



CONTRACTING AUTHORITY'S CLARIFICATIONS No. 1

Project title:

Support to Public Administration Reform visibility and communication under the PAR
Sector Reform Contract

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1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Contract notice states: "21.3) Technical capacity of candidate: a) The candidate has provided services under at least two contracts (with a value of the activities in the contract carried out by the candidate being at least EUR 1,500,000) in the field of support to the reform of public administration", <p>In order to ensure unique understanding of eligible type of the expertise required, can you please clarify what is considered under the terms "(1) in the field of (2) support to the (3) reform of public administration"?</p>	<p>The frame of the Public Administration Reform (PAR) field is defined in the European Commission – SIGMA-OECD principles. It comprises the following six areas: PAR strategic framework, Public policy development and coordination, Public service and human resources management (civil service reform), Accountability, Service Delivery and Public Finance Management. For more detailed description of the above mentioned areas please consult the EC – SIGMA PAR principles: (http://sigmaweb.org/publications/principles-public-administration-eu-enlargement-detailed.htm).</p> <p>Relevant PAR chapter of the published EC country enlargement report (2016) may also be useful reference: http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/pdf/key_documents/2016/20161109_report_serbia.pdf</p>
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Contract notice states: "21.3) Technical capacity of candidate: a) The candidate has provided services under at least two contracts (with a value of the activities in the contract carried out by the candidate being at least EUR 1,500,000) in the field of support to the reform of public administration", <p>Can you please, confirm that the support to reforms (i.e. improvements of standards and principles, etc.) in the specific area(s) of public administration (i.e. environment, health, economy, finance, social area, etc.) will be considered as eligible under the criteria 21.3.a).</p> <p>Also can you please confirm that the support to</p>	<p>Assessment of eligibility of references cannot be done in advance as it is part of the evaluation proceedings.</p> <p>However, please bear in mind that subject criteria (field of support to PAR) does not entail that any support provided for the reform of any specific sector (i.e. environment, health, economy, social etc.), managed by the public administration bodies responsible for a given sector, that involves coordination, policy making, law drafting, public consultation, improvements of standards and principles etc. is by default considered the PAR field.</p> <p>Public Administration Reform field covers all levels of public administration (national,</p>

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	reforms on various levels of the public administration, i.e. on local, regional and national level, will be considered as eligible under the criteria 21.3. a).	regional and local).
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Contract notice states: 21.3) Technical capacity of candidate: If more than 8 eligible candidates meet the above selection criteria, the relative strengths and weaknesses of the applications of these candidates must be reexamined to identify the eight best candidates. The only factors which will be taken into consideration during this reexamination are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The total number of the reference projects found eligible under 21.3 and in case of equality on this criterion, then 2) The total number of the reference projects found eligible under 21.3 (b). <p>Can you please clarify if the second reexamination criterion would be applicable for all candidates meeting the selection criteria, or only for those candidates which have equal number of reference projects found eligible under 21.3. but not sufficient to secure their rank within the eight best candidates (i.e. two candidates with the same number of reference projects, but only one place left within the eight best candidates).</p>	<p>If more than 8 eligible candidates meet the above selection criteria, the relative strengths and weaknesses of the applications of these candidates must be re-examined to identify the eight best candidates.</p> <p>In case of equality on the criterion of the total number of the reference projects found eligible under 21.3, additional criterion of total number of the reference projects found eligible under 21.3 (b) will be applied for those candidates who have equal number of references under 21.3.</p>
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Contract notice states: "21.3) Technical capacity of candidate: b) The candidate has provided services under at least one contract (with a value of the activities in the contract carried out by the candidate being at least EUR 300,000) in the field of communication and awareness raising campaigns" <p>Can you please clarify if the term "communication and awareness raising campaigns" should be read as "communication campaigns and awareness raising campaigns" or the term "communication" covers wider expertise than just communication campaigns?</p>	The term "communication and awareness raising campaigns" should be read as "communication campaigns and awareness raising campaigns".
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Contract notice states: "21.3) Technical capacity of candidate: b) The candidate has provided services under at least one contract (with a value of the activities in the contract carried out by the candidate being at least EUR 	The term "contract" should be read as contract for provision of services in the field of communication and awareness raising campaigns disregarding whether the contracting authority is public or private body.

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	<p>300,000) in the field of communication and awareness raising campaigns"</p> <p>Can you please clarify if the term "contract" should be read as "technical assistance project/contract", or it also covers the self-financed activities and/or business cooperation contracts?</p>	
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Contract notice states: "21.3) Technical capacity of candidate: b) The candidate has provided services under at least one contract (with a value of the activities in the contract carried out by the candidate being at least EUR 300,000) in the field of communication and awareness raising campaigns" <p>Can you please clarify if the term "contract" covers only contracts signed with donors and/or public clients, or it also covers the contracts signed with private clients and/or self-financed activities?</p>	<p>Please see above. Term "contract" should be read as contract for provision of services in the field of communication and awareness raising campaigns disregarding whether the contracting authority is public or private body.</p>

