



Republic of Serbia  
**MINISTRY OF FINANCE**  
**Department for Contracting and**  
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| <b>No.</b> | <b>Question</b>  | <b>Answer</b>  |
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| 1          | b.) The candidate has provided services under at least one contract (with a portion of the services carried out by the candidate being at least EUR 1,000,000) in the field of technical assistance related to the management of EU funded projects in the environment sector, which was implemented at any moment during the reference period. Can you kindly clarify whether projects co-funded by the EU will also be accepted as eligible references? Additionally, will references financed by EU institutions (e.g., the European Investment Bank) be accepted? Finally, will references financed from EU MS state funds be accepted as eligible under criteria 16.3b? | Yes, we confirm that any source of contract's funding is acceptable if the reference contract meets the requirement defined under criteria 16.3b) "The candidate has provided services under at least one contract (with a portion of the services carried out by the candidate being at least EUR 1,000,000) <b>in the field of technical assistance related to the management of EU funded projects in the environment sector</b> , which was implemented at any moment during the reference period."<br><br>Furthermore, please note that the funding of a project financed or co-financed by the European Union, its institutions or its Member State is considered as EU funding. |