

Project: Tender for Integrated IT Workplace, Cybersecurity, Data & AI Services

Our reference: EDFIMC-IRP-2026-04-IT

Clarification request: Q&A

	<u>Questions</u>	<u>Answers</u>
1	Does the later tender stage foresee, permit or require a technical test, proof of concept, pilot, benchmark or demonstration for the data-management / automation / cybersecurity service streams? If so, will EDFI MC provide a defined test corpus, sandbox/test environment or evaluation scenario, and may candidates perform a non-production benchmark using synthetic or otherwise expressly authorised test data?	For the later tender stage, we do not require a technical test, POC, pilot, benchmark or demonstration but this can be integrated.
2	The procurement documentation states that entities on whose capacities the candidate relies must comply with the same eligibility rules, notably the nationality requirements, applicable to the economic operator. Could you please confirm whether an entity established in the Republic of Uzbekistan is eligible under the nationality rules applicable to this procurement procedure and may therefore: 1. act as an entity on whose technical and/or professional capacities a candidate relies; 2. provide relevant project references and technical resources for the purpose of meeting the selection criteria; and 3. participate in the subsequent performance of the contract, including as a subcontractor, where applicable?	For the purposes of this procurement procedure, EDFI MC applies the nationality eligibility rules set out in PRAG Annex A2a1 for actions financed under the NDICI–Global Europe framework. Consequently, candidates, capacity-providing entities and subcontractors must be nationals of, and in the case of legal persons effectively established in, countries eligible under that framework. Uzbekistan is listed among the eligible countries. Accordingly, an entity established in Uzbekistan may act as a capacity-providing entity and/or subcontractor and may provide relevant references, expertise and resources for the purpose of meeting the selection criteria, provided that the candidate demonstrates the availability of those resources and complies with the requirements set out in the procurement documents.
3	As part of the selection criteria, criterion 5 (Technical capacity) reads as follows: "For each contract, the value of the services	The requirement that "the value of the services completed must not be less than EUR 50,000, not exceeding 40% of the estimated value

	completed must not be less than 50.000 EUR, not exceeding 40% of the estimated value of the contract." Could you please specify what is meant with "not exceeding 40% of the estimated value of the contract."?	of the contract" applies to each reference contract submitted under this criterion. Given the estimated contract value of EUR 750,000, each reference contract must therefore have a value between EUR 50,000 and EUR 300,000. The purpose of this requirement is to ensure that the references relied upon demonstrate relevant experience across the different service areas covered by this procurement, rather than being based primarily on a single large engagement in one particular service area.
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