



OPEN INVITATION TO TENDER
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'Apprenticeships for adults'
Request for Clarification (1) – Questions & Answers

Question No 1

In §3.2.2. Technical and professional capacity, it is stated that the Tenderer's core team of experts should include Senior national experts (minimum 1 expert per EU country) and Junior national experts (minimum 1 expert per EU country). We have two questions:

- a) Is it necessary to have for each EU country one senior and one junior expert living and working in this country, or can we work with experts with a high level of expertise for several countries at once? For example, is it allowed to work with regional experts covering a (limited) number of countries provided that they are completely aware of the VET context in all countries under their responsibility and provided that all EU countries are covered in this way?*
- b) The Tender also refers to 4 non-EU-countries to be covered (to be proposed by the tenderer); should we include experts for these countries as well?*

Cedefop's answer to question No 1

- a) According to the technical specifications, the tenderers are expected to submit at least 1 senior national expert per EU Member State and at least 1 junior national expert per EU Member State. The national experts are not necessarily expected to live and work in the country in which they are supposed to carry out the activities but they are expected to be able to carry out the desk research and primary data collection in the language of the country, in addition to having knowledge of the national VET system.
- b) The tenderers are not expected to propose national experts for the non-EU Member States.