraph [185] on page 35 of the tender specifications defines requirements to the remaining members of the quality assurance team: In the first bullet point "ESF-funds" should be replaced by "CSF-Funds", i.e. the first bullet point should read "Masters degree or higher in a field covered by the CSF-Funds".</p> <p>ANSWER 2: The technical offer shall adhere to the page limitations set out in Page 53 of the Tender Requirements; failure in this regard</p>

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					<p>Requirements; failure in this regard may lead to the tender being rejected as non-compliant with the requirements.</p> <p>Hence, there is no scope or possibility for providing further information in supplementary annexes.</p>

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4	31/05/2012 16:12	04/06/2012 10:12	Quality Assurance & Country Team Members	Are the Quality Assurance Team Members able to play a dual role in the Country Teams and vice versa?	<p><b>04/06/2012</b></p> <p>It is foreseen in the tender specifications that a country team member could be member of several country teams re paragraph [180] on page 34.</p> <p>It is not foreseen in the tender specifications that a country team member also could be member of the quality assurance team.</p> <p>Therefore, the answer to the question is that a country team member cannot be a member of the quality assurance team; and vice-versa, a member of the quality assurance team cannot be a member of one or more country teams.</p> <p>Furthermore, paragraph [30] lists key positions, i.e. senior project director, project manager, quality assurance manager, senior expert on mitigation, senior expert on adaptation, and the 28 country team leaders: any person proposed for one of the positions mentioned in paragraph [30] cannot at the same time be proposed for an additional position as country team member (re paragraph [175]) or one of the remaining members of the quality assurance team (re paragraph [185]).</p>

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5	01/06/2012 10:01	04/06/2012 10:20	Croatia Country Team Members Qualifying Criteria	In the case of Croatia, as there is no ERDF/CF/ESF/etc. yet, is IPA experience accepted?	<b>04/06/2012</b> With regard to the Country Team Leader and Country Team Members for Croatia, it is acceptable to replace experience in one or more fields covered by the CSF-Funds with relevant IPA experience. In this context, IPA refers to the EU Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance. Hence, with regard to Croatia, the second bullet point in paragraphs [171] and [175] on page 33 of the tender specifications reads as follows: "- 5 years or more of post-graduate experience in one or more fields covered by IPA and/or CSF-Funds and/or climate change in the country concerned".

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6	01/06/2012 16:16	04/06/2012 15:51	Quality Assurance Team Members (QATMs)	Our understanding of the specifications is that QATMs is made up of 8 staff in total including Quality Assurance Manager and that the QATMs do not require to be replicated across 28 countries. Is our understanding correct?	<p><b>04/06/2012</b> The tender specifications foresee the establishment of one Quality Assurance Team and 28 Country Teams.</p> <p>The tender specifications stipulate that the Quality Assurance Team will include: (1) Quality Assurance Manager re e.g. paragraph [169], (2) Senior Expert on Mitigation re e.g. paragraph [183], (3) Senior Expert on Adaptation re e.g. paragraph [184], and a (4) team of four experts re e.g. paragraph [187].</p> <p>The technical offer shall include the corresponding CVs re items 5 and 8 on page 53 of the tender specifications.</p> <p>In this context, reference is also made to the overall requirements to the quality assurance scheme in the tender specification, see for example paragraphs [24], [168] and [189].</p>

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7	04/06/2012 17:52	06/06/2012 10:09	languages	In the experience of the Commission, how many countries usually decide not to write large programmes like the ones expected in this process in their own language but in English, French or German?	<b>06/06/2012</b> In the current programming period, 2007-2013, some of the programmes from the new Member States were drafted in e.g. English rather than in the official language of the Member State. This approach, however, is somewhat exceptional and was in some cases linked to the use of pre-accession financial assistance. Therefore, it cannot be assumed that a Member State would continue the same approach for the programming period 2014-2020.
8	04/06/2012 17:51	06/06/2012 10:18	time schedule	1. How long does the complete scrutiny process (ISC1, ISC1bis and ISC2) take? 2. How much time is there between sending in DG Clima scrutiny document ISC1 and receiving Member States' documents for ISC1bis. How much time is there between sending in ISC1bis DG Clima scrutiny document and receiving Member States' documents for ISC2?	<b>06/06/2012</b> It is not possible to indicate beforehand in a precise and reliable manner how long it will take, for a given programming document, to undergo the approval process. It should, on the contrary, be assumed that there will be a significant variation between the programming documents as regards the time needed for the approval process as well as the time between inter-service consultations.