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Request for Clarification (1) – Questions & Answers

Question No 1

In framed text of page 26 in tender specifications it is mentioned that “the data management system will be released to potential tenderers upon signature of a confidentiality and property rights agreement between CEDEFOP and the potential tenderers”. To that context, could you provide us with a sample document of such an agreement and consequently, give us access to the data management system used for the production of the statistical overviews?

Cedefop’s answer to question No 1

Please refer to Cedefop correction 1 published on Cedefop website. You may download the Annex L and submit it signed via email. We will then be able to deliver you the excel file requested.

Question No 2

In the annex K of the call for tenders it is mentioned that in the preparation of the Sample product 2: A short statistical article (maximum 4 pages), “the use of the micro-datasets is preferable”. The question is: Could CEDEFOP provide us with a sub-sample of anonymized micro-data for this purpose or we should apply to Eurostat?

In addition, in case that you cannot provide us with sub-sample of micro-data and our application to Eurostat is not satisfied in time, we will have to use publicly available LFS data from Eurostat on line database.

Could you clarify whether this could affect the evaluation outcome in comparison with other candidates might use micro-data for the sample product?

Cedefop's answer to question No 2

Cedefop cannot provide a sub-sample. Eurostat microdata access is regulated in a framework which would not support such an option. Please refer also to **point 3.2.2** of the Tender Specifications concerning access to Eurostat microdata.

As per **point 5.1**, award criterion 3 of the Tender Specifications, the Sample products (Annex K) will be assessed based on:

- Quality and adequacy of the methods and approaches for carrying out tasks as specified In Annex K, including themes, variables, proposed statistics and indicators, envisaged steps and methods for analysis and for data quality assessment;
 - Suitability, relevance and clarity of the products for their intended purpose.
- Sample Product 2 has to be based on currently available data from the EU–LFS. The tenderer may use publicly available data or indicators from the LFS (i.e. from Eurostat on line database) or microdata.

The term “preferable” stated in Annex K is to be understood from a technical point of view. Indeed, use of microdata often allows a higher degree of flexibility in fine-tuning statistics and indicators for the aim of specific analysis. The subject of the evaluation includes proposed statistics and indicators for the purpose of the analysis and not the data format/dataset from which they originate.

The use of microdata as compared to the use of publicly available data will therefore have no effect on the assessment of the Sample products and attribution of points.

Question No 3

Is there any process with Cedefop tenders for brokering collaboration between potential bidders? The project looks interesting, but I'm certain we don't have the full range of skills and experience to lead a tender ourselves.

Cedefop's answer to question No 3

There is **no** process with Cedefop tenders for brokering collaboration between potential bidders.

Please refer to **section 4** as well as **point 3.2** of the Tender Specifications for any further information on consortia and subcontracting. Please note that entering in a consortium scheme and subcontracting as required are not mutually exclusive, so they can be combined in the arrangements a tenderer puts in place in view of best responding to the requirements of Cedefop study.