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## CLARIFICATIONS 2 – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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### **AO/RPA/KPOUL-GRUSSO/Mobility and Skill Mismatch/011/13 “Labour Market Mobility and Skill Mismatch in EU Labour Markets”**

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REFERENCE: <http://www.cedefop.europa.eu/EN/working-with-us/public-procurements/21626.aspx>

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#### Question 1:

Concerning Award Criterion 3 (“Inclusion in the analysis of at least one national dataset containing a longitudinal or rotating panel component, beyond the minimum required analysis of the EU-SILC data”): what are the minimum requirements for the inclusion of such datasets in order to be awarded points for this award criterion, e.g. in terms of number of individuals represented in the dataset and/or number of time periods of the panel?

#### Cedefop answer 1:

There are no specific requirements on the number of cases or length of the panel to be awarded the points according to award criterion 3. Please refer to point 5.2 stating:

*This should be done by focusing on the potential inclusion of any additional variables in the specification or by emphasizing any anticipated differences in findings relative to the main findings of the EU-SILC dataset.*

*This may be related to the inclusion of superior measures of mobility, skills and/or skill mismatch and/or additional years of data available in the national datasets.*

It is up to each tenderer to determine and present the content of their technical proposal in accordance with the requirements and instructions of the tender specifications.

#### Question 2:

You indicate that any dataset to be used should be “publicly accessible for research purposes”. Would this include a dataset that is not yet generally available, but will be in the (near) future? In this particular case, the data are

already available for research under certain conditions of quality control and partnership.

Cedefop answer 2:

Yes, this would include a dataset that is not yet generally available, but will be in the (near) future.

You write that “*In this particular case, the data are already available for research under certain conditions of quality control and partnership*”. These conditions must ensure that researchers across Europe have access to the data on equal footing. If these restrictions favour the access to the data of researchers from the home country the data cannot be admitted to the award criterion 3.