

**OPEN INVITATION TO TENDER****AO/DLE/RCDRCR\_LRUST/Mobility\_in\_Apprenticeships/007/18****'Long-term cross-country mobility in apprenticeships'****Request for Clarification (1) – Questions & Answers****Question No 1**

*Having regard to the tender procedure cited in subject, I would like to submit the following request for clarification in accordance with point 7.1 of the invitation to tender.*

*The request concerns the exact geographical scope of part 2A of the assignment, i.e. the question as to whether the list of six countries given in the Tender Specifications is exhaustive. According to the third paragraph of section 2.2.2 (p. 15), the field work should take place in “at least” six countries, which seems to imply that additional countries may be proposed on top of the six. By contrast, the description of services at the beginning of section 2.3 (p. 16) exclusively refers to the six countries in question, giving the impression that the field work is strictly limited to these countries. Furthermore, the suggested table of contents for the technical proposal (p. 30) briefly refers to the possibility of offering “additional services”, but it is not quite clear whether or not this applies to additional field work in countries other than the six already selected.*

*Accordingly, I would be grateful if you could specify whether tenderers are permitted to propose additional countries for the system level studies or not. Thank you very much in advance for your support.*

**Cedefop's answer to question No 1**

The field work for part 2A (system level work) should cover only the six countries mentioned in the technical specifications. Please consider the expression 'at least' in the last paragraph of point 2.2.2 page 15, as clerical error.

The additional services, if any, as mentioned in point 1 of the technical proposal table, page 30, should not go beyond the requirements of the technical specifications and will not be scored with any points as clearly stated in the award criteria table of point 5.1.