CLARIFICATIONS

CALL FOR TENDERS 2023/AO/52

FOR THE PROVISION OF **LOCAL CONSULTANCY SERVICES** IN THE FIELD OF LOCAL GOVERNANCE IN ARMENIA IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PROJECT "DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT, DECENTRALISATION AND GOOD GOVERNANCE IN ARMENIA – PHASE II"

6 JUNE 2023

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
We are wondering whether there is a maximum amount indication for the daily rates that should be proposed in the Act of Engagement.	There is no maximum amount set on the daily rate to be indicated by the Tenderer.
I didn't see any limitations as regards suggesting a daily rate. Since I am very interested in this opportunity, I tend to be flexible in negotiating a daily rate to be more competitive.	There are no limitations as regards the daily rate proposed by the tenderer. In the context of this procedure, no suggestions as to the daily rate can be provided. Furthermore, according to section D. FEES of the tender file, the fees indicated by the tenderers are final and not subject to review.
Could you please provide any advice on the daily rate for local experts?	Unfortunately, the Council of Europe is not able to provide any advice as regards the daily rate that will be subject of the current Tender, as it would be contrary to the applicable Council of Europe general principles of procurement.

Will the suggested rate by me, if it is higher than budgeted, affect my competitiveness, or there might be a possibility for negotiations to meet budget requirements?	Your proposed daily rate will indeed affect your competitiveness in the context of the current tender. The amount of your proposed daily rate will be scored against the daily rates proposed by other tenderers. This score will weight 10% in the overall evaluation of your proposal, where the remaining 90% will weight on the basis of the other criteria as described in the tender file. Once your application is sent and further to the deadline for submitting the applications as per the tender file details, there will be no possibility for negotiations regarding the amount of the proposed daily rate, as according to section D. FEES of the tender file, "the fees indicated by the tenderers are final and not subject to review".
How many experts will be selected as a result of tender announcement?	As described in the tender file, the Council of Europe is looking for a maximum of up to 32 experts in order to support the implementation of the project "Democratic Development, Decentralisation and Good Governance in Armenia – Phase II". However, the exact number of the selected consultants will be known only after the tendering and evaluation process. We therefore regret to inform you that at this moment we do not have this information to share it with you.
Will each marz be allocated an expert selected by the project?	The tender does not imply any distribution of consultants per marz (region).