

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Invitation to tender No. ENER/C3/2014-542

**Guidance on compliance and reporting on the monitoring of  
the independent control systems**

contract notice in OJEU 2014/S 131-233181 of 11/07/2014

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**Question 1:**

How many consortia you are looking for?

**Answer 1:**

The contract will be awarded to one consortium (or sole tenderer) only.

**Question 2:**

Is there a minimal number of Member States the tenderers need to have in one consortium?

**Answer 2:**

No. A consortium as the tenderer might include legal entities from one Member State only.

At the same time, tenderer's previous experience must comply with the selection criteria as foreseen in the Tender Specifications, including the geographical coverage of projects as required under the paragraph 2.3.2. (a).

**Question 3:**

In the tender specifications, point 3.1.3 states that "The Commission services recently requested Member States to report on the activity of their independent control systems. The Service Contract will aim at interpreting the collected data and suggest recommendation towards more effective independent control systems."

Are these information available for review to inform our bid?

**Answer 3:**

These information are published on the Commission's website at this page:

[http://ec.europa.eu/energy/efficiency/buildings/implementation\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/efficiency/buildings/implementation_en.htm)

**Question 4:**

Would on the ground market research in representative countries be sufficient, for example if market research were only undertaken in countries where the available data is insufficient?

Or, is there an expectation that on the ground market research will need to be undertaken in all Member States?

**Answer 4:**

It is up to the tenderer to suggest the most effective way of collecting data.

Point 2.1 of the tender specification clearly makes this part of the offer as an important element of the first award criterion where the extent of the on-site data collection will be considered of higher value for the scoring.

**Question 5:**

We would like to get a clear steer as to the level of analysis expected to determine compliance rates for each member state. The Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2014-2015<sup>1</sup> includes an estimation of around 0.25M euros. This budget suggests a high-level overview of each MS. However, the tender document requests compliance rates with a confidence interval of +/- 10% at a 95% confidence level for each MS. This suggests a more detailed analysis of each MS which would significantly exceed the budget.

There are some complexities in evaluating compliance rates which make it difficult to meet the accuracy in the tender requirements for the budget available. It would be helpful to understand what the Commission is expecting. Would a high level/ less detailed approach be accepted, with less accurate predictions?

**Answer 5:**

The Commission services are looking for compliance rates in the application of the national legislation and not for compliance rate in the transposition of the Directive into the national legislation. E.g. in the terms of reference, point 3.2.1, one can read "compliance rates [...] of the fulfilment of minimum energy performance requirements for new buildings with the minimum energy performance requirements set by MSs under Art.6 of the EPBD-recast,".

Regarding the data collection strategies, point 3.2.1 of the terms of reference, suggests to use sampling as a first option but leaves to the contractor the definition of ad hoc data collection strategies for the different compliance rate to be established, taking advantage of e.g. existing available information.

The estimation included in the Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2014-2015 was a preliminary estimate. In the tender specifications, point 2.4, Estimate of the amount of work involved, makes clear that "It is up to the tenderer to submit a financial proposal on the basis of his estimation of the number of man-days needed to perform the requested services. No maximum budget indication can be provided."

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<sup>1</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/wp/2014\\_2015/main/h2020-wp1415-energy\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/wp/2014_2015/main/h2020-wp1415-energy_en.pdf)