

## Call for tenders' details

Title: Support to national dietary surveys in compliance with the EU menu methodology (fifth support).

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Contracting authority: European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

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#	Submission date	Publication date	Question subject	Question	Answer
1	04/06/2015 09:40	12/06/2015 10:00	Minimum methodological requirements for lot 1 and 2. One of the requirements is that a national dietary survey has not been carried out within the country in the last 5 years for the planned target group.	Is that from the contract date or from the date that the dietary assessment is carried out? The dietary data collection probably will not be carried out the 2 first years of the contract duration, but probably in 2017/18. So is the 5 years counted from October 2015 or 2017/18.	<b>12/06/2015</b> The aim of the procurement procedure OC/EFSA/DATA/2015/03 is to award direct service contracts to organizations from EU Member States, which have a governmental mandate to carry out a dietary survey at national level in the period from 2015 to 2020 and a national dietary survey has not been carried out within the country in the last five years for the planned target group. The five years period is counted from the first day of the data collection period of the previous dietary survey until the first day of the data collection period of the new dietary survey. For example, if the first day of the data collection phase of the last dietary survey carried out within the country was the 15th of July 2012, EFSA will consider supporting a new dietary survey only if the new data collection phase will start after the 15th of July 2017. The period between the beginning of the project and the first day of the data collection phase of the new survey could be used for other preparatory activities that should be presented in the technical offer, such as the preparation of protocols, preparation and validation of picture book, pilot study etc.

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2	25/06/2015 13:17	03/07/2015 11:52	Ref. OC/EFSA/DATA/2015/03 Support to National Dietary Surveys in Compliance with the EU Menu methodology (fifth support)	1. Referring to the Tender Specifications (Ref. OC/EFSA/DATA/2015/03) Support to National Dietary Surveys in Compliance with the EU Menu methodology (fifth support), LOT 2 "The adults' survey", the coverage of adults (from 18 to 64 years old) is mandatory. It is stated in the Tender Specifications (page 10) that "The total coverage of the age classes will be taken into consideration in the evaluation under the quality award criteria. How is the coverage of the mandatory age group taken into consideration in the evaluation, if the coverage of the full age range would not be possible? More specifically, we are reluctant to include those aged 18-24. We do recognize the importance of getting the information on them but, based on past experience, we are very pessimistic about the possibility to get a meaningfully high response rate. Therefore, we consider it waste of money to include this age group. Reasons for the difficulty to reach them include the fact that a large percentage of them are studying in another part of the country and men are also conscripted to the military service.	<b>03/07/2015</b> Under minimum methodological requirements for lot 2 it is written: "Survey subjects must be selected according to a probability sampling strategy with at least, where possible, pre-defined age and sex classes to define strata with a minimum sample size of 260 valid subjects (130 males and 130 females) in each of the age classes included." EFSA understands the difficulties in collecting food consumption and related data in young adults, but cannot accept an a priori exclusion of any sub-population group included in the mandatory age class to be involved in the dietary survey. Ad hoc measures should be considered by the tenderer in order to increase the participation rate of young adults. The coverage of the mandatory age group should be described in detail in the final report by the contractor and will be considered as important quality criteria for EFSA when evaluating the deliverables.

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3	25/06/2015 13:18	03/07/2015 11:54	Ref. OC/EFSA/DATA/2015/03 Support to National Dietary Surveys in Compliance with the EU Menu methodology (fifth support)	2. According to Annex 2: Financial offer price Calculation Sheet (Ref. OC/EFSA/DATA/2015/03) – LOT2, the maximum price that can be requested by the tenderer depends on the number of valid subjects per adults and other population groups (above 130 valid subjects per gender/subpopulation). How will EFSA deal with awarded contracts and payments if, at a later stage of the data collection, it will turn out that the criteria used for the maximum price estimation will not be filled by the contracted institution e.g.: 1) the estimated number of valid subjects for adults (e.g. 520 per gender) would not be reached due to non-successful second 24h recalls or 2) the minimum number (130) of valid subjects of an ad-hoc survey (e.g. for nursing women) would not be reached.	<b>03/07/2015</b> The sample size proposed by the tenderer should foresee possible drop outs during the second interview as well as low participation rate. Experience from previous dietary surveys carried out in the country and the pilot study might help in predicting these problems and their possible solutions. If at the end of the contract the number of subjects for which the contractor is required to provide food consumption data are not reached then the deliverables will be considered incomplete and article I.12 (Liquidated damages) , article II.1.9 (Performance of the contract) will be applied by EFSA.

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4	25/06/2015 13:19	03/07/2015 12:06	Ref. OC/EFSA/DATA/2015/03 Support to National Dietary Surveys in Compliance with the EU Menu methodology (fifth support)	The tender specification (Ref. OC/EFSA/DATA/2015/03) define deliverables and specifies Deliverable 4 as “National individual food consumption data and related information transmitted to EFSA in the format required by EFSA”. However ,the corresponding Draft service contract Article I.8.1A only refers to Deliverables 3 & 5. Nevertheless, this Article includes issues referring to food consumption data, which are not in the scope of Deliverables 3 or 5. Is Deliverable 4 perhaps missing from Article I.8.1A or how we should interpret the Article? If Deliverable 4 is missing, it should be added to Draft service contract	<b>03/07/2015</b> Please, refer to the updated draft service contract with the correction of the typo (deliverables 3 &4 instead of 3 &5) under article I.8.

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5	14/07/2015 09:20	17/07/2015 12:00	Support to National Dietary Surveys in Compliance with the EU Menu methodology (fifth support)	Can we apply for OC/EFSA/DATA/2015/03 call despite the fact that we do not have developed a national software according requests from this call, but we have plan to develop it within the first two years of the project?	<b>17/07/2015</b> One of the aspects concerning the software tool, contractors should take into consideration in order to implement the assignment, is the following: "The dietary software tool for the 24 recall diary completion interview entry needs to be in line with the EFSA EU Menu guideline. It should have been successfully used in previous dietary survey(s), preferably conducted at national level, or have been successfully validated or tested (e.g. within a pilot study)." Therefore, it is possible to apply to the EFSA OC/EFSA/DATA/2015/03 procurement call even if a national software is not already developed prior to the application, as far as it is in line with the EU Menu guideline and it is successfully validated or tested for example within the pilot study of the dietary survey. It is though necessary to provide a description of the software to be developed as this is requested under the minimum methodological requirement in the tender specifications.

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6	25/06/2015 13:21	17/07/2015 12:15	Ref. OC/EFSA/DATA/2015/03 Support to National Dietary Surveys in Compliance with the EU Menu methodology (fifth support)	<p>The Draft service contract (Ref. OC/EFSA/DATA/2015/03) Article I.8.1A states: "The original dataset will remain the property of the data providers, but EFSA will have ownership of the data mapped according to the EFSA format". Thus, there are two specified entities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 'original dataset'</li> <li>b. 'data mapped according to the EFSA format'</li> </ul> <p>However, in the bullet points it is stated: ""EFSA will be entitled to include the original raw data in...." and "Only EFSA staff and experts will be able to access the raw data provided to EFSA....". (Similar usage of terms can be found in the Tender specification's point 1.6. "Ownership and intellectual property rights"). As it is not unambiguously stated to which datasets these refer to (entity a. or b. or something else), we would like to have a clarification for the interpretation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 'original raw data' in bullet point 1</li> <li>b. 'raw data' in bullet point 2</li> </ul> <p>Moreover, if these terms are synonyms for terms used in the previous chapter, we would like to suggest using coherent terms wherever they exist and updating the</p>	<p><b>17/07/2015</b></p> <p>EFSA will only have the ownership of the data mapped according to the EFSA format whereas the original dataset will remain the property of the data providers. The original raw data (or raw data) will be stored in the EFSA Data Warehouse and will only be accessible to EFSA staff and experts.</p>

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