

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Invitation to tender No. ENER/A4/2015-395

Analysis of energy prices and costs in the EU, its Member States and major trading partners (Study)

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Question 1

Regarding data from households and industrial users, is the tenderer expected to collect raw data? If yes, what type of qualitative analysis is required for Task 4? Questionnaire and surveys?

Answer 1

No, the tenderer will only have to collect and collate existing public and commercial data sources.

Question 2

Regarding the data available to the tenderer from DG Energy,

2.a. how many relevant data series do DG Energy have?

Answer 2.a

DG Energy uses the publically available Eurostat databases, has contracts with commercial data providers (for more information, please check http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/energy/tenders/doc/2014/20140620_a4-37_specification.pdf), and maintains some ad-hoc datasets with retail price data from Member States.

2.b. Will the tenderer have access to all of the original data sources?

Answer 2.b

Through DG ENER, the contractor will have access to the above data.

2.c. Will the Contracting Authority and DG Energy assist the tenderer in identifying gaps in the data? If yes, will the tenderer get assistance from DG Energy in collecting the data to fill those gaps?

Answer 2.c

DG Energy is the contracting authority. In addition to the discussion in the tender specifications, we will discuss the matter in the initial meetings with the contractor, to assess how such gaps can be filled or addressed by data or other means, in the course of undertaking the analysis requested.

DG Energy can provide access to databases it has agreed or commercial access to, and can provide support but will not provide further resources to access other data sources that may exist to fill any data gaps identified. Such resources, if necessary, will have to be clearly described by the bidders and taken into account in the financial offer.

Question 3

Regarding the data available to the tenderer from Eurostat

3.a. How many relevant data series do Eurostat have?

Answer 3.a

Eurostat have the main energy price, quantity and trade data available.

3.b. Will the tenderer have access to all of the original data sources?

Answer 3.b

Through DG ENER, the contractor will have access to the above data

3.c. Will the Contracting Authority and Eurostat assist the tenderer in identifying gaps in the data? if yes, will the tenderer get assistance from Eurostat in collecting the data to fill those gaps?

Answer 3.c

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Question 4

Are all of the available data sets in electronic format, rather than paper-based?

Answer 4

Yes (though some reports, rather than data, are only in pdf format).