

Council of Europe Project
**“Strengthening the human rights compliant criminal justice system in
the Republic of Moldova phase II”**



Competitive bidding procedure/Framework Contract

Purchase of local consultancy services for strengthening the institutional capacity in the field of management and leadership, strategic communication and systemic interventions for alternatives to detention in the framework of the Council of Europe Project “Strengthening the human rights compliant criminal justice system in the Republic of Moldova phase II”, Contract N° BH9275/2026/1

Questions and answers document

- 1. Is the 55,000 EUR limit applicable to (a) each lot, (b) each successful bidder, or (c) the entire tender/lot pool? Please confirm how the budget is allocated per lot and per contractor.**

Answer: The 55,000 EUR limit applies to the total value of the Framework Contract as a whole, covering all lots and all selected providers combined, for the whole duration of the contract. This amount represents a global financial ceiling rather than a budget allocated per lot or per successful bidder. Orders will be issued on an as-needed basis to pre-selected providers within each lot, and no fixed or guaranteed budget share is foreseen for any individual lot or provider.

- 2. Is it mandatory that all proposed team members speak Romanian, or is partial Romanian-language capacity acceptable (e.g., 25% of the team)? If partial, please confirm the minimum acceptable share and whether translators/local partners are permitted.**

Answer: The Romanian language requirement applies to each individual team member proposed under the bid. All natural persons included in the offer, whether as employees, subcontractors, or consortium members, must demonstrate excellent oral and written Romanian at CEFR level C2 as part of the eligibility criteria underlined in the Tender File. Partial Romanian-language capacity within the team is not sufficient, and the use of translators or local partners does not replace the requirement for each proposed expert to personally meet the stated language proficiency level. The Council reserves the right not to accept the inclusion in the contract of persons who do not meet the eligibility criteria or to reject a bid entirely if no profiles met the eligibility criteria.