CLARIFICATIONS TO

SERVICE CONTRACT NOTICE AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONTRACT NOTICE

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<u>General disclaimer</u>: As per section 3.4.1.2 of PRAG, please note that at this stage the contracting authority cannot give a prior opinion on the assessment of the application.

No.	Question	Answer
01	Following the publishing of the Corrigendum today, 12th November I see the ITT (provisional date of invitation to tender) date is 17/01/2022. However, the deadline for the EOI submission as detailed in the Contract Notice is 16:00 on 20/01/2022. Could you please confirm the deadline for the Expression of Interest?	As per corrigendum (reference 2021/S 223-585912) published on 17/11/2021, the new Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate is 20/12/2021, 16:00.
02	On page 3 of the Additional information about the Contract Notice, it states that for each reference "at least 90%" must have been satisfactorily completed by the candidate/consortium at any moment during the reference period. Does this mean that 90% of the project's total budget must have been implemented during the reference period? Alternatively, does this criterion mean that the company in question must be responsible for implementing at least 90% (i.e., in a consortium, the company implemented at least 90% and the partner no more than 10%)?	The candidate must have implemented satisfactorily at least 90% of the project's total budget during the reference period. Candidates are allowed to refer either to projects completed within the reference period (although started earlier) or to projects not yet completed. Only the portion satisfactorily completed during the reference period will be taken into consideration. In the case of requests to participate submitted by a consortium, this criterion will be applied to the consortium as a whole.
03	Having in mind Technical capacity criteria 1 and 2 of the Additional information about the Contract Notice Document that states that "at least 90% has been satisfactorily completed by the candidate/consortium which were implemented at any moment during the reference period", could you please clarify whether this means that the candidate/consortium has carried out 90% of the project as their proportion or that	See answer to question 2 above.

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	project is overall 90% implemented at any moment during the reference period?	
04	Use of results Most likely this project will generate results (such as studies, papers, reports, datasets). Will it be possible to use (part of) these results to generate additional and more targeted editorial material (e.g. blogpost, opinion piece) to be published outside the context of this project? If so, is there any requirement to follow?	The re-use of and follow-up on the results of EU projects is generally encouraged, provided that the source is acknowledged and ownership is respected. Details on authors' independence and ownership will be part of the terms of reference of the invitation to tender. In addition, as per the standard service contract, General Conditions article 14.2, 'The ownership of all the results or rights thereon as listed in the tender specification and the tender attached to the contract, including copyright and other intellectual or industrial property rights, and all technological solutions and information embodied therein, obtained in performance of the contract, shall be irrevocably and fully vested to the contracting authority from the moment these results or rights are delivered to it and accepted by it. The contracting authority may use them as it sees fit and in particular may store, modify, translate, display, reproduce, publish or communicate by any medium, as well as, assign, transfer them as it sees fit.'