



**OPEN INVITATION TO TENDER**  
**AO/DLE/IPS/VETforLM&SI/008/17**  
**'VET for labour market integration and social inclusion'**  
**Request for Clarification (1) – Questions & Answers**

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**Question No 1**

*I would appreciate your clarification on the - I must say - extraordinary requirement, for the "Technical & professional capacity" of the potential tenderer, and especially the requirement which asks for almost all study-team members to have a degree on humanities and social sciences!*

*Is such a requirement excluding e.g. statisticians or educated engineers with financial or public economics' degrees? Who may have, in fact since their relevant graduation, intensive and long experience in the field of socio-economic or education research? Could you elaborate pls on that provision? Because, it is certainly an ambiguous requirement, with not any certain guarantee for the capacity of the tenderer and for the whichever final results of the consulting contract.*

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

In the technical specifications, it is asked, among others, for the team leader and all senior or junior experts (except the one on Information architecture) the following requirement:

University degree at bachelor or master or PhD level in humanities or social sciences;

This means that one of their degrees (either bachelor, master or PhD degree) should be in humanities or social sciences.

As for engineering, the team member should then have one of the other degrees (master or PhD) in either humanities or social sciences.

Please note that all economics, statistics and education sciences are considered and accepted as social sciences.