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INVITATION TO TENDER

AO/RPA/ARANI/Skills for a low carbon Europe/005/11

“Consulting ‘Skills for a low carbon Europe: the role of VET in a sustainable energy scenario’

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATIONS (1) – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Dear Madam/Sir,

In regards to the above mentioned Open Tender Procedure please find below the answer of Cedefop to the requested Clarification, which was raised by one potential tenderer.

Question 1:

Regarding the Tender Specification “AO/RPA/ARANI/Skills for a low carbon Europe/005/11”, are companies allowed to make bid, and is it open for companies from Macedonia?

Cedefop Answer to Question 1

Please refer to the text in point 4 of the Tender Specifications, where it is stipulated that:

“Participation in tendering procedures is open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons or groupings of such persons (consortia) falling within the scope of the Treaties. It includes all economic operators registered in the EU and all EU citizens. Pursuant to Article 106 of the general Financial Regulation the participation is also open to all natural and legal persons in any non-EU country which has an agreement with the Union in the field of public procurement on the conditions laid down in that agreement”.

The last sentence of the above provision implies that economic operators established in third countries have the right to participate in tendering procedures if an international bilateral agreement in the field of public procurement has been signed between the respective country and the EU.

The countries that have signed relevant specific international agreements in the field of public procurement and have access to tendering procedures organised by the Union institutions regardless of the value of the purchase, are:

Croatia, FYROM, Albania, Serbia, Montenegro, Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein.

Additional Clarification of Cedefop

Please excuse us for our technical (typo) mistake in the first bullet-point of point 6.1 of the Tender Specification. Instead of “*the contract in case of contract award*” the respective text shall read as follows:

- “*cover letter, signed by the person/s (name and position) that is/are authorised to sign the contract in case of contract award*”.