

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

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### **Provision of Services to Address the Agricultural Pollution in the Litani River Basin**

#	Question	Answer
1	<p>We kindly ask the Contracting Authority to consider increasing the eligibility period for project references to five years (currently 3 years). Recent changes to the PRAG have restricted the eligibility of project references and the number of project references that are eligible among all suppliers. Therefore in the interests of open and fair competition the technical eligibility criteria should be relaxed to ensure fair competition among potential providers.</p>	<p>The Contracting Authority confirms the conditions for the technical capacity criteria , as stated in article 14.3 of the Additionnal information to the contract notice.</p>
2	<p>We would like to request clarification on whether a national governmental agency be included in a consortium?</p>	<p>It is the task of the Evaluation Committee to assess each application, and the Contracting Authority cannot give preliminary opinion/ assessment of the compliance with the criteria in this stage, prior to the deadline for submission of applications.</p>
3	<p>Since we should prove that at least EUR 400,000 in relevant area was implemented at any moment during the reference period (from 05.05.2018. to 05.05.2021.):</p> <p>3.1. could you tell us which date should we count to be in this period of time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Date of invoice letter (invoice letter date)</li> <li>- Invoice period (period for which invoice letter is submitted) i.e. 1 October 2018 - 31 December 2018 )</li> <li>- Date on the proof of payment of the invoiced sum (date when the invoiced sum has been payed to company's bank account)?</li> </ul> <p>3.2. In case we should count by Invoice period (from-to), since it is usually by the quarter of year, how it should be counted in case the invoice period is partially outside reference period of last three years, and partially inside (i.e. 1 April 2018 to 30 June 2018)?</p>	<p>3.1 What is counted is the value of invoiced activities. Invoice should cover completed activities during the reference period. Only the portion satisfactorily completed during the reference period will be taken into consideration for the projects not completed yet.</p> <p>3.2.If the mentioned activity starts April 01, 2018 "outside the reference period" and completed on 30 June 2018 i.e. "within the reference period" , in this case the total value will be considered.</p> <p>Please refer to article 14.3 of the Additionnal information to the contract notice (Technical Capacity).</p>
4	<p>Is it considered a conflict of interest that lead to disqualifications if there is a partnership or subcontracting with a Lebanese state entity, i.e. one of the Research institute, Directorate under one of the Ministries?</p>	<p>Please refer to Answer 2.</p>