

Call for tenders' details

Title: Support Services Related to Quality Assurance (EQAVET), Graduate Tracking and Flexibility in Vocational Education and Training (ECVET)

Start date: 05/10/2020

Time limit for receipt of tenders: 05/11/2020

Contracting authority: European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (EMPL)

Status: Closed

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1	08/10/2020 10:24	09/10/2020 17:23	conflict of interest?	Our is organisation is commissioned by our national authority to be the designated NCP EQAVET and other NCP's. Would it be allowed to, also, execute the requested support services, or would this be considered to be a conflict of interest?	09/10/2020 Dear Sir, Madame, Thank you for your interest in the call for tender. In reply to your question, we can inform you that being an EQAVET National Reference Point does not represent a conflict of interest for participating in this call for tender. Best regards, DG EMPL

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2	12/10/2020 08:58	13/10/2020 09:21	Extension to deadline	We note the contract notice for this opportunity was posted on 28 September, with the release of the tender documents a week later. With this in mind and given the relative complexity of the proposal needed to cover all the activities, we would like to ask if it would be possible to authorise an extension to the submission?	13/10/2020 Dear Sir, Madam, Thank you for your interest in this call for tenders. We understand that the deadline is rather short but the minimum legal duration is respected. Given the urgent need to start the activities covered by this call for tenders, it is unfortunately not possible to extend the deadline to submit a bid. Best regards, DG EMPL
3	14/10/2020 09:14	15/10/2020 16:11	Criterion T1	Within the minimum level of capacity criterion you state that projects need to be completed in the last three years. However, as part of the evidence you then state that "In case of projects still on-going" only the portion completed during the reference period will be taken into consideration. Could you confirm whether all projects submitted should be fully completed or whether we are able to include on-going projects?	15/10/2020 Dear Sir, Madam, In reply to your question, we can inform you that ongoing projects (only the portion completed during the reference period) can also be included to demonstrate the compliance with this criterion. Best regards, DG EMPL

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4	14/10/2020 09:16	15/10/2020 16:13	Criterion T1	Could you confirm if the data collection and analyses reference in criterion 1 refers to the bidder providing references in relation to this topic, or if the data collection element should be part of the vocational education and training criterion?	15/10/2020 Dear Sir, Madam, In reply to your question, we can inform you that the data collection and analyses experience needs to be in a field which is relevant for vocational education and training (e.g. it could also be acquired in the field of higher education). Best regards, DG EMPL
5	21/10/2020 11:20	22/10/2020 11:59	Financial offer form	Regarding the financial offer form (Annex 6), could you confirm if bidders are authorised to modify the template by inserting rows to enable the entry of the 'Details' requested?	22/10/2020 Dear Sir, Madam, In reply to your question, we can inform you that bidders are allowed to modify the template by inserting rows to provide the requested details. Best regards, DG EMPL
6	21/10/2020 11:21	22/10/2020 12:00	Financial offer form	Within the "Other Costs" part of the financial offer form (Annex 6), is our understanding correct that the bidder only indicates the lump sum total of all "Other Costs"?	22/10/2020 Dear Sir, Madam, In reply to your question, we can inform bidders can provide a lump sum of all other costs or provide more details if needed. Best regards, DG EMPL

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7	21/10/2020 15:21	22/10/2020 12:03	Final report of the Expert Group	Will the final report of the Expert Group referred to in footnote 7 be provided in time for us to use in responding to the tender?	22/10/2020 Dear Sir, Madam, In reply to your question, we can inform you that the publication of the Final Report of the Expert Group on graduate tracking is delayed and will only be published around mid November. Bidders are invited to base their offers on the available documents on this topic. Best regards, DG EMPL
8	22/10/2020 17:08	23/10/2020 20:13	Question about evidence that the person signing the documents is an authorised representative of the entity	Could you please confirm that, in case of identified subcontractors or entities on whose capacity is being relied for the fulfilment of the economic and financial capacity criteria, no evidence that the person signing the declaration on honour is an authorised representative of the entity shall be provided? In the table provided in Annex 1, the relevant cells are not marked with an X. Thank you very much for your attention.	23/10/2020 Dear Sir, Madam, In reply to your question, we can inform you that there is indeed no need to include evidence that the person signing the declaration on honour is the authorised representative of the entity but this evidence can be requested at any time. Best regards, DG EMPL

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9	22/10/2020 17:12	23/10/2020 20:16	Question about criterion T4 (section 3.2.2. of the Tender Specifications)	Dear Madam/Sir, Could you please clarify the following sentence? "At least three projects documents in English drafted or delivered to a client in the last five years preceding the tender submission deadline". This criterion seems to refer to projects rather than "documents in English drafted or delivered to a client". Thank you very much for your attention.	23/10/2020 Dear Sir, Madam, In reply to your question, we can confirm that criterion T4 relates to the capacity of the tenderer to organise activities in all EU Member states and Erasmus + Programme countries. For this criterion, the evidence expected to be provided by the tenderer is: references for at least 3 projects delivered in the last five years preceding the tender submission deadline, each covering at least 10 EU Member States. Best regards, DG EMPL
10	23/10/2020 08:55	23/10/2020 20:20	Individual experts	Dear sir/ Madam For independent experts, could you confirm if we are able to modify the letter of commitment (annex 5.1) to reflect individuals signing up in their own right and not via a company. If not, should we prepare a non templated letter of intent? If an individual expert is helping to meet a particular criterion within the selection criterion, are they expected to prepare a declaration on honour?	23/10/2020 Dear Sir, Madam, In reply to your question, we can inform you that the letter of commitment can be modified for independent experts. In this case, they have to sign the declaration on honour as well. Best regards, DG EMPL

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11	23/10/2020 15:14	23/10/2020 20:25	Special conditions	A number of the Special Condition sections have not been finalised; accordingly, two different clauses remain as possible options. Please can you confirm the single clause that applies to the following sections: I.4.1 Price Revision Index, I.6 Guarantee, I.6.1 Performance Guarantee, I.6.2 Retention money guarantee, I.9.2. Processing of personal data by the contractor, I.13 Service provided on the premises of the contracting authority."	23/10/2020 Dear Sir, Madam, Regarding the Special Conditions of the Service contract, we can confirm the following: I.4.2 Price revision is not applicable to this contract I.6 Guarantees are not applicable to this contract I.9.2 Processing of personal data by the contractor For the purpose of Article II.9.2, the localisation of and access to the personal data processed by the contractor shall comply with the following: i. the personal data shall only be processed within the territory of the European Union and the European Economic Area and will not leave that territory; ii. the data shall only be held in data centres located within the territory of the European Union and the European Economic Area; iii. access to data may be given on a need to know basis only to authorised persons established in a country which has been recognised by the European Commission as providing adequate protection to personal data, upon a prior written authorisation of the contracting authority; iv. the contractor may not change the location of data processing without the prior written authorisation of the contracting authority; v. any transfer of personal data under the contract to third countries or international

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					countries or international organisations shall fully comply with the requirements laid down in Chapter V of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725. I.13 Service provided on the premises of the contracting authority is not applicable to this contract. Best regards, DG EMPL
12	26/10/2020 15:50	27/10/2020 23:04	Social media accounts	Regarding 12.3 Managing Social Media accounts. Could we ask which social media accounts we are expected to cover and what the objective is concerning outreach?	27/10/2020 Dear Sir, Madam, In reply to your question, the task will be to produce content (text, pictures if relevant) following each deliverable and event, suitable to be tweeted/posted (e.g Twitter, LinkedIn) and send the content to DG EMPL. There is no requirement to set up new social media accounts. Best regards, DG EMPL
13	26/10/2020 15:50	27/10/2020 23:07	EQAVET website	Could we ask if the EQANET website will be migrated to the Europa website?	27/10/2020 Dear Sir, Madam, In reply to your question, we can inform you that the EQAVET website will not be migrated to the EUROPA website given that a considerable part of the EQAVET website is no longer relevant or outdated. Best regards, DG EMPL

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14	28/10/2020 09:03	28/10/2020 12:43	Use of experts	Dear DG EMPL, Could you please confirm whether an individual expert can be associated with multiple consortia as a subcontractor? Thank you!	28/10/2020 Dear Sir, Madam, In reply to your question, we can inform you that the same individual expert can be part of more than one bid. Best regards, DG EMPL
15	29/10/2020 09:01	30/10/2020 10:10	Activity 7	Dear DG EMPL, Could you please clarify whether under Activity 7 'Organisation of an EQAVET survey among EQAVET National Reference Points' the contractor is expected to also analyse the survey responses or is solely responsible for the survey set up, dissemination and response collection?	30/10/2020 Dear Sir, Madam, In reply to your question, we can inform you that the organisation of the EQAVET includes an analysis of the collected data (see for example the EQAVET survey conducted in 2018 available on the eqavet.eu website). Best regards, DG EMPL
16	30/10/2020 12:33	30/10/2020 21:34	Activity 5	In Activity 5, the tender specifications make reference to 8 participating peers. Do you envisage that these will come from 8 different countries or that there will be multiple peers from a smaller number of countries?	30/10/2020 Dear Sir, Madam, In reply to your question, we can inform you that we envisage that these 8 peers come from different countries. Best regards, DG EMPL
17	30/10/2020 12:49	30/10/2020 21:36	Website	Is it the intention to host the website on Europa or via the current external host?	30/10/2020 Dear Sir, Mada, In reply to your question, we can inform you that it is our intention to host the EQAVET website on the EUROPA website. Best regards, DG EMPL

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