



## OPEN INVITATION TO TENDER

AO/RPA/GRUSSO-ABARA/Narrative learning transitions/015/11

‘Learning for career and labour market transitions – individual biographies’

### **REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION Nr. 1 (RS/PRO/CALU/2011/0709)**

Participants to the call have requested the following clarifications:

#### **Question 1 from the participant:**

If we tender as a consortium, may we split the role of the team leader into project coordinator (who is responsible for financial issues, administration and coordination) and principal researcher (who is responsible for scientific excellenc)? May therefore the corresponding qualifications and experiences be split into two persons?

And how about the senior experts? I understand that it's sufficient if some seniors provide the 5 years experience in biographical research and narrative analysis and OTHER researchers provide the 5 years experience in lifelong learning research. It is not necessary that each senior researcher unites all of these experiences?

#### **Cedefop clarification 1:**

In accordance with point 4.1 of the Tender specifications, tenderers are allowed to form a formal or informal consortium with other institutions. All provisions related to submission of tenders from consortia are included in that point (and complemented with the request to fill-in Annex I, model 1 or 2 in such case).

The requirements stated under point 3.2 must however be covered by each member of the research team: the team leader (one person only) must have at least 7 seven years of experience in research project management and at least 7 years of experience in each of the fields announced in point 3.2 of the Tender specifications.

Each senior expert must have at least 5 years of experience in each of the fields announced in point 3.2 of the Tender specifications.

Each junior expert must have at least 3 years of experience in each of the fields announced in point 3.2 of the Tender specifications.

#### **Question 2 from the participant:**

We are interested to submit a proposal but I have a question. We are an organization based in The Netherlands and have a co-operation with the UK, Belgium, Denmark. We would like to form a consortium with these partners but I am not sure if that fits the requirements of the tender.

**Cedefop clarification 2:**

In accordance with point 4.1 of the Tender specifications, tenderers are allowed to form a formal or informal consortium with other institutions. All provisions related to submission of tenders from consortia are included in that point (and complemented with the request to fill-in Annex I, model 1 or 2 in such case). In order however for the tender to be eligible, it has to meet all requirements stated in the Tender specifications in terms of administrative and technical compliance. To ensure such compliance, please refer therefore to sections 2 (especially point 2.3.4 on compulsory country coverage), 3 (exclusion/selection criteria), 4 (rules on consortia) and 5 (award criteria) of the Tender specifications.