

Call for tenders' details

Title: Analysis of the cost-benefit and administrative burden reduction potential of options for redesign of Intrastat.

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Call for tenders question list

#	Submission date	Publication date	Question subject	Question	Answer
1	12/05/2015 11:52	13/05/2015 13:40	ITT Section 2.3, p. 9, para 2 (Task 1a) - volume of unpublished documentation requiring review	Please can Eurostat provide an indication of the volume of 'additional [unpublished] documentation' (for example number of documents, numbers of pages) which it holds on the subject of Intrastat and administrative burden, and which would need to be covered for 'the comprehensive analysis of existing studies' under Task 1a)?	13/05/2015 Approximately 20 documents, 40 Pages.

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2	12/05/2015 11:55	13/05/2015 13:43	ITT Section 2.3, p. 9, para 5 (Task 1c) - detail of Intrastat re-design options	The specification of task 1c) refers to building 'scenarios which show how the administrative burden will be reduced under each Intrastat re-design option.' Page 7, para 5 of the ToR states that 'Eurostat and NSAs are currently identifying and defining these options' and that 'it is expected that an agreement on the options is reached by the beginning of the second quarter of 2015'. Is any more detailed information available on these options, or (if not) can Eurostat indicate when such information might be available, and in what form? Is it correct to assume that the contractor's contribution to the methodology in Task 1c) would be restricted to designing and implementing a modelling approach to compare the re-design options, rather than contributing to the options themselves?	13/05/2015 The contractor is not expected to contribute to the methodology nor to the formulation of the options. The redesign options will be made available at the kick off meeting.

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3	12/05/2015 11:56	13/05/2015 13:45	ITT Section 2.3, p. 10, para 3f. (Task 2)	Regarding the cost-benefit analysis, the ToR states that 'Eurostat will collect information from NSAs and provide the contractor with replies and other relevant documentation, where necessary'. P. 8, para 2 of the ToR also states that 'the cost-benefit analysis will apply a draft methodology adopted by the ESSC [...] The criteria according to which all re-design options will be analysed, will be defined by Eurostat and NSAs within the project.' Does this mean that the cost-benefit methodology employed by the contractor will be fully prescribed by Eurostat, and use only data collected and/or provided by Eurostat? Or will the contractor be expected/able to contribute to the methodology and data collection from NSAs – for example by requesting that certain information be collected from NSAs as part of the Eurostat data collection?	13/05/2015 The contractor is not expected to contribute to methodology.
4	12/05/2015 11:58	13/05/2015 13:47	ITT Section 2.3, p. 10, para 3f. (Task 2) - methodology for SWOT analysis	Will the contractor be responsible for designing and proposing detailed methods for the SWOT analysis under Task 2, or will these be specified by Eurostat as part of the draft ESSC methodology referred to on p. 8?	13/05/2015 The contractor is not expected to contribute to methodology.

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5	14/05/2015 17:23	19/05/2015 15:04	Additional clarification re earlier question on cost-benefit analysis	<p>Many thanks for your earlier responses. To clarify this question, one common approach to cost-benefit analysis involves trying to capture ALL the costs and benefits of a given action, including not just 'cashflows' but also non-cash (qualitative) costs and benefits. For example, if an action is intended to improve the quality of a product or process, then an analyst will try to estimate a ('monetized') value for this quality improvement to include in the calculation. One way of doing this would be to interview stakeholders about the value which they would place on the improvement, or to analyse the financial impact which similar improvements have had in comparable situations (for example an increase in house prices arising from improvements to a local school). This approach therefore tries to include all the monetized costs and benefits (both cashflows and qualitative aspects) to produce a net cost or benefit figure - effectively the sum of all the benefits minus all the costs.</p> <p>From the description in the ToR, it looks as if the cost-benefit analysis requested here may cover 'cash' costs only, and hence not attempt to</p>	<p>19/05/2015 The quantitative analysis will focus on costs only.</p>

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				<p>costs only, and hence not attempt to include any benefits (or indeed any monetized qualitative costs either). Perhaps the benefits are intended to be covered by the qualitative 'SWOT' analysis only, i.e. as a separate piece of analysis from the cost calculation?</p> <p>We hope this additional clarification is helpful, but of course if anything remains unclear please let us know. Many thanks.</p>	

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6	27/05/2015 10:34	29/05/2015 10:58	Request for clarifications - invitation to tender ESTAT/G/2015/004	<p>According to the terms of reference, under the section describing Task 3 – Reporting of the project outcomes it is mentioned:</p> <p>“The aim of this task is to provide the internal and external stakeholders with reports allowing them to assess the re-design options at stake. The contractor is expected to prepare such reports on the basis of results available from task 1 and 2. (...) Feedback from stakeholders needs to be collected and summed up. The contractor is expected to prepare a report on the main findings.”</p> <p>Furthermore, among the expected results of this task it is also envisaged “a report on the outcome of the stakeholders’ consultation”. Although this task makes reference to a stakeholders consultation (also mentioned previously at page 8 of the ToR), it is not clear who will be responsible for the stakeholders consultation.</p> <p>Could you please clarify the following:</p> <p>Q1. Who will be responsible for carrying-out the stakeholders’ consultation: Eurostat or the contractor?</p> <p>Q2. Will Eurostat collect the feedback from the stakeholders and provide it to the contractor who will use it for the preparation of a report</p>	<p>29/05/2015</p> <p>1. Eurostat will be responsible for the stakeholder consultation 2. Eurostat will collect the feedback and provide it to the contractor 3. For the moment it is foreseen that this will be done through meetings and written consultations.</p>

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				use it for the preparation of a report with resuming the findings of the consultation? Q3. What means are envisaged for carrying-out the stakeholders' consultation (e.g. interviews, focus-groups, etc.)?	

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