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ANNEX 1. Administrative information form

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Identification of the tenderer
(to be completed)

Acting in the capacity of:

☐ Member of consortium (specify role ……..)

☐ Single tenderer

PRIVATE AND PUBLIC ENTITIES

(To be filled in by each member of the consortium in case of a joint tender)

LEGAL NAME OF ORGANISATION :	

PERSON AUTHORISED TO SIGN THE CONTRACT	
Name	
First name	
Function	
SECOND PERSON AUTHORISED TO SIGN THE CONTRACT	
Name	
First name	
Function	

	YES/NO	
Are they authorised to sign independently of each other?		
Have you enclosed a copy of the notice of appointment of the persons authorised to represent the tenderer in dealings with third parties?		

CONTACT PERSON	
Name	
First name	
Function	
Telephone	
Fax	
Email address	
Other contact details	

INDIVIDUALS (To be filled in by each member of the consortium in case of a joint tender)

NAME :	
First name	
Function	
Telephone	
Fax	
Email address	
Other contact details	

ANNEX 2. Legal entity form

Available on internet address: http://ec.europa.eu/budget/info_contract/legal_entities_en.htm

LEGAL ENTITIES

PRIVACY STATEMENT http://ec.europa.eu/budget/execution/legal_entities_fr.htm

INDIVIDUAL

NAME	
FIRST NAME	
(NAME 2)	
(NAME 3)	
OFFICIAL ADDRESS	

(OFFICIAL Address = Your PERMANENT address; generally the one which is registered on your identity card)

POSTAL CODE P.O. BOX

TOWN/CITY

COUNTRY

** VAT NR

IDENTITY CARD NUMBER ☐

PASSPORT NUMBER ☐

DATE OF BIRTH D D M M Y Y Y Y PLACE OF BIRTH

COUNTRY OF BIRTH

PHONE FAX

E-MAIL

THIS "LEGAL ENTITY" SHEET MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED, AND SUBMITTED TOGETHER WITH A LEGIBLE PHOTOCOPY OF THE IDENTITY CARD OR PASSPORT

*** IF THIS FIELD IS FILLED IN, PLEASE ATTACH AN OFFICIAL "VAT" DOCUMENT.*

DATE AND SIGNATURE

LEGAL ENTITIES

PRIVACY STATEMENT http://ec.europa.eu/budget/execution/legal_entities_fr.htm

PRIVATE COMPANIES

TYPE OF COMPANY	
NGO	YES ☐ NO ☐ (Non-Governmental Organisation)
NAME(S)	
ABBREVIATION	
ADDRESS OF HEAD OFFICE	
POSTCODE	P.O. BOX
TOWN/CITY	
COUNTRY	
VAT (1)	
PLACE OF REGISTRATION	
DATE OF REGISTRATION	D D M M Y Y Y Y
REGISTRATION No (2)	
PHONE	FAX
E-MAIL	

THIS "LEGAL ENTITIES" FORM SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TOGETHER WITH:
1. A COPY OF THE VAT REGISTRATION DOCUMENT IF APPLICABLE AND IF THE VAT NUMBER DOES NOT APPEAR ON THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENT REFERRED TO AT 2 BELOW.
2. A COPY OF SOME OFFICIAL DOCUMENT (OFFICIAL GAZETTE, COMPANY REGISTER ETC.) SHOWING THE NAME OF THE LEGAL ENTITY, THE ADDRESS OF THE HEAD OFFICE AND THE REGISTRATION NUMBER GIVEN TO IT BY THE NATIONAL AUTHORITIES.

DATE AND SIGNATURE OF AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE

LEGAL ENTITIES

PRIVACY STATEMENT http://ec.europa.eu/budget/execution/legal_entities_fr.htm

PUBLIC ENTITIES

TYPE OF COMPANY	
NGO	YES ☐ NO ☐ (Non-Governmental Organisation)
NAME(S)	
ABBREVIATION	
OFFICIAL ADDRESS	
POSTCODE	P.O. BOX
TOWN/CITY	
COUNTRY	
VAT**	
PLACE OF REGISTRATION	
DATE OF REGISTRATION	D D M M Y Y Y Y
REGISTRATION No	
PHONE	FAX
E-MAIL	

THIS "LEGAL ENTITIES" FORM SHOULD BE COMPLETED, SIGNED AND RETURNED TOGETHER WITH:
** A COPY OF THE RESOLUTION, LAW, DECREE OR DECISION ESTABLISHING THE ENTITY IN QUESTION;*
** OR, FAILING THAT, ANY OTHER OFFICIAL DOCUMENT ATTESTING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ENTITY BY THE NATIONAL AUTHORITIES*
*** IF THIS FIELD IS COMPLETED, PLEASE ATTACH AN OFFICIAL VAT DOCUMENT*

DATE:	STAMP
NAME + FUNCTION OF AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE	
SIGNATURE	

ANNEX 3. Financial identification form

Available on internet address: http://ec.europa.eu/budget/info_contract/ftiers_en.htm

FINANCIAL IDENTIFICATION

PRIVACY STATEMENT http://ec.europa.eu/budget/execution/ftiers_fr.htm

ACCOUNT NAME

ACCOUNT NAME(1)

ADDRESS

TOWN/CITY POSTCODE

COUNTRY

CONTACT

TELEPHONE FAX

E - MAIL

BANK

BANK NAME

BRANCH ADDRESS

TOWN/CITY POSTCODE

COUNTRY

ACCOUNT NUMBER

IBAN(2)

REMARKS:

BANK STAMP + SIGNATURE OF BANK REPRESENTATIVE
(Both Obligatory)(3)

DATE + SIGNATURE ACCOUNT HOLDER :
(Obligatory)

DATE

(1) The name or title under which the account has been opened and not the name of the authorized agent
(2) If the IBAN Code (International Bank accout number) is applied in the country where your bank is situated
(3) It is preferable to attach a copy of recent bank statement, in which event the stamp of the bank and the signature of the bank's representative are not required. The signature of the account-holder is obligatory in all cases.

ANNEX 4. Questionnaire for joint bids and/or subcontracting

This questionnaire only has to be completed if your tender involves a joint bid or subcontracting.

Joint bid

1. Does your bid involve more than one tenderer? Yes No

The questions No 2 – 4 shall be answered only if the answer is affirmative.

2. Please fill in the name of the company having power of attorney for the group of tenderers and acting as a co-ordinator:

……..……..

3. Please fill in the names of the other companies taking part in the joint offer:

……..……..

……..……..

4. If a consortium or similar entity exists, please fill in the name and the legal status of the entity:

……..……..

……..……..

Subcontracting

5. Does your bid involve subcontracting? Yes No

If the answer is yes, please complete question number 6, and the next page once for each subcontractor.

6. List of subcontractors:

……..……..…
……..……..…
……..……..
……..……..…
……..……..…

Reasons, roles, activities and responsibilities of subcontractors.

Please complete this page once for each subcontractor.

Name of the subcontractor:

……..……..……..……..

Contact person:

……..……..……..……..

Telephone number, e-mail address:

……..……..……..……..

Reasons for subcontracting:

……..……..……..……..

Role, activities and responsibilities of the subcontractor:

……..……..……..……..

The volume or the proportion of the subcontracting:

……..……..……..……..

Do you intend to rely on capacities from the subcontractor in order to fulfil the selection criteria? If yes, specify which selection criterion – financial and economic capacity or technical and professional capacity – and be aware that the tenderer must provide the documents which make it possible to assess the selection criteria to the extent that the subcontractor puts its resources at the disposal of the tenderer.

……..……..……..……..

……..……..……..……..

ANNEX 5. Letter of availability of a proposed expert/subcontractor(s)

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Letter of availability of proposed expert

INVITATION TO TENDER **ESTAT/A/2013/012**

All specific features of a specific project or lot are set out in the detailed description of the project/lot in Part 2 (Technical specifications) of this invitation to tender.

Statement of intent

For the attention of: (name of the tenderer's enterprise)

I, (name) the undersigned, do hereby grant authority to (company name) to submit my Curriculum Vitae for the purposes of submitting their bid/proposal responding to Lot x of Eurostat's Invitation to Tender No **ESTAT/A/2013/012**
I also confirm that in the event that (name of tenderer) is successful in securing this project, I shall make my services available to this company by working on this project.
I am not engaged in any other project in a manner which would restrict my intended role as an expert for this project. Should any elements concerning my availability change during the tendering process, I will immediately report this to (name of tenderer).
I agree to the personal data relating to me being processed as described in section 3, point 3.4.1 of the specifications relating to this invitation to tender.

Date Signature

Letter of availability of proposed subcontractor

All specific features of a specific project or lot are set out in the detailed description of the project/lot in Part 2 (Technical specifications) of this invitation to tender.

Statement of intent

For the attention of: (name of the tenderer's enterprise)

We, (name) the undersigned, do hereby grant authority to (company name) to submit Curriculum Vitae of our employee(s) for the purposes of submitting their bid/proposal responding to Lot x of Eurostat's Invitation to Tender No **ESTAT/A/2013/012**
We also confirm that in the event that (name of tenderer) is successful in securing this project, we shall make our services available to this company by working on this project.
We are not engaged in any other project in a manner which would restrict our intended role as expert for this project. Should any elements concerning our availability change during the tendering process, we will immediately report this to (name of tenderer).
We agree to the personal data relating to us being processed as described in section 3, point 3.4.1 of the specifications relating to this invitation to tender.

Date Signature

ANNEX 6. Power of attorney

Model 1

(DESIGNATING ONE OF THE COMPANIES OF THE GROUP AS LEADER AND GIVING A MANDATE TO IT)

We the undersigned :

- Signatory 1 (Name, Function, Company, Registered address, VAT Number)
- Signatory 2 (Name, Function, Company, Registered address, VAT Number)
- …..
- Signatory N (Name, Function, Company, Registered address, VAT Number),

Each of them having the legal capacity required to act on behalf of his/her company,

HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) The European Commission has awarded Contract following Invitation to Tender No XX/SXX title: xxxxx, lot n° xxxx…. (« **the Contract** ») to Company 1, Company 2, …, Company N (« **the Group Members** »), based on the joint offer submitted by them on … ….. for the supply of ….. and/or the provision of services for … (« **the Supplies and/or the Services** »).

(2) As co-signatories of the Contract, all the Group Members :

(a) Shall be jointly and severally liable towards the European Commission for the performance of the Contract.

(b) Shall comply with the terms and conditions of the Contract and ensure the proper execution of their respective share of the Supplies and/or the Services.

(3) To this effect, the Group Members designate Company X as **Group Leader**. *[N.B.: The Group Leader has to be one of the Group Members*]

(4) Payments by the European Commission related to the Supplies or the Services shall be made through the Group Leader's bank account .[*Provide details on bank, address, account number, etc.*].

(5) The Group Members grant to the Group Leader all the necessary powers to act on their behalf in connection with the Supplies and/or the Services. This mandate involves in particular the following tasks :

(a) The Group Leader shall sign any contractual documents —including the Framework Contract, Specific Agreements and Amendments thereto— and issue any invoices related to the Supplies or the Services on behalf of the Group Members.

(b) The Group Leader shall act as single point of contact for the European Commission in connection with the Supplies and/or the Services to be provided under the Contract. It shall co-ordinate the provision of the Supplies and/or the Services by the Group Members to the European Commission, and shall see to a proper administration of the Contract.

Any modification to the present agreement / power of attorney shall be subject to the European Commission's express approval.

This agreement / power of attorney shall expire when all the contractual obligations of the Group Members towards the European Commission in connection with the Supplies and/or the Services to be provided under the Contract have ceased to exist. The parties cannot terminate it before that date without the Commission's consent.

Signed in …. on …….. ……

Name Function Company	Name Function Company
Name Function Company	Name Function Company

Power of attorney

Model 2

(CREATING THE GROUP AS SEPARATE ENTITY, APPOINTING A GROUP MANAGER AND GIVING A MANDATE TO HIM/HER)

We the undersigned :

– Signatory 1 (Name, Function, Company, Registered address, VAT Number)

– Signatory 2 (Name, Function, Company, Registered address, VAT Number)

– …..

– Signatory N (Name, Function, Company, Registered address, VAT Number),

Each of them having the legal capacity required to act on behalf of his/her company,

HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) The European Commission has awarded Contract following Invitation to Tender No XX/SXX title: xxxxx, lot n° xxxx…. (« **the Contract** ») to Company 1, Company 2, …, Company N (« **the Group Members** »), based on the joint offer submitted by them on … ….. for the supply of ….. and/or the provision of services for … (« **the Supplies and/or the Services** »).

(2) As co-signatories of the Contract, all the Group Members :

(a) Shall be jointly and severally liable towards the European Commission for the performance of the Contract.

(b) Shall comply with the terms and conditions of the Contract and ensure the proper execution of their respective share of the Supplies and/or the Services.

(3) To this effect, the Group Members have set up under the laws of ……. the Group ….. (« **the Group** »). The Group has the legal form of a …... [*Provide details on registration of the Group: VAT Number, Trade Register, etc.*].

(4) Payments by the European Commission related to the Supplies or the Services shall be made through the Group's bank account . [*Provide details on bank, address, account number, etc.*].

(5) The Group Members appoint Mr/Ms ……. as **Group Manager**.

(6) The Group Members grant to the Group Manager all the necessary powers to act alone on their behalf in connection with the Supplies and/or the Services. This mandate involves in particular the following tasks :

(a) The Group Manager shall sign any contractual documents —including the Framework Contract, Specific Agreements and Amendments thereto— and issue any invoices related to the Supplies or the Services on behalf of the Group Members.

(b) The Group Manager shall act as single point of contact for the European Commission in connection with the Supplies and/or the Services to be provided under the Contract. He/she shall co-ordinate the provision of the Supplies and/or the Services by the Group Members to the European Commission, and shall see to a proper administration of the Contract.

Any modification to the present agreement / power of attorney shall be subject to the European Commission's express approval.

This agreement / power of attorney shall expire when all the contractual obligations of the Group Members towards the European Commission in connection with the Supplies and/or the Services to be provided under the Contract have ceased to exist. The parties cannot terminate it before that date without the Commission's consent.

Signed in …. on …….. ……

Name Function Company	Name Function Company
Name Function Company	Name Function Company

ANNEX 7. Declaration on grounds for exclusion (to be provided by each partner in case of joint tender and by each subcontractor)

A standard form is available on Eurostat website http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/callsfortenders - *Section "Other documents*".

Exclusion Criteria Form

INVITATION TO TENDER ESTAT/A/2013/012

Title: **The organisation of meetings, seminars and worshops for ENP-South countries**

(Complete or delete the parts in yellow italics in parenthese)
[Choose options for parts in yellow between square brackets]

The undersigned *(insert name of the signatory of this form)*:

- ❑ in [his][her] own name *(for a natural person)*

or

- ❑ representing the following legal person: *(only if the economic operator is a legal person)*

full official name:

official legal form:

full official address:

VAT registration number:

- ➢ declares that [the above-mentioned legal person][he][she] is not in one of the following situations:

a) is bankrupt or being wound up, is having its affairs administered by the courts, has entered into an arrangement with creditors, has suspended business activities, is the subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;

b) has been convicted of an offence concerning professional conduct by a judgment of a competent authority of a Member State which has the force of *res judicata*;

c) has been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the contracting authorities can justify including by decisions of the European Investment Bank and international organisations;

d) is not in compliance with all its obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions and the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which it is established, with those of the country of the contracting authority and those of the country where the contract is to be performed;

e) has been the subject of a judgement which has the force of *res judicata* for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organisation, money laundering or any other illegal activity, where such activity is detrimental to the Union's financial interests;

f) is a subject of an administrative penalty for being guilty of misrepresentation in supplying the information required by the contracting authority as a condition of participation in a procurement procedure or failing to supply this information, or having been declared to be in serious breach of its obligations under contracts covered by the Union's budget.

- *(Only for legal persons other than Member States and local authorities, otherwise delete)* declares that the natural persons with power of representation, decision-making or control[1] over the above-mentioned legal entity are not in the situations referred to in b) and e) above;

- declares that [the above-mentioned legal person][he][she]:

g) has no conflict of interest in connection with the contract; a conflict of interest could arise in particular as a result of economic interests, political or national affinity, family, emotional life or any other shared interest;

h) will inform the contracting authority, without delay, of any situation considered a conflict of interest or which could give rise to a conflict of interest;

i) has not granted and will not grant, has not sought and will not seek, has not attempted and will not attempt to obtain, and has not accepted and will not accept any advantage, financial or in kind, to or from any party whatsoever, where such advantage constitutes an illegal practice or involves corruption, either directly or indirectly, inasmuch as it is an incentive or reward relating to award of the contract;

j) provided accurate, sincere and complete information to the contracting authority within the context of this procurement procedure ;

- acknowledges that [the above-mentioned legal person][he][she] may be subject to administrative and financial penalties[2] if any of the declarations or information provided prove to be false.

In case of award of contract, the following evidence shall be provided upon request and within the time limit set by the contracting authority:

For situations described in (a), (b) and (e), production of a recent extract from the judicial record is required or, failing that, a recent equivalent document issued by a judicial or administrative authority in the country of origin or provenance showing that those requirements are satisfied. Where the tenderer is a legal person and the national legislation of the country in which the tenderer is established does not allow the provision of such documents for legal persons, the documents should be provided for natural persons, such as the company directors or any person with powers of representation, decision making or control in relation to the tenderer.

For the situation described in point (d) above, recent certificates or letters issued by the competent authorities of the State concerned are required. These documents must provide evidence covering all taxes and social security contributions for which the tenderer is liable, including for example, VAT, income tax (natural persons only), company tax (legal persons only) and social security contributions.

For any of the situations (a), (b), (d) or (e), where any document described in two paragraphs above is not issued in the country concerned, it may be replaced by a sworn or, failing that, a solemn statement made by the interested party before a judicial or administrative authority, a notary or a qualified professional body in his country of origin or provenance.

If the tenderer is a legal person, information on the natural persons with power of representation, decision making or control over the legal person shall be provided only upon request by the contracting authority.

Full name | | Date | | Signature | |

[1] This covers the company directors, members of the management or supervisory bodies, and cases where one natural person holds a majority of shares.

[2] As provided for in Article 109 of the Financial Regulation (EU, Euratom) 966/2012 and Article 145 of the Rules of Application of the Financial Regulation

ANNEX 8. Compulsory form for accounting data

A standard form is available on Eurostat website http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/callsfortenders - *Section "Other documents*".

Simplified Balance Sheet

Currency :

ASSETS	T-1	T
Formation expenses	0,00	0,00
Intangible fixed assets	0,00	0,00
Tangible fixed assets	0,00	0,00
Financial fixed assets	0,00	0,00
Amounts receivable in more than 1 year	0,00	0,00
Fixed assets	**0,00**	**0,00**
Stocks and contracts in progress	0,00	0,00
Trade receivables due in less than 1 year	0,00	0,00
Other receivables due in less than 1 year	0,00	0,00
Cash at bank and in hand	0,00	0,00
Accrued income	0,00	0,00
Current assets	**0,00**	**0,00**
Total balance	**0,00**	**0,00**

LIABILITIES	T-1	T
Paid-up capital	0,00	0,00
Share premiums & gains	0,00	0,00
Reserves	0,00	0,00
Results carried-over	0,00	0,00
Capital subsidies	0,00	0,00
Own funds	**0,00**	**0,00**
Provisions and deferred taxation	0,00	0,00
Debts payable in more than 1 year	0,00	0,00
Dep. & borrowed funds pay. in + 1 year	**0,00**	**0,00**
Permanent capital	**0,00**	**0,00**
Current portion of amounts pay. after + 1 year	0,00	0,00
Trade debts payable in less than 1 year	0,00	0,00
Other debts payable in less than 1 year	0,00	0,00
Deferred charges	0,00	0,00
Dep. & borrowed funds payable in - 1 year	**0,00**	**0,00**
Total balance	**0,00**	**0,00**

Simplified Profit and Loss Accounts

Currency :

	T-1	T
Turnover	0,00	0,00
Capitalised production	0,00	0,00
Other operating revenue	0,00	0,00
Operating income	**0,00**	**0,00**
Cost of merchandise sold	0,00	0,00
Various goods and services	0,00	0,00
Other operating charges	0,00	0,00
Remuneration and charges	0,00	0,00
Gross operating surplus	**0,00**	**0,00**
Amortization	0,00	0,00
Financial products	0,00	0,00
Financial charges	0,00	0,00
Extraordinary income	0,00	0,00
Extraordinary charges	0,00	0,00
Tax on profits	0,00	0,00
Net result after tax	**0,00**	**0,00**

Self-financing capacity	**0,00**	**0,00**

Name (position) and signature

Annexes: Full set of annual accounts for the last 2 years.

ANNEX 9. Compulsory reply form for financial bid

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Title: The organisation of meetings, seminars and workshops for ENP-South countries

N.B. Tenderers are required to indicate prices exclusive of VAT.
TENDERER:
……
……

	FINANCIAL PROPOSAL IN EURO (EXCL. VAT)			
	Year 1	***Year 2***	***Year 3***	**Total**
Event a)				
Events b)				
Events c)				
Events d)				
Events e)				
Event f)				
Total amount of bid:				

All costs associated with the completion of the work, including overheads such as infrastructure, administration, management and travel costs should be included in the financial proposal.

ANNEX 10. Draft contract

EUROPEAN COMMISSION
EUROSTAT

Directorate A: Cooperation in the European Statistical System; International cooperation; Resources

SERVICE CONTRACT

CONTRACT NUMBER – **XXXX.XXX.XXX-XXXX.XXX**

The European Union (hereinafter referred to as "the Union"), represented by the European Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission"), which is represented for the purposes of the signature of this contract by name in full, Director xxx**,** of EUROSTAT,

of the one part,

and

official name in full (legal name of organisation)

official legal form (corporate status)

statutory registration number (country of registration and registration number)

official address in full (full registered address)

VAT registration number

(hereinafter referred to as "the Contractor"), represented for the purposes of the signature of this contract by **name in full and function**,

The parties identified above and hereinafter collectively referred to as 'the Contractor' shall be jointly and severally liable vis-à-vis the Commission for the performance of this contract. [3]

of the other part,

[3] To be used in case of consortium

HAVE AGREED

To the **Special Conditions, the General Conditions for service contracts** and the following Annexes:

Annex I – Tender Specifications **(Invitation to Tender N° ESTAT/A/2013/012)**

Annex II – Contractor's Tender **N° xxx of xxx (date)**

Annex III – Power of Attorney[4]

which form an integral part of this contract (hereinafter referred to as "the Contract").

The terms set out in the Special Conditions shall take precedence over those in the other parts of the Contract.

The terms set out in the General Conditions shall take precedence over those in the Annexes.

The terms set out in the Tender Specifications (Annex I) shall take precedence over those in the tender (Annex II).

4 In case of consortium

I – SPECIAL CONDITIONS

ARTICLE I.1 – SUBJECT MATTER

I.1.1. The subject matter of the Contract is **The organisation of meetings, seminars and workshops for ENP-South countries.**

I.1.2. The Contractor shall execute the tasks assigned to him in accordance with the Tender Specifications annexed to the Contract (Annex I).

ARTICLE I.2 – ENTRY INTO FORCE AND DURATION

I.2.1. The Contract shall enter into force on the date on which it is signed by the last party.

I.2.2. Under no circumstances may performance commence before the date on which the Contract enters into force.

I.2.3. The duration of the execution of the tasks shall not exceed **12 months**. Unless otherwise specified, all periods specified in the contract are calculated in calendar days. Execution of the tasks shall start **on 6 January 2014**.

The period of execution of the tasks may be extended only with the express written agreement of the parties before the expiration of such period.

ARTICLE I.3 – PRICE

I.3.1. The maximum total amount to be paid by the contracting authority under the Contract shall be **EUR xxx** *(amount in figure)* (EUR *amount in words*) covering all tasks executed.

I.3.2. **Price revision**: not applicable.

I.3.3. **Reimbursement of expenses**: not applicable

ARTICLE I.4 – PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

I.4.1. Pre-financing

Not applicable.

I.4.2. Interim payment

The Contractor shall submit an invoice for an interim payment of **EUR xxx** *amount in figures and in words* equal to **50%** of the total amount referred to in Article I.3.1..

Invoice(s) for interim payment shall be accompanied by an interim technical report in accordance with the tender specifications (Annex I).

The contracting authority shall make the payment within **60** days from receipt of the invoice.

The Contractor shall have **30** days in which to submit additional information or corrections, a new technical report or documents if required by the contracting authority.

I.4.3. Payment of the balance

The Contractor shall submit an invoice for payment of the balance.

The invoice shall be accompanied by the final technical report in accordance with the tender specifications (Annex I).

The contracting authority shall make the payment within **60** days from receipt of the invoice.

The Contractor shall have **30** days in which to submit additional information or corrections, a new final technical report or other documents if it is required by the contracting authority.

Where VAT is due in Belgium, the provisions of the contract constitute a request for VAT exemption No 450, Article 42, paragraph 3.3 of the VAT code (circular 2/1978), provided the contractor includes the following statement in the invoice(s): “Exonération de la TVA, Article 42, paragraphe 3.3 du code de la TVA (circulaire 2/1978)” or an equivalent statement in the Dutch or German language.

Where VAT is due in Luxembourg, the contractor shall include the following statement in the invoices: "Commande destinée à l'usage officiel de l'Union européenne. Exonération de la TVA Article 43 § 1 k 2ième tiret de la loi modifiée du 12.02.79." In case of intra-Community purchases, the statement to be included in the invoices is: "For the official use of the European Union. VAT Exemption / European Union/ Article 151 of Council Directive 2006/112/EC."

I.4.4. Performance guarantee [3]

A performance guarantee for an amount of **EUR xxx** *amount in figures (EUR amount in words)* (10 % of the total amount referred to in Article I.3.1) shall be issued no later than the date of dispatch of the invoice for the balance according to the conditions laid down in Article II.15.5.

ARTICLE I.5 – BANK ACCOUNT

Payments shall be made to the Contractor’s bank account denominated in Euro, identified as follows:

Name of the bank

Address of branch in full

Exact designation of account holder

Full account number including codes

IBAN / BIC code

ARTICLE I.6 – COMMUNICATION DETAILS AND DATA CONTROLLER

For the purpose of Article II.6, the data controller shall be Unit A.4 *(Financial Management)*. Communications shall be sent to the following addresses:

Contracting authority:

All questions on the contract and reports to be delivered:

European Commission
EUROSTAT
Attention: Mr/Ms [Head of Unit]
BECH xxx
Jean Monnet Building
L-2920 Luxembourg- Kirchberg
E-mail:

Invoices (only):

European Commission
EUROSTAT
Attention: Ms Wasbauer
BECH B4/472

[3] *If applicable.*

Jean Monnet Building
L-2920 Luxembourg- Kirchberg
E-mail:

Contractor:

Mr/Mrs/Ms xxx
Function
Company name
Official address in full
E-mail:

ARTICLE I.7 – APPLICABLE LAW AND SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

I.7.1. The Contract shall be governed by Union law, complemented, where necessary, by the national substantive law of Luxembourg.

I.7.2. Any dispute between the parties in relation to the interpretation, application or validity of the Contract which cannot be settled amicably shall be brought before the courts of Luxembourg**.**

ARTICLE I.8 – EXPLOITATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE CONTRACT

I.8.1 Modes of exploitation

In accordance with Article II.10.2 whereby the Union acquires ownership of the results as defined in the tender specifications (Annex I), these results may be used for any of the following purposes:

(a) use for its own purposes:
- (i) making available to the staff of the contracting authority
- (ii) making available to the persons and entities working for the contracting authority or cooperating with it, including contractors, subcontractors whether legal or natural persons, Union institutions, agencies and bodies, Member States' institutions
- (iii) installing, uploading, processing
- (iv) arranging, compiling, combining, retrieving
- (v) copying, reproducing in whole or in part and in unlimited number of copies

(b) distribution to the public:
- (i) publishing in hard copies
- (ii) publishing in electronic or digital format
- (iii) publishing on the internet as a downloadable/non-downloadable file
- (iv) broadcasting by any kind of technique of transmission
- (v) public presentation or display
- (vi) communication through press information services
- (vii) inclusion in widely accessible databases or indexes
- (viii) otherwise in any form and by any method

(c) modifications by the contracting authority or by a third party in the name of the contracting authority:
- (i) shortening
- (ii) summarizing

(iii) modifying of the content

(iv) making technical changes to the content:

- necessary correction of technical errors
- adding new parts or functionalities
- changing functionalities
- providing third parties with additional information concerning the result (e.g. source code) with a view of making modifications

(v) addition of new elements, paragraphs titles, leads, bolds, legend, table of content, summary, graphics, subtitles, sound, etc.

(vi) preparation in audio form, preparation as a presentation, animation, pictograms story, slide-show, public presentation etc.

(vii) extracting a part or dividing into parts

(viii) use of a concept or preparation of a derivate work

(ix) digitisation or converting the format for storage or usage purposes

(x) modifying dimensions

(xi) translating, inserting subtitles, dubbing in different language versions:

- English, French, German
- all official languages of EU
- languages used within EU
- languages of candidate countries

(d) the modes of exploitation listed in article II.10.4

(e) rights to authorise, license, or sub-license in case of licensed pre-existing rights, the modes of exploitation set out in any of the points (a) to (c) to third parties.

Where the contracting authority becomes aware that the scope of modifications exceeds that envisaged in the contract the contracting authority shall consult the contractor. Where necessary, the contractor shall in turn seek the agreement of any creator or other right holder. The contractor shall reply to the contracting authority within one month and shall provide its agreement, including any suggestions of modifications, free of charge. The creator may refuse the intended modification only when it may harm his honour, reputation or distort integrity of the work.

I.8.2 Pre-existing rights and transmission of rights

All pre-existing rights incorporated in the results and directly related to the uses foreseen in Article I.8.1 shall be fully and irrevocably acquired by the Union as provided for in Article II.10.2 and by derogation to Article II.10.3.

The contractor shall provide to the contracting authority a list of pre-existing rights and third parties' rights including its personnel, creators or other right holders as provided for in Article II.10.5.

ARTICLE I.9 – TERMINATION BY EITHER PARTY

Either party may, unilaterally and without being required to pay compensation, terminate the contract by formally notifying the other party by giving one month's notice. Should the contracting authority terminate the contract, the contractor shall only be entitled to payment corresponding to part-performance of the contract before the termination date. The first paragraph of Article II.14.3 shall apply.

SIGNATURES

For the Contractor,	For the Commission,
[*Company name*/forename/surname/function]	[forename/surname/function]
signature[s]:_____	signature [s]:_____
Done at [xxx], [date]	Done at Luxembourg, [date]

In duplicate in English.

II – GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR SERVICE CONTRACTS

ARTICLE II.1 – PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACT

II.1.1 The contractor shall perform the contract to the highest professional standards.

II.1.2 The contractor shall be solely responsible for taking the necessary steps to obtain any permit or licence required for performance of the contract under the laws and regulations in force at the place where the tasks assigned to it are to be executed.

II.1.3 Without prejudice to Article II.4 any reference made to the contractor's personnel in the contract shall relate exclusively to individuals involved in the performance of the contract.

II.1.4 The contractor must ensure that the personnel performing the contract possesses the professional qualifications and experience required for the execution of the tasks assigned to it.

II.1.5 The contractor shall neither represent the contracting authority nor behave in any way that would give such an impression. The contractor shall inform third parties that it does not belong to the European public service.

II.1.6 The contractor shall be solely responsible for the personnel who executes the tasks assigned to the contractor.

The contractor shall stipulate the following employment or service relationships with its personnel:

(a) personnel executing the tasks assigned to the contractor may not be given orders directly by the contracting authority;

(b) the contracting authority may not under any circumstances be considered to be the employer of the personnel referred to in point (a) and the personnel shall undertake not to invoke against the contracting authority any right arising from the contractual relationship between the contracting authority and the contractor.

II.1.7 In the event of disruption resulting from the action of one of the contractor's personnel working on the contracting authority's premises or in the event that the expertise of a member of the contractor's personnel fails to correspond to the profile required by the contract, the contractor shall replace him without delay. The contracting authority shall have the right to make a reasoned request for the replacement of any such personnel. The replacement personnel must have the necessary qualifications and be capable of performing the contract under the same contractual conditions. The contractor shall be responsible for any delay in the execution of the tasks assigned to it resulting from the replacement of personnel.

II.1.8 Should the execution of the tasks be directly or indirectly hampered, either partially or totally, by any unforeseen event, action or omission, the contractor shall immediately and on its own initiative record it and report it to the contracting authority. The report shall include a description of the problem and an indication of the date on which it started and of the remedial action taken by the contractor to ensure full compliance with its obligations under this contract. In such an event the contractor shall give priority to solving the problem rather than determining liability.

II.1.9 Should the contractor fail to perform its obligations under the contract, the contracting authority may - without prejudice to its right to terminate the contract - reduce or recover payments in proportion to the scale of the unperformed obligations. In addition, the contracting authority may claim compensation or impose liquidated damages in accordance with Article II.12.

Article II.2 – Means of communication

II.2.1 Any communication relating to the contract or to its performance shall be made in writing and shall bear the contract number. Any communication is deemed to have been made when it is received by the receiving party unless otherwise provided for in this contract.

II.2.2 Electronic communication shall be deemed to have been received by the parties on the day of dispatch of that communication provided it is sent to the addressees listed in Article I.6. Without prejudice to the preceding, if the sending party receives a message of non-delivery to or of absence of the addressee, it shall make every effort to ensure the actual receipt of such communication by the other party.

Electronic communication shall be confirmed by an original signed paper version of that communication if requested by any of the parties provided that this request is submitted without unjustified delay. The sender shall send the original signed paper version without unjustified delay.

II.2.3 Mail sent using the postal services is deemed to have been received by the contracting authority on the date on which it is registered by the department responsible referred to in Article I.6.

Any formal notification shall be made by registered mail with return receipt or equivalent, or by equivalent electronic means.

Article II.3 – Liability

II.3.1 The contractor shall be solely responsible for complying with any legal obligations incumbent on it.

II.3.2 The contracting authority shall not be held liable for any damage caused or sustained by the contractor, including any damage caused by the contractor to third parties during or as a consequence of performance of the contract, except in the event of wilful misconduct or gross negligence on the part of the contracting authority.

II.3.3 The contractor shall be held liable for any loss or damage sustained by the contracting authority in performance of the contract, including in the event of subcontracting, and for any claim by a third party, but only to an amount not exceeding three times the total amount of the contract. Nevertheless, if the damage or loss is caused by the gross negligence or wilful misconduct of the contractor or of its personnel or subcontractors, the contractor shall have unlimited liability for the amount of the damage or loss.

II.3.4 The contractor shall indemnify and hold the Union harmless for all damages and costs incurred due to any claim. The contractor shall provide compensation in the event of any action, claim or proceeding brought against the contracting authority by a third party as a result of damage caused by the contractor during the performance of the contract. In the event of any action brought by a third party against the contracting authority in connection with the performance of the contract, including any alleged breach of intellectual property rights, the contractor shall assist the contracting authority. Such expenditure incurred by the contractor may be borne by the contracting authority.

II.3.5 The contractor shall take out an insurance policy against risks and damage relating to the performance of the contract, if required by the relevant applicable legislation. It

shall take out supplementary insurance as reasonably required by standard practice in the industry. A copy of all the relevant insurance contracts shall be sent to the contracting authority should it so request.

Article II.4 - Conflict of interest

II.4.1 The contractor shall take all the necessary measures to prevent any situation of conflict of interest. Such situation arises where the impartial and objective performance of the contract is compromised for reasons involving economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional ties, or any other shared interest.

II.4.2 Any situation constituting or likely to lead to a conflict of interest during the performance of the contract shall be notified to the contracting authority in writing without delay. The contractor shall immediately take all the necessary steps to rectify the situation. The contracting authority reserves the right to verify that the steps taken are appropriate and may require that additional steps be taken within a specified deadline.

II.4.3 The contractor declares that it has not granted and will not grant, has not sought and will not seek, has not attempted and will not attempt to obtain and has not accepted and will not accept, any advantage, financial or in kind, to or from any party whatsoever, when such advantage constitutes an illegal practice or involves corruption, either directly or indirectly, in so far as it serves as an incentive or reward relating to the performance of the contract.

II.4.4 The contractor shall pass on all the relevant obligations in writing to its personnel and to any natural person with the power to represent it or take decisions on its behalf and ensure that it is not placed in a situation which could give rise to conflicts of interest. The contractor shall also pass on all the relevant obligations in writing to third parties involved in the performance of the contract including subcontractors.

Article II.5 – Confidentiality

II.5.1 The contracting authority and the contractor shall treat with confidentiality any information and documents, in any form, disclosed in writing or orally in relation to the performance of the contract and identified in writing as confidential.

The contractor shall:

(a) not use confidential information and documents for any purpose other than fulfilling its obligations under the contract without prior written agreement of the contracting authority;
(b) ensure the protection of such confidential information and documents with the same level of protection it uses to protect its own confidential information, but in no case any less than reasonable care;
(c) not disclose directly or indirectly confidential information and documents to third parties without prior written agreement of the contracting authority.

II.5.2 The confidentiality obligation set out in Article II.5.1 shall be binding on the contracting authority and the contractor during the performance of the contract and for five years starting from the date of the payment of the balance unless:

(a) the concerned party agrees to release the other party from the confidentiality obligation earlier;
(b) the confidential information becomes public through other means than in breach of the confidentiality obligation, through disclosure by the party bound by that obligation;
(c) the disclosure of the confidential information is required by law.

II.5.3 The contractor shall obtain from any natural person with the power to represent it or take decisions on its behalf, as well as from third parties involved in the performance of the contract, an undertaking that they will comply with the confidentiality obligation set out in Article II.5.1.

Article II.6 – Processing of personal data

II.6.1 Any personal data included in the contract shall be processed pursuant to Regulation (EC) 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data. Such data shall be processed by the data controller solely for the purposes of the performance, management and monitoring of the contract without prejudice to its possible transmission to the bodies charged with monitoring or inspection tasks in application of Union law.

II.6.2 The contractor shall have the right to access its personal data and the right to rectify any such data. The contractor should address any queries concerning the processing of its personal data to the data controller.

II.6.3 The contractor shall have right of recourse at any time to the European Data Protection Supervisor.

II.6.4 Where the contract requires the processing of personal data by the contractor, the contractor may act only under the supervision of the data controller, in particular with regard to the purposes of the processing, the categories of data which may be processed, the recipients of the data and the means by which the data subject may exercise his rights.

II.6.5 The contractor shall grant its personnel access to the data to the extent strictly necessary for the performance, management and monitoring of the contract.

II.6.6 The contractor undertakes to adopt appropriate technical and organisational security measures having regard to the risks inherent in the processing and to the nature of the personal data concerned in order to:

(a) prevent any unauthorised person from gaining access to computer systems processing personal data, and especially:
   (i) unauthorised reading, copying, alteration or removal of storage media;
   (ii) unauthorised data input, as well as any unauthorised disclosure, alteration or erasure of stored personal data;
   (iii) unauthorised use of data-processing systems by means of data transmission facilities;
(b) ensure that authorised users of a data-processing system can access only the personal data to which their access right refers;
(c) record which personal data have been communicated, when and to whom;
(d) ensure that personal data being processed on behalf of third parties can be processed only in the manner prescribed by the contracting authority;
(e) ensure that, during communication of personal data and transport of storage media, the data cannot be read, copied or erased without authorisation;
(f) design its organisational structure in such a way that it meets data protection requirements.

Article II.7 – Subcontracting

II.7.1 The contractor shall not subcontract without prior written authorisation from the contracting authority nor cause the contract to be de facto performed by third parties.

II.7.2 Even where the contracting authority authorises the contractor to subcontract to third parties, it shall nevertheless remain bound by its contractual obligations and shall be solely responsible for the proper performance of this contract.

II.7.3 The contractor shall make sure that the subcontract does not affect rights and guarantees granted to the contracting authority by virtue of this contract, notably by Article II.18.

Article II.8 – Amendments

II.8.1 Any amendment to the contract shall be made in writing before fulfilment of any new contractual obligations and in any case before the date of payment of the balance.

II.8.2 The amendment may not have the purpose or the effect of making changes to the contract which might call into question the decision awarding the contract or result in unequal treatment of tenderers.

Article II.9 – Assignment

II.9.1 The contractor shall not assign the rights, including claims for payments, and obligations arising from the contract, in whole or in part, without prior written authorisation from the contracting authority.

II.9.2 In the absence of such authorisation, or in the event of failure to observe the terms thereof, the assignment of rights or obligations by the contractor shall not be enforceable against the contracting authority and shall have no effect on it.

Article II.10 – Ownership of the results - Intellectual and industrial property rights

II.10.1 Definitions

In this contract the following definitions apply:

(1) 'results' means any intended outcome of the performance of the contract which is delivered and finally accepted by the contracting authority.

(2) 'creator' means any natural person who contributed to the production of the result and includes personnel of the contracting authority or a third party.

(3) 'pre-existing rights' means any industrial and intellectual property rights, including background technology, which exist prior to the contracting authority or the contractor ordering them for the purpose of the contract execution and include rights of ownership and use by the contractor, the creator, the contracting authority and any third parties.

II.10.2 Ownership of the results

The ownership of the results shall be fully and irrevocably acquired by the Union under this contract including any rights in any of the results listed in this contract. Those rights in the results may includecopyright and other intellectual or industrial property rights, as well as all technological solutions and information contained within these technological solutions, produced in performance of the contract. The contracting authority may exploit them as stipulated in this contract. All the rights shall be acquired by the Union from the moment the results are delivered by the contractor and accepted by the contracting authority. Such delivery and acceptance are deemed to constitute an effective assignment of rights from the contractor to the Union.

The payment of the price as set out in the order forms or specific contracts is deemed to include any fees payable to the contractor in relation to the acquisition of ownership of rights by the Union including all forms of use of the results.
The acquisition of rights by the Union under this contract covers all territories worldwide.
Any intermediary sub-result, raw data, intermediary analysis made available by the contractor cannot be used by the contracting authority without the written consent of the contractor, unless the contract explicitly provides for it to be treated as a self-contained result.

II.10.3 Licensing of pre-existing rights

The Union shall not acquire ownership of the pre-existing rights.
The contractor shall license the pre-existing rights on a royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable basis to the Union which may use the pre-existing right as foreseen in Article I.8.1 or in order forms or specific contracts. All the pre-existing rights shall be licensed to the Union from the moment the results were delivered and accepted by the contracting authority.
The licensing of pre-existing rights to the Union under this contract covers all territories worldwide and is valid for the whole duration of intellectual property rights protection.

II.10.4 Modes of exploitation

The Union shall acquire ownership of each of the results produced as an outcome of this contract which may be used for any of the following purposes:
(a) giving access upon individual requests without the right to reproduce or exploit, as provided for by Regulation 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents;

(b) storage of the original and copies made in accordance with this contract;

(c) archiving in line with the document management rules applicable to the contracting authority.

II.10.5 Identification and evidence of granting of pre-existing rights and rights of third parties

When delivering the results, the contractor shall warrant that they are free of rights or claims from creators and third parties including in relation to pre-existing rights, for any use envisaged by the contracting authority. This does not concern the moral rights of natural persons.
The contractor shall establish to that effect a list of all pre-existing rights and rights of creators and third parties on the results of this contract or parts thereof. This list shall be provided no later than the date of delivery of the final results.
In the result the contractor shall clearly point out all quotations of existing textual works. The complete reference should include as appropriate: name of the author, title of the work, date and place of publication, date of creation, address of publication on internet, number, volume and other information which allows the origin to be easily identified.
Upon request by the contracting authority, the contractor shall provide evidence of ownership of or rights to use all the listed pre-existing rights and rights of third parties except for the rights owned by the Union.
This evidence may refer, inter alia, to rights to: parts of other documents, images, graphs, tables, data, software, technical inventions, know-how etc. (delivered in paper, electronic or other form), IT development tools, routines, subroutines and/or other programs ("background technology"), concepts, designs, installations or pieces of art, data, source or background materials or any other parts of external origin.
The evidence shall include, as appropriate:
(a) the name and version number of a software product;

(b) the full identification of the work and its author, developer, creator, translator, data entry person, graphic designer, publisher, editor, photographer, producer;

(c) a copy of the licence to use the product or of the agreement granting the relevant rights to the contractor or a reference to this licence;

(d) a copy of the agreement or extract from the employment contract granting the relevant rights to the contractor where parts of the results were created by its personnel;

(e) the text of the disclaimer notice if any.

Provision of evidence does not release the contractor from its responsibilities in case it is found that it does not hold the necessary rights, regardless of when and by whom this fact was revealed.
The contractor also warrants that it possesses the relevant rights or powers to execute the transfer and that it has paid or has verified payment of all due fees including fees due to collecting societies, related to the final results.

II.10.6 Creators

By delivering the results the contractor warrants that the creators undertake not to oppose that their names be recalled when the results are presented to the public and confirms that the results can be divulged. Names of authors shall be recalled on request in the manner communicated by the contractor to the contracting authority.
The contractor shall obtain the consent of creators regarding the granting of the relevant rights and be ready to provide documentary evidence upon request.

II.10.7 Persons appearing in photographs or films

If natural, recognisable persons appear in a result or their voice is recorded the contractor shall submit a statement of these persons (or of the persons exercising parental authority in case of minors) where they give their permission for the described use of their image or voice on request by the contracting authority. This does not apply to persons whose permission is not required in line with the law of the country where photographs were taken, films shot or audio records made.

II.10.8 Copyright for pre-existing rights

When the contractor retains pre-existing rights on parts of the results, reference shall be inserted to that effect when the result is used as set out in Article I.8.1 with the following disclaimer: © - year – European Union. All rights reserved. Certain parts are licensed under conditions to the EU.

II.10.9 Visibility of Union funding and disclaimer

When making use of the results, the contractor shall declare that they have been produced within a contract with the Union and that the opinions expressed are those of the contractor only and do not represent the contracting authority's official position. The contracting authority may waive this obligation in writing.

Article II.11 – Force majeure

II.11.1 'Force majeure' means any unforeseeable and exceptional situation or event beyond the parties' control which prevents either of them from fulfilling any of their obligations under the contract, which was not attributable to error or negligence on their part or on the part of subcontractors and which proves to be inevitable in spite of exercising due diligence. Any default of a service, defect in equipment or material or delays in making them available, unless they stem directly from a relevant case of force majeure, as well as labour disputes, strikes or financial difficulties, cannot be invoked as force majeure.

II.11.2 A party faced with force majeure shall formally notify the other party without delay, stating the nature, likely duration and foreseeable effects.

II.11.3 The party faced with force majeure shall not be held in breach of its contractual obligations if it has been prevented from fulfilling them by force majeure. Where the contractor is unable to fulfil its contractual obligations owing to force majeure, it shall have the right to remuneration only for the tasks actually executed.

II.11.4 The parties shall take all the necessary measures to limit any damage due to force majeure.

Article II.12 – Liquidated damages

The contracting authority may impose liquidated damages should the contractor fail to complete its contractual obligations, also with regard to the required quality level, according to the tender specifications.
Should the contractor fail to perform its contractual obligations within the time-limits set by the contract, then, without prejudice to the contractor's actual or potential liability or to the contracting authority's right to terminate the contract, the contracting authority may impose liquidated damages for each and every calendar day of delay according to the following formula:

0.3 x (*V/d)*

V is the amount specified in Article I.3.1;

d is the duration specified in Article I.2.3 expressed in calendar days.

The contractor may submit arguments against this decision within 30 days of receipt of the formal notification. In the absence of a reaction on its part or of written withdrawal by the contracting authority within 30 days of the receipt of such arguments, the decision imposing the liquidated damages shall become enforceable.

The parties expressly acknowledge and agree that any sums payable under this article are in the nature of liquidated damages and not penalties, and represent a reasonable estimate of fair compensation for the losses incurred due to failure to fulfil obligations which may be reasonably anticipated.

Article II.13 – Suspension of the performance of the contract

II.13.1 Suspension by the contractor

The contractor may suspend the performance of the contract or any part thereof if a case of force majeure makes such performance impossible or excessively difficult. The contractor shall inform the contracting authority about the suspension without delay, giving all the necessary reasons and details and the envisaged date for resuming the performance of the contract.
Once the circumstances allow resuming performance, the contractor shall inform the contracting authority immediately, unless the contracting authority has already terminated the contract.

II.13.2 Suspension by the contracting authority

The contracting authority may suspend the performance of the contract or any part thereof:
(a) if the contract award procedure or the performance of the contract prove to have been subject to substantial errors, irregularities or fraud;

(b) in order to verify whether presumed substantial errors, irregularities or fraud have actually occurred.

Suspension shall take effect on the day the contractor receives formal notification, or at a later date provided in the notification. The contracting authority shall give notice as soon as possible to the contractor to resume the service suspended or inform the contractor that it is proceeding with the termination of the contract. The contractor shall not be entitled to claim compensation on account of suspension of the contract or of part thereof.

Article II.14 – Termination of the contract

II.14.1 Grounds for termination

The contracting authority may terminate the contract in the following circumstances:

(a) if a change to the contractor's legal, financial, technical or organisational or ownership situation is likely to affect the performance of the contract substantially or calls into question the decision to award the contract;

(b) if execution of the tasks has not actually commenced within three months of the date foreseen, and the new date proposed, if any, is considered unacceptable by the contracting authority, taking into account Article II.8.2;

(c) if the contractor does not perform the contract as established in the tender specifications or fails to fulfil another substantial contractual obligation;

(d) in the event of force majeure notified in accordance with Article II.11 or if the performance of the contract has been suspended by the contractor as a result of force majeure, notified in accordance with Article II.13, where either resuming performance is impossible or the modifications to the contract might call into question the decision awarding the contract or result in unequal treatment of tenderers;

(e) if the contractor is declared bankrupt, is being wound up, is having its affairs administered by the courts, has entered into an arrangement with creditors, has suspended business activities, is the subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;

(f) if the contractor or any natural person with the power to represent it or take decisions on its behalf has been found guilty of professional misconduct proven by any means;

(g) if the contractor is not in compliance with its obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which it is established or with those of the country of the applicable law of this contract or those of the country where the contract is to be performed;

(h) if the contracting authority has evidence that the contractor or natural persons with the power to represent it or take decisions on its behalf have committed fraud, corruption, or are involved in a criminal organisation, money laundering or any other illegal activity detrimental to the Union's financial interests;

(i) if the contracting authority has evidence that the contractor or natural persons with the power to represent it or take decisions on its behalf have committed substantial errors, irregularities or fraud in the award procedure or the performance of the contract, including in the event of submission of false information;

(j) if the contractor is unable, through its own fault, to obtain any permit or licence required for performance of the contract.

II.14.2 Procedure for termination

When the contracting authority intends to terminate the contract it shall formally notify the contractor of its intention specifying the grounds thereof. The contracting authority shall invite the contractor to make any observations and, in the case of point (c) of Article II.14.1, to inform the contracting authority about the measures taken to continue the fulfilment of its contractual obligations, within 30 days from receipt of the notification.
If the contracting authority does not confirm acceptance of these observations by giving written approval within 30 days of receipt, the termination procedure shall proceed. In any case of termination the contracting authority shall formally notify the contractor about its decision to terminate the contract. In the cases referred to in points (a), (b), (c), (e), (g) and (j) of Article II.14.1 the formal notification shall specify the date on which the termination takes effect. In the cases referred to in points (d), (f), (h), and (i) of Article II.14.1 the termination shall take effect on the day following the date on which notification of termination is received by the contractor.

II.14.3 Effects of termination

In the event of termination, the contractor shall waive any claim for consequential damages, including any loss of anticipated profits for uncompleted work. On receipt of the notification of termination, the contractor shall take all the appropriate measures to minimise costs, prevent damages, and cancel or reduce its commitments. The contractor shall have 60 days from the date on which termination takes effect to draw up the documents required by the special conditions for the tasks already executed on the date of termination and produce an invoice if necessary. The contracting authority may recover any amounts paid under the contract.

The contracting authority may claim compensation for any damage suffered in the event of termination.

On termination the contracting authority may engage any other contractor to execute or complete the services. The contracting authority shall be entitled to claim from the contractor all extra costs incurred in this regard, without prejudice to any other rights or guarantees it may have under the contract.

Article II.15 – Reporting and payments

II.15.1 Date of payment

Payments shall be deemed to be effected on the date when they are debited to the contracting authority's account.

II.15.2 Currency

The contract shall be in euros.
Payments shall be executed in euros or in the local currency as provided for in Article I.5.

Conversion between the euro and another currency shall be made according to the daily euro exchange rate published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* or, failing that, at the monthly accounting exchange rate established by the European Commission and published on its website, applicable on the day on which the payment order is issued by the contracting authority.

II.15.3 Costs of transfer

The costs of the transfer shall be borne in the following way:

(a) costs of dispatch charged by the bank of the contracting authority shall be borne by the contracting authority,

(b) cost of receipt charged by the bank of the contractor shall be borne by the contractor,

(c) costs for repeated transfer caused by one of the parties shall be borne by the party causing repetition of the transfer.

II.15.4 Invoices and Value Added Tax

Invoices shall contain the contractor's identification, the amount, the currency and the date, as well as the contract reference.
Invoices shall indicate the place of taxation of the contractor for value added tax (VAT) purposes and shall specify separately the amounts not including VAT and the amounts including VAT.
The contracting authority is, as a rule, exempt from all taxes and duties, including VAT, pursuant to the provisions of Articles 3 and 4 of the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Union.

The contractor shall accordingly complete the necessary formalities with the relevant authorities to ensure that the supplies and services required for performance of the contract are exempt from taxes and duties, including VAT exemption.

II.15.5 Pre-financing and performance guarantees

Pre-financing guarantees shall remain in force until the pre-financing is cleared against interim payments or payment of the balance and, in case the latter takes the form of a debit note, three months after the debit note is notified to the contractor. The contracting authority shall release the guarantee within the following month.
Performance guarantees shall cover performance of the service in accordance with the terms set out in the tender specifications until its final acceptance by the contracting authority. The amount of a performance guarantee shall not exceed the total price of the contract. The guarantee shall provide that it remains in force until final acceptance. The contracting authority shall release the guarantee within a month following the date of final acceptance.
Where, in accordance with Article I.4, a financial guarantee is required for the payment of pre-financing, or as performance guarantee, it shall fulfill the following conditions:

(a) the financial guarantee is provided by a bank or an approved financial institution or, at the request of the contractor and agreement by the contracting authority, by a third party;

(b) the guarantor stands as first-call guarantor and does not require the contracting authority to have recourse against the principal debtor (the contractor).

The cost of providing such guarantee shall be borne by the contractor.

II.15.6 Interim payments and payment of the balance

The contractor shall submit an invoice for interim payment upon delivery of intermediary results, accompanied by a progress report or any other documents, as provided for in Article I.4 or in the tender specifications.
The contractor shall submit an invoice for payment of the balance within 60 days following the end of the period referred to in Article I.2.3, accompanied by a final progress report or any other documents provided for in for in Article I.4 or in the tender specifications.

Upon receipt, the contracting authority shall pay the amount due as interim or final payment within the periods specified in Article I.4, provided the invoice and documents have been approved and without prejudice to Article II.15.7. Approval of the invoice and documents shall not imply recognition of the regularity or of the authenticity, completeness and correctness of the declarations and information they contain.
Payment of the balance may take the form of recovery.

II.15.7 Suspension of the time allowed for payment

The contracting authority may suspend the payment periods specified in Article I.4 at any time by notifying the contractor that its invoice cannot be processed, either because it does not comply with the provisions of the contract, or because the appropriate documents have not been produced.
The contracting authority shall inform the contractor in writing as soon as possible of any such suspension, giving the reasons for it.
Suspension shall take effect on the date the notification is sent by the contracting authority. The remaining payment period shall start to run again from the date on which the requested information or revised documents are received or the necessary further verification, including on-the-spot checks, is carried out. Where the suspension period exceeds two months, the contractor may request the contracting authority to justify the continued suspension.
Where the payment periods have been suspended following rejection of a document referred to in the first paragraph and the new document produced is also rejected, the contracting authority reserves the right to terminate the contract in accordance with Article II.14.1(c).

II.15.8. Interest on late payment

On expiry of the payment periods specified in Article I.4, and without prejudice to Article II.15.7, the contractor is entitled to interest on late payment at the rate applied by the European Central Bank for its main refinancing operations in Euros (the reference rate), plus eight points. The reference rate shall be the rate in force on the first day of the month in which the payment period ends, as published in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
The suspension of the payment periods in accordance with Article II.15.7 may not be considered as a late payment.
Interest on late payment shall cover the period running from the day following the due date for payment up to and including the date of actual payment as defined in Article II.15.1.
However, when the calculated interest is lower than or equal to EUR 200, it shall be paid to the contractor only upon request submitted within two months of receiving late payment.

Article II.16 - Reimbursements

II.16.1 Where provided by the special conditions or by the tender specifications, the contracting authority shall reimburse the expenses which are directly connected with execution of the tasks on production of original supporting documents, including receipts and used tickets, or failing that, on production of copies or scanned originals, or on the basis of flat rates.

II.16.2 Travel and subsistence expenses shall be reimbursed, where appropriate, on the basis of the shortest itinerary and the minimum number of nights necessary for overnight stay at the destination.

II.16.3 Travel expenses shall be reimbursed as follows:

(a) travel by air shall be reimbursed up to the maximum cost of an economy class ticket at the time of the reservation;

(b) travel by boat or rail shall be reimbursed up to the maximum cost of a first class ticket;

(c) travel by car shall be reimbursed at the rate of one first class rail ticket for the same journey and on the same day;

In addition, travel outside Union territory shall be reimbursed provided the contracting authority has given its prior written consent.

II.16.4 Subsistence expenses shall be reimbursed on the basis of a daily subsistence allowance as follows:

(a) for journeys of less than 200 km for a return trip, no subsistence allowance shall be payable;

(b) daily subsistence allowance shall be payable only on receipt of supporting documents proving that the person concerned was present at the destination;

(c) daily subsistence allowance shall take the form of a flat-rate payment to cover all subsistence expenses, including meals, local transport which includes transport to and from the airport or station, insurance and sundries;

(d) daily subsistence allowance shall be reimbursed at the flat rates specified in Article I.3;

e) accommodation shall be reimbursed on receipt of supporting documents proving the necessary overnight stay at the destination, up to the flat-rate ceilings specified in Article I.3.

II.16.5 The cost of shipment of equipment or unaccompanied luggage shall be reimbursed provided the contracting authority has given prior written authorisation.

II.16.6 Conversion between the euro and another currency shall be made as specified in Article II.5.2.

Article II.17 – Recovery

II.17.1 If an amount is to be recovered under the terms of the contract, the contractor shall repay the contracting authority the amount in question according to the terms and by the date specified in the debit note.

II.17.2 If the obligation to pay the amount due is not honoured by the date set by the contracting authority in the debit note, the amount due shall bear interest at the rate indicated in Article II.15.8. Interest on late payments shall cover the period from the day following the due date for payment, up to and including the date when the contracting authority receives the full payment of the amount owed.

Any partial payment shall first be entered against charges and interest on late payment and then against the principal amount.

II.17.3 If payment has not been made by the due date, the contracting authority may, after informing the contractor in writing, recover the amounts due by offsetting them against any amounts owed to the contractor by the Union or by the European Atomic Energy Community or by calling in the financial guarantee, where provided for in Article I.4.

Article II.18 – Checks and audits

II.18.1 The contracting authority and the European Anti-Fraud Office may check or have an audit on the performance of the contract. It may be carried out either directly by their own staff or by any other outside body authorised to do so on their behalf.

Such checks and audits may be initiated during the performance of the contract and during a period of five years which starts running from the date of the payment of the balance.

The audit procedure shall be deemed to be initiated on the date of receipt of the relevant letter sent by the contracting authority. Audits shall be carried out on a confidential basis.

II.18.2 The contractor shall keep all original documents stored on any appropriate medium, including digitised originals when they are authorised by national law and under the conditions laid down therein, for a period of five years which starts running from the date of payment of the balance.

II.18.3 The contractor shall allow the contracting authority's staff and outside personnel authorised by the contracting authority the appropriate right of access to sites and premises where the contract is performed and to all the information, including information in electronic format, needed in order to conduct such checks and audits. The contractor shall ensure that the information is readily available at the moment of the check or audit and, if so requested, that information be handed over in an appropriate form.

II.18.4 On the basis of the findings made during the audit, a provisional report shall be drawn up. It shall be sent to the contractor, which shall have 30 days following the date of receipt to submit observations. The final report shall be sent to the contractor within 60 days following the expiry of that deadline.
On the basis of the final audit findings, the contracting authority may recover all or part of the payments made and may take any other measure which it considers necessary.

II.18.5 By virtue of Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 of 11 November 1996 concerning on-the-spot checks and inspection carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities and Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 of the European Parliament and the Council of 25 May 1999 concerning investigation conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), the OLAF may also carry out on-the-spot checks and inspections in accordance with the procedures laid down by Union law for the protection of the financial interests of the Union against fraud and other irregularities. Where appropriate, the findings may lead to recovery by the contracting authority.

II.18.6 The Court of Auditors shall have the same rights as the contracting authority, notably right of access, for the purpose of checks and audits.

ANNEX I- TENDER SPECIFICATIONS

The contractor will provide services, referring to the **Xst year** of the schedule**,** concerning **The organisation of meetings, seminars and workshops for ENP-South countries** as defined in the technical specifications of Tender specifications **ESTAT/A/2013/012,** available on:

https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=308

ANNEX II - CONTRACTOR'S TENDER

Reference: contractor's tender **N° xxx** of **XX/XX/XXXX (date)**.

ANNEX III – POWER OF ATTORNEY

ANNEX 11. List of documents to be submitted

Description	Section	Single or Main contractor	Sub-contractor	Coordinator or group leader in joint bid	All partners in joint bid
Administrative information form **Annex 1**	4.4.1	■		■	■
Legal Entity form **Annex 2**	4.4.1	■	■	■	■
Financial identification form **Annex 3**	4.4.1	■		■	
Questionnaire for joint bids and/or subcontracting **Annex 4**	4.4.1	■	■	■	■
Letter of availability of a proposed expert and the subcontractor(s) **Annex 5**	4.4.1	■	■	■	■
A letter signed by each member of the consortium giving the authorisation to the lead partner to submit the tender on its behalf. (free format)	4.4.1				■
Power of attorney (to be provided only on request) **Annex 6**	4.4.1			■	■
Declaration on grounds for exclusion **Annex 7**	4.4.2	■	■	■	■
Evidence concerning Grounds for exclusion (to be provided **only on request)**	4.4.2	■	■	■	■
Compulsory form for accounting data **Annex 8**	4.4.3	■		■	■
Full set of annual accounts (balance sheet, profit and lost account and notes on the accounts) for the past two years.	4.4.3	■		■	■
Evidence of the educational and professional qualifications (CV)	4.4.3	■	■	■	■
List of the principal services provided in the past three years	4.4.3	■	■[5]	■	■[6]
Any relevant evidence proving the requirements of the specific selection criteria	2.8	■	■[7]	■	■[8]
Compulsory reply form for financial bid **Annex 9**	4.4.5	■		■	

[5] If not already included otherwise, namely in the CV's of the experts.
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[7] If relevant.
[8] If relevant.