



## OPEN INVITATION TO TENDER

**AO/RPA/ALSTI-MSERA/Labour Market Outcomes of VET/008/10**  
**‘Analysing the Labour Market Outcomes of Vocational Education and Training’**

### **REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION Nr. 1 (RS/PRO/2010/377)**

Participants to the call have requested the following clarifications:

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

Will we be allowed to draft reports and documents at our own initiative, based on the data received and on the analyses we will have conducted?

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

In accordance with point 1.9 of the tender specifications, "Documents or publications (such as journal articles) based in whole or in part upon the work undertaken in the context of the contract may be published by the contractor given prior written approval by Cedefop".

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

Can you confirm that we will have to purchase the data directly from Eurostat?

#### **Cedefop clarification 2:**

As per points 2.8 and 5.4 of the tender specifications, Microdata for Work Package 3 will need to be purchased directly from Eurostat and should be included in the tenderer's financial offer.

#### **Question 3 from the participant:**

Will we have to do so on a specific contractual basis we need to initiate ourselves?

#### **Cedefop clarification 3:**

As per point 2.3 Work package 3 and footnote 4, Microdata requests are subject to separate contractual conditions stipulated by the Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat).

#### **Question 4 from the participant:**

For what concerns work package 1, will we be allowed to contact, if necessary, the authors of the national data quality reports for clarification?

#### **Cedefop clarification 4:**

It will be up to the successful tenderer to determine if any contact is necessary for the performance of his tasks. In agreement with Cedefop, this is expected to also be subject to prior approval by Eurostat.

**Question 5 from the participant:**

Could you give us more information about the population covered by the module and the response rate? It would also be helpful to get the questionnaire. Which countries are covered by the ad\_hoc module?

**Cedefop clarification 5:**

The questionnaire and further details regarding country coverage and the population concerned can be found in Commission Regulation (EC) No 207/2008 adopting the specifications of the 2009 ad hoc module on the entry of young people into the labour market (see point 2.3, link in footnote 3 of the tender specifications). Ad hoc module unit and item non-response rates will be available once quality reports and further data are released.

**Question 6 from the participant:**

In the WP2 requests for flat-files, it is said that they should support the investigation on how patterns for VET compare with those of general stream education. This seems to imply that already at this stage, the data for HATVOC will be available for this comparison to be possible. Is this the case?

**Cedefop clarification 6:**

Yes, for WP2, the contractor should analyse data for the HATVOC variable in conjunction with other variables. This will be available as part of a flat-file following a request to be prepared by the contractor