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CONTRACTING AUTHORITY'S CLARIFICATIONS No. 1

“Technical Assistance on implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of employment policy at national and local level and strengthened capacities to participate in European Social Fund”

EuropeAid NEAR/BEG/2022/EA-RP/0105

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| 1. | <p>We are interested in the tender with the title below, However we are unable to access the documents in the web address; Services - 360002-2022 - TED Tenders Electronic Daily (europa.eu)</p> <p>Technical Assistance on implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of employment policy at national and local level and strengthened capacities to participate in European Social Fund. Please can you advise how we can access the documents or send these to us.</p> | <p>Please note that correct link for Contract notice: https://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:416607-2022:TEXT:EN:HTML&src=0</p> |
| 2. | <p>With respect to the Contract Notice „Technical Assistance on implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of employment policy at national and local level and strengthened capacities to participate in European Social Fund“ published on TED (Services - 360002-2022 - TED Tenders Electronic Daily (europa.eu)), in the section I.3 Communication, there is a link which is connected to the wrong tender: https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=10550.</p> <p>Can you please correct the link specified in the Contract Notice so that we can ask a question through the TED eTendering website, regarding the tender which we follow. Our question is related to the tender</p> | <p>Please note that correct link for Contract notice: https://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:416607-2022:TEXT:EN:HTML&src=0</p> <p>Reference number is NEAR/BEG/2021/EA-RP/0105</p> |

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| | reference number which is missing in the Contract Notice and needs to be stated in the Request to participate form. | |
| 3. | <p>We would like to draw your attention to the issues related to the Contract Notice no. 2022/S 126-360002, for the project entitled <i>“Technical Assistance on implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of employment policy at national and local level and strengthened capacities to participate in European Social Fund”</i> published on TED on 4th of July:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The publication reference is not stated in the Contract Notice; • The document <i>Additional information about the Contract Notice</i>, which must include the selection criteria and the precise instructions on how the request to participate may be submitted, is not published on TED eTendering portal. The link provided in the Contract Notice under article I.3) Communication is leading to the documents related to another procurement procedure on TED eTendering portal (i.e. https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=10550), namely to the tender entitled <i>“Increased offer and diversification of accredited non-formal training courses and adult training providers”</i>; • Specific page dedicated to this Contract is not available on TED eTendering portal and therefore no questions can be submitted related to this procurement procedure. <p>To this effect, we kindly ask you to ensure proper publication of all documents related to this procurement procedure on TED eTendering portal.</p> | Please refer to answer no. 2 |

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| 4. | <p>Could you please let us know if the information concerning the project “Technical Assistance on implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of employment policy at national and local level and strengthened capacities to participate in European Social Fund” will be accessible on the e-tendering platform TED? It would facilitate our work process very much.</p> | <p>Please refer to answer no. 1</p> |
| 5. | <p>The Contract Notice no. 2022/S 126-360002, for the project titled "Technical Assistance on implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of employment policy at national and local level and strengthened capacities to participate in European Social Fund" published on TED on 4th of July, provides link to this procurement procedure "https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=10550" instead of its own eTendering page. The Contract Notice is also published without Publication Reference. Having in mind that both procedures have the same Contracting Authority, could you please ensure proper publication of the Contract Notice and Additional Information document on TED eTendering platform? In order to ensure reasonable time for applicants to submit questions for that procurement procedure, could you also please extend the deadline for submission of Requests to Participate?</p> | <p>Please note that the reference number is NEAR/BEG/2022/EA-RP/0105 and that correct link for Contract notice: https://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:416607-2022:TEXT:EN:HTML&src=0</p> <p>Deadline for submission of Requests to Participate has been postponed to 31 August 2022.</p> |
| 6. | <p>Can you please reply to our question below, sent on 13 July 2022. Please confirm that the reference number of the tender „Technical Assistance on implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of employment policy at national and local level and strengthened capacities to participate in European Social Fund“ is NEAR/BEG/2021/EA-RP/0151 as specified on your website, but not in the Contract Notice for this tender. As the link in the Contract Notice connects us to another tender and not the one the Contract Notice refers to, we cannot submit the question through eTendering system.</p> | <p>Please refer to answer no. 1</p> |

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| 7. | <p>The professional capacity criteria states "at least 5 staff members working for the candidate currently, as well as during the years 2019 and 2020, in the field related to this contract". Should we present our professional capacity for years 2019, 2020 and 2022 (without the year 2021), or it was unintentionally mistaken and should be read as 2020, 2021 and 2022?</p> | <p>Please note that the technical omission occurred in this particular case. The professional capacity should be presented for years 2019, 2020 and 2021.</p> |
| 8. | <p>Dear, We would like to request clarification regarding Criterion 16.3:"c) The candidate has provided services under at least 1 (one) contract (with the portion carried out by the candidate being at least 500.000,00 EUR) in the field of technical assistance to relevant institutions related to their participation in European Social Fund, which was implemented at any moment during the reference period." Could you please clarify what is meant by participation in European Social Fund? In other words, would it classify as participation if the candidate has implemented project financed by European Social Fund? Thank you.</p> | <p>Regarding request for clarification when it comes to Criteria 16.3: c), we confirm that implementation of the projects funded through European Social Fund would be acceptable as reference project and classified as participation in ESF.</p> |