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Invitation to tender N° ENER/B1/2015-280 for a service contract regarding a Field study on cost-effective financing structures for mature Projects of Common Interest in energy

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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- Question 1:**
- 1. Task 1 of the ITT refers to “The contractor can find the means of identification through the results of a study recently conducted by the European Commission (see tender ENER/B1/2014-728 regarding "Study on comparative review of investment conditions for electricity and gas Transmission System Operators (TSOs) in the European Union")”:**
 - a. When will this report be completed and when will we have access to it? Could we have access to the background analysis/interim report or will we have to wait to see the final version of the report?**
 - b. Does this mean i) the methodology/techniques from this study should be applied to the 28 member states; or ii) that our analysis should primarily be concentrated on the 14 member states identified in this earlier study? If the latter, which member states have been identified in this earlier study?**

Answer: The mentioned (final) study will only be available after the signature of the contract of this tender and there is no possibility to have access to any interim report. The successful tenderer may only draw an overview from this study about the financial situation of TSOs in 14 Member States and it may help to identify which TSOs are more in need of technical assistance than others. The study should be seen as additional, useful information, not as a basis for carrying out Task 1, especially as it only considers 14 Member States. There is no need and no use in applying the methodology of the mentioned study to 28 Member States, neither should the tenderer focus only on 14 Member States when carrying out Task 1.

- Question 2:**
- 2. Will all relevant information relating to the PCI applications from the identified TSOs be made available to the Consultant by the Commission?**

Answer:

The Commission may make available more detailed information on specific PCI-applications on a confidential basis and with the consent of the project promoters, if necessary to carry out any task. The tenderer should not plan to rely on this information and already be knowledgeable of recent EU-TSO investment planning, have insight and knowledge about PCIs, their investment volume, and potential need for technical assistance.