

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

SERVICE CONTRACT NOTICE

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Provision of Certified Accelerated Vocational Training for Youth in the Litani River Basin (LRB)

Governorates of Bekaa valley, Baalbak_Hermel, Nabatiyeh and South Lebanon

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1	<p>1. We would like to kindly request your clarification for the subject project below: Given the present situation regarding the Coronavirus outbreak, the working procedures and schemes of the organizations were profoundly affected worldwide. Would you therefore kindly consider an online submission of the call for tenders' for the "Provision of Certified Accelerated Vocational Training for Youth in the Litani River Basin (LRB)" project?</p>	<p>No. The systems for sending tenders remain as defined in the point 17 & 18 of the document "Additional information about the Contract Notice"</p>
2	<p>The short description of the contract notice mentions the following:"The training programme will be certified by international training agencies."</p> <p>is it compulsory that a tenderer is an international training agency? what kind and scope of certification is required?</p> <p>could you please develop further on the requirements for such "certified by international training agencies"?</p> <p>will such training programme be certified by international training agencies not necessarily being the contractor for this contract?</p>	<p>No. The tenderer does not have to be an international training agency.</p> <p>The project scope consists of enrolling the trainees in internationally accredited training programmes/courses for soft and occupational skills.</p>
3	<p>1.We would kindly like to understand how many copies of our application would be required (1 original + x copies) and how they should be packed.Cannot find instructions on this in the documents downloaded.</p>	<p>One signed original, and three copies.</p> <p>Please refer to the application form https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/annexes.do?chapterTitleCode=B</p>

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3	<p>2. Would there be any possibility to submit the EoI application electronically? Asking as the costs for shipping a approx. 2kg shipment via courier service would costs >800 EUR/970 USD and take approx. one week to be delivered.</p>	<p>No. Please refer to Answer 1.</p> <p>Please refer to Article 18: Deadline for submission of applications of "Additional Information to the Contract Notice" , where it is stated the two different systems for sending applications .</p>
4	<p>According to the statement under 14.3 Technical Criteria below:</p> <p><i>'The candidate has provided services ... which was implemented at any moment during the reference period: 2020, 2019, and 2018.'</i></p> <p>We would like to kindly ask if first three months in the year 2018 will be considered within the reference period since "The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last three years from submission deadline" and this reference period goes back to 26.03.2018.</p> <p>More specifically, will the reference period be considered between "01.01.2018 and 31.12.2020" or "26.03.2018 and 26.03.2021"?</p>	<p>The reference period taken into account will be considered from 26.03.2018 until 26.03.2021.</p>
5.	<p>could you confirm that sectors/files/topics of vocational training contracts are not relevant to consider a contract complying with the technical selection criteria? I.e. they could be in line with those mentioned in the service contract notice (gastronomy, local food marketing, software development, english, etc...) or other files</p>	<p>With reference to the technical criteria, a contract is considered compliant if it consists of provision of vocational training with a budget of at least EUR 400,000 during the reference period. Vocational training being defined in a general way, to encompass and cover fields that address the development of skills and knowledge required for jobs and professions.</p>