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### CONTRACTING AUTHORITY'S CLARIFICATIONS

Technical Assistance to the Serbian Authorities for the Management of pre-accession assistance

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No	Question	Answer
1	<p>Our society has extensive experience in technical assistance to P.A. regarding EU funds, but not expressively on candidate countries (IPA funds). I do not understand if the required experience should be on IPA or just on tech ass to public authorities, governments etc about EU funds.</p>	<p>As per the required fields of expertise (art. 7 of the Contract Notice), experience is expected in assisting the institutional capacity of national governmental institutions (ministries, managing and contracting authorities, etc) of candidate or potential candidate countries or member states which are managing EU funds in terms of improving their financial management, control, procurement and monitoring responsibilities in line with the EC requirements and organization of training to public institutions of candidate or potential candidate countries or member states.</p> <p>Please note however that through clarifications, according to PRAG section 3.3.1.2., "the Contracting Authority cannot give an opinion on the assessment of the application".</p>
2	<p>In the Service Procurement Notice, under <b>21.3) Technical capacity of candidate</b>, it is stated that projects must have <u>started</u> from 1.1.2010 up to the deadline for receipt of the applications. However, according to PRAG rules and regulations, it is the completion date that should be taken into account (completed within 3 years) and not the starting date.</p> <p>Would the Delegation consider to change the criteria in accordance with the PRAG rules and keep completion dates only?</p> <p>Our feedback to the current approach is that the inclusion of <u>both</u> starting and completion dates provides a very narrow time frame for</p>	<p>Please note that the wording in the technical capacity criterion (art. 21.3).(a) of the Contract Notice) "<i>starting from 1.1.2010 up to the deadline for receipt of the applications</i>" defines the reference period ("past three years") and not the start and end date of a relevant project.</p> <p>Please also note that it is possible for the candidate to refer to a part of a project where the contract is not yet finalised, but then, only the part which is successfully completed may be used as reference and the candidate needs to be able to submit documentary evidence of this part's successful completion (e.g. statement from the entity which ordered the</p>

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	<p>project implementation and gives benefits to actors that “by chance” are implementing a project within the specific time frame rather than targeting experienced actors in the field in line with the PRAG rules. In addition, such a restriction would demand large consortiums to meet the criteria, which could make project implementation cumbersome.</p> <p>I understand that the Delegation might have a reason for this restriction, however, I kindly ask the Delegation to re-consider the criteria due to the reasons specified above.</p>	<p>service).</p>

