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CONTRACTING AUTHORITY'S CLARIFICATIONS No. 1**EU IN SERBIA COMMUNICATION NETWORK (EUINFONET)****Publication ref.: EuropeAid/136280/DH/SER/RS**

No	Question	Answer
1	Could you, please, clarify whether all projects covering the field I (large scale EU information and communication and/or public diplomacy campaigns) need to be implemented in EU MS and/or enlargement countries or just the projects of public diplomacy campaigns?	The relevant requirement, as stated in the published contract notice, is related to supervision and management of large scale EU information and communication and/or public diplomacy campaigns implemented in EU Member States and/or enlargement countries, and therefore is a requirement applying to all projects covering that field.
2	Could you, please, clarify whether ongoing projects will be consider eligible, as long as they are in the required fields and proportion carried out in the course of the past three years is equal to or exceeds 600.000 EUR?	Portion satisfactorily completed of on-going projects will be considered eligible, as long as they are in the required fields and the candidate's portion carried out in the course of the past three years (starting from 1.1.2012 up to the deadline for receipt of applications) is equal to or greater than 600.000 EUR.
3	Could you, please, clarify whether the projects that commenced before 1.1.2012 and have completed in the course of the past three years will be consider eligible, as long as they are in the required fields and with proportion carried out by the candidate of equal to or over 600.000 EUR?	Projects that commenced before 1.1.2012 and have been completed in the course of the past 3 years (starting from 1.1.2012 up to the deadline for receipt of applications) will be considered eligible, as long as they are in the required fields and with portion carried out by the candidate of equal to or greater than 600.000 EUR.
4	We would kindly ask you a clarification regarding the selection and award criteria section 21.3 (a) of the service contract notice of the tender in reference. As far as we understand, the two contracts must cover both fields of expertise described in Article 7 of the service contract notice, namely: 1. Supervision and management of large scale EU information and communication and/or public diplomacy campaigns in member States and/or enlargement countries 2. Communication strategy and implementation	The relevant selection and award criterion related to the technical capacity of the candidate, 21.3.a) indicates that the candidate has provided services in the course of the past three years (starting from 1.1.2012 up to the deadline for receipt of applications) under at least two contracts (with portion carried out by the candidate of equal to or greater than 600.000 EUR) that <u>in combination</u> cover the two fields of expertise described in Article 7. Therefore, each contract can cover one field or the other, or the combination of the two. However, please note that <u>both fields described under Article 7 must be covered.</u>

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5	As regards the re-examination criteria listed in the second part of the section 21.3, are project references covering only one of the above-mentioned fields of expertise and with contract value equal to or greater than EUR 600,0000 be considered as eligible for the purpose of the tender procedure?	<p>Yes, subject to answer no.4 (Each contract can cover one field or the other, or the combination of the two. However, please note that both fields described under Article 7 must be covered).</p> <p>Additionally please note that the total number of reference projects found eligible under 21.3 a) will be applied as first re-examination criteria, which includes all of the categories as described in the answer no4.</p>
6	Could you please clarify whether an information and communication campaign implemented in the framework of an EU-funded project, within the given budget, geography and timeframe is considered as EU information and communication campaign?	Please note that in line with section 3.3.1.2 of the applicable PRAG regulation " <i>with a clarification, the Contracting Authority cannot give an opinion on the assessment of the application</i> ". The Evaluation Committee will analyse the applications in detail against the published selection criteria.

