

**PUBLIC CALL FOR TENDERS NR. 2020/04/CEB/TAM/P-LD  
EVALUATION OF THE REGIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMME**

**QUESTIONS RECEIVED FROM POTENTIAL BIDDERS 2<sup>nd</sup> issue.**

<b>QUESTIONS</b>	<b>ANSWERS</b>
One of the requirements is “Minimum 7 evaluations of <b>donor-funded projects</b> ”. How exactly would you define “donor-funded” projects? What is counted as a donor?	Donor Funded Projects in this context are defined as those projects sponsored by external donations normally provided by governments, international intuitions, foundations or development agencies.
Are the number of references (projects) for the Prequalification sub-criterion No 3 and the number of references (projects) for the Prequalification sub-criterion No 4 limited or applicants can provide as many references (projects) as they consider appropriate?	In both instances’ applicants can provide as many references that they consider <b>meet the criteria</b> . They are not limited in number. They should not provide references that they do not consider meet the criteria
Factor 2. which will be taken into consideration during the re-examination is „Experience: Aggregated value of the evaluations valid for sub-criterion“. Please clarify for which sub-criterion or is it for the both sub-criteria?	This refers to sub-criterion 3 only.
Except the deadline for submission of the expressions of interest (Eol), in the Contract Notice there is no other information relevant for the submission of Eol, such as how the Eol can be submitted (by e-mail, post/courier), to which address/e-mail address and other technical information relevant for potential bidders. You are kindly requested to clarify these issues.	The expressions of interest are to be submitted as explained in the Bid Submission Form (One original, duly signed application must be supplied together with three copies. We suggest you to use double-sided print-outs as much as possible). Potential bidders must send also a pen drive with the expression of interest in electronic format. The hard copy/signed submission will prevail in case of differences in the content. The deadline for expressing interest has been set up on 15 February 2021 at noon (Paris Time). Expressions of interest that arrive at CEB office after this deadline will not be taken into consideration.
The Contract Notice defines a Pre-Qualification Criteria as part of Article 2. Related to the criterion „Experience - Minimum 2 evaluations in the Western Balkan countries finalized during the last 7 years “, we would kindly ask for the following clarification: Could you please define which countries will be, in terms of this evaluation, considered as Western Balkan countries?	In this context the Western Balkans consists of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Kosovo and Serbia

<p>Since there is no additional description following requested evaluations, will any type of evaluation from any field be considered as valid experience?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Will ex-ante assessment (for example of an Operational Programme) be considered as valid experience?</p>	<p>Evaluation in this context is defined using the OECD DAC definition of Evaluation as follows - Evaluation is the systematic and objective assessment of a completed project, programme or policy, its design, implementation and results. The aim is to determine the relevance and fulfilment of objectives, development efficiency, effectiveness, impact and sustainability. An evaluation is different from an ex-ante assessment (e.g. appraisal, feasibility study, etc.) in the sense that it is assessing on-going or completed activities. Therefore, ex-ante assessment will not be considered as valid experience for this role</p>
<p>Will as Prequalification sub-criteria 3 (experience) be accepted the experience which is still ongoing, if the tenderer can prove that the implemented amount is higher than 100.000,00 EUR?</p>	<p>The evaluations must have already been completed before the deadline to express interest.</p>
<p>Do you accept as 'evaluation' references in the construction sector also projects for which services mainly concerned pre-implementation and implementation activities like <i>Detailed Initial Technical, Contractual and financial assessment and Supervision during Construction</i>?</p>	<p>These do not meet the criteria of evaluations in this context. Evaluation in this context is defined using the OECD DAC definition of Evaluation as follows: <i>"Evaluation is the systematic and objective assessment of a completed project, programme or policy, its design, implementation and results. The aim is to determine the relevance and fulfilment of objectives, development efficiency, effectiveness, impact and sustainability. An evaluation is different from an ex-ante assessment (e.g. appraisal, feasibility study, etc.) in the sense that it is assessing on-going or completed activities."</i></p>
<p>If the client of projects in the construction sector is a private bank, do you consider it as 'donor funded'?</p>	<p>Donor Funded Projects in this context are defined as those projects sponsored by external donations normally provided by governments, international institutions, foundations or development agencies. An evaluation where the direct client is a private bank is therefore not considered as 'donor funded'.</p>
<p>Are the projects funded from the European structural and investment funds (ESIF) considered as "donor funded projects" in terms of the</p>	<p>Yes, so long as the evaluation relates to social and/or construction sectors. In addition, please note, a minimum of 7 evaluations should be from <b>both</b> the social <b>and</b> construction sector.</p>

<p>Minimum requirements for the Prequalification sub-criteria No. 3?</p>	
<p>In the Expression of interest form, <i>Economic and financial capacity</i>, footnote iv it is stated: <i>If this application is being submitted by a consortium, the data in the table must be the sum of the data in the corresponding tables in the declarations provided by the consortium members.</i> Could you please provide the declaration template bidders should use in this procedure?</p>	<p>Bidders can modify the template as needed in order to provide the required information.</p>
<p>The contract notice does not specify explicitly how the EoI should be sent. Is it possible to send the application electronically?</p>	<p>The application should be sent in hard copy together with an electronic version of it in a pen drive, as described above.</p>
<p>Apart from EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM, is it necessary to fill in and submit other standard template documents (e.g. <i>Declaration on honor on exclusion criteria and selection criteria</i>)?</p>	<p>There is no need to submit any other documents at this stage. This will be done at a later stage.</p>
<p>Another clarification question, re: this requirement: 'Minimum 7 evaluations of donor funded projects over the last 10 years of a <b>value of at least 100 000 EUR</b> with evaluations related to social and construction sectors.' Does this refer to <u>each</u> reference or all seven together?</p>	<p>Each evaluation project should have a value of at least EUR 100 000.</p>