



CONTRACTING AUTHORITY'S CLARIFICATIONS No. 1

Project title:

Capacity building for the alignment with the acquis in the areas of agriculture, rural development, food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policy

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No.	Question	Answer
1.	<p><i>The selection and award criteria, namely the technical capacity criteria (21.3) are defined as follows - The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last five years from submission deadline. The candidate has provided services under at least two (2) contracts (the candidate's portion equal to or greater than 1,000,000 EUR in each contract) which included developing and/or implementing at least one strategy and/or action plan or equivalent document(s) to improve legal harmonization and/or implementation capacity pertaining to any of the two fields (i.e. i - Chapter 11 Agriculture and Rural Development and/or ii - Chapter 12 Food Safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary policy) described in item 7 in the context of integration with the EU of candidate or potential candidate countries which was implemented at any moment during the reference period.</i></p> <p>Taking into account that the context of integration with the EU of candidate or potential candidate countries provides a very limited number of projects implemented in the last five years from the submission deadline, thus significantly narrowing the competition, could you please clarify whether the projects implemented in EU Member States but related to alignment with EU regulations covering the sectors i) Agriculture and Rural Development and ii) Food Safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary policy will be considered as eligible?</p> <p>We are looking forward to your response and thank you in advance for the information provided.</p>	<p>Candidates are requested to fulfil the technical capacity criterion specified in point 21.3 of the contract notice in order to demonstrate their capacity to perform the required services in the context of EU accession negotiations of candidate or potential candidate countries:</p> <p><i>"Technical capacity of candidate (based on items 5 and 6 of the application form). The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last five years from submission deadline.</i></p> <p><i>The candidate has provided services under at least two (2) contracts (the candidate's portion equal to or greater than 1,000,000 EUR in each contract) which included developing and/or implementing at least one strategy and/or action plan or equivalent document(s) to improve legal harmonization and/or implementation capacity pertaining to any of the two fields (i.e. i and/or ii) described in item 7 in the context of integration with the EU of candidate or potential candidate countries which was implemented at any moment during the reference period."</i></p> <p>Furthermore, as per Article 3.3.1.2 of the PRAG, please note that the Contracting Authority cannot give an opinion on the assessment of the application with a clarification.</p>