

Thessaloniki, 20 July 2016

REFERENCE: ***Financing apprenticeships/dual VET in the EU
AO/DLE/PLI/Financing Apprenticeships - dual VET/007/16***

CLARIFICATION (1) – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Dear Madam/Sir,

In regards to the above mentioned Open Tender Procedure please find below the answers of Cedefop to the requested Clarification Questions, raised by one potential tenderer:

Question No 1

Within the ToRs/ Ch. 3.2.2. ("Technical and Professional Capacity") and more specifically in the part referring to the "Proofs/Evidences of Technical and professional capacity" (p.22), the contractor should provide a "List of contracts (with a total minimum contract value of EUR 550,000 (invoiced financial value)) performed in the past three (3) years ... ". Could you please clarify whether the term "performed" indicates that the project should have been completed by the submission deadline or will ongoing projects also be evaluated?

Cedefop's answer to question No 1

There is no specific requirement for completed contracts in the field of international and comparative research in vocational education and training and/or apprenticeship and/or financing education and training. The contracts could be ongoing. However the invoiced total financial value of the performed contracts (or the performed and completed parts of work under these contracts) during the last three years, should be at least EUR 550,000.

Please refer to one of the Requirements for technical and professional capacity, which is: "The Tenderer must have adequate experience in the field of international and comparative research in vocational education and training and/or apprenticeship and/or financing education and training, having performed contracts in that area with a total minimum contract value of EUR 550,000 (invoiced financial value) during the last three (3) years.

The respective required Proofs / Evidences of Technical and professional capacity for the above requirement are:

"List of contracts (with a total minimum contract value of EUR 550,000 (invoiced financial value) performed in the past three (3) years in the field of international and comparative research in vocational education and training and/or apprenticeship and/or financing education and training, describing the contracting authorities, the subjects, the amounts, the dates, the percentage and the specific tasks performed by the tenderer

Question No 2

Within the ToRs/ Ch. 5.1. ("Technical proposal") it is mentioned that the tenderer shall identify a Project Manager within his organisation who will represent the single contact point for all administrative and operational communication in regards to the contract implementation". Which are the requirements for the Technical and Professional capacity for this position?

Cedefop's answer to question No 2

There are not specific requirements for the project manager. This person could also possibly be the proposed Research Team Leader.

Question No 3

What exactly do you mean by dual VET?

Cedefop's answer to question No 3

Please refer to the definition provided under 2.2. of the Technical specifications (pg. 13) and other relevant aspects described in other sections of the Technical specifications.

Question No 4

What distribution of time spent in a company do you envisage under dual VET? Do you mean at least 50% of training/learning time being on-the-job, i.e. in a company?

Cedefop's answer to question No 4

According to the definition provided under 2.2. of the Technical specifications (pg. 13) no minimum distribution of time spent in a company is envisaged.