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Study on modalities to include electricity from RES into the distribution network and smart grids

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1.	<p>We submitted an EOI in collaboration with ESG for the Service Contract “ Study on modalities to include electricity from RES into the distribution network and smart grids”, publication reference EuropeAid/139116/DH/SER/RS.</p> <p>In relation to the Corrigendum No. 1 by which the deadline for submission is extended, we would like to alter the previously submitted EOI document.</p> <p>Please clarify if we shall submit a document containing only the changes or a whole updated EOI document.</p>	<p>Concerning the alteration of the previously submitted EOI, it is up to the Bidder either to submit a new bid and withdraw the bid already submitted or to submit an alteration of the Bid clearly indicating the parts of the EOI that contain changes. The Bidder can also decide to maintain its bidder as submitted.</p>
2.	<p>As per the newly published Corrigendum on the 13th December 2017, thus 12 days after the formal first deadline to submit Expression of Interest (EoI) for this very tender, here are our comments/questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since this is quite rare on IPA tenders that a deadline for a submission of EoI is pushed forward in time with such duration, especially with a <u>postponement post original deadline</u>, we would like to know what was the reasons for that? • We were also thinking that a Corrigendum could only be published before the original deadline as per PRAG 2016: are we wrong about our understanding? <p>The corrigendum may extend the deadline to allow candidates to take the changes into account.</p> <p>The corrigendum will be published before the <u>original</u> submission deadline and no later than 10 days after the request for publication was sent to the relevant service of the European Commission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the initial deadline to submit an EoI was in 2017 (01/12/2017), the reference period for "<u>Professional capacity of candidate</u>" was the last five years from submission deadline (2013-2014-2015-2016-2017), for "<u>Economic and financial capacity of</u> 	<p>Please bear in mind that the Corrigendum 1 to the Contract Notice has been published due the fact that Clarification No 5 have been published on the official website on 01.12.2017 i.e. the very date of submission of Bids. Hence, additional time has been allocated by the Corrigendum 1 to potential Applicants to take into consideration the answers provided in the Clarifications No5 and to amend their Bids if necessary.</p> <p>Please note that as of now several Bidders has confirmed that they maintain the Bid that was submitted on 01.12.2017. Therefor the selection criteria as set out in the Contract Notice cannot be altered.</p> <p>Please note that there is no need to amend the submission as relating to</p>

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	<p><u>candidate</u>" the last three years for which accounts have been closed (2014-2015-2016) and the Current ratio was for 2016. With such a postponement of the deadline in 2018, we would like to know if our consortium, that had timely submitted our EoI in the first place, is now requested or obliged to re-submit a new EoI with updated data like 2014-2018 for "<u>Professional capacity of candidate</u>" and 2015-2017 for "<u>Economic and financial capacity of candidate</u>" and 2017 for the new Current ratio? Your note on the bottom of this Corrigendum is not quite clear enough.</p> <p><i>Candidates who have submitted applications within the initial deadline of 01 December 2017, 15:00 CET, are requested to inform the Contracting Authority after the publication of Corrigendum 1 to the Contract Notice, whether they wish to alter, withdraw or maintain their application. Any such notification of alteration or withdrawal should be prepared and submitted in accordance with Items 25 and 26 of the Contract Notice.</i></p> <p>Please advise us on those matters.</p>	<p><u>"Professional capacity of candidate"</u> and <u>Economic and financial capacity of candidate</u>".</p>
3.	<p>In relation to the Service Contract Notice for the tender referred to above, we would like to ask for the following clarification:</p> <p>Although the initial deadline for EoI submission was December the 1st 2017, and this date was closed, 12 days later (on December the 13th 2017), a Corrigendum was published and set a new EoI submission deadline / January the 15th 2018.</p> <p>According to the Service Contract notice, the Criterion 21.3 referring to technical capacity of candidates states:</p> <p>The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last five years from submission deadline.</p> <p>With the Corrigendum, published on December the 13th 2017, it has been mentioned that "All other terms and conditions of the Contract Notice remain unchanged. The above amendments are integral part of the Contract Notice".</p> <p>In this sense, the five year submission deadline regarding the technical capacity, experience (reference), refers to December the 1st 2017 or January the 15th 2018?</p>	<p>Please note that as of now several Bidders has confirmed that they maintain the Bid that was submitted on 01.12.2017. Therefore the selection criteria as set out in the Contract Notice cannot be altered.</p> <p>Please note that there is no need to amend the submission as relating to <u>"Professional capacity of candidate"</u> and <u>Economic and financial capacity of candidate</u>".</p>