



Clarifications to invitation to tender COMP/2015/004

An overview of subsidy disclosure practices in EU's member states

Questions and answers

	<i>Question:</i>	<i>Answer:</i>
1.	<p>In relation to section 2.1 (page 4) of the Tender specifications:</p> <p>Please precise the time coverage by confirming that 2010-2014 refers to the subsidies awarded throughout this period, and not utilized. Our understanding is the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If for instance a corporate tax exemption was awarded in 2014 but actually utilized in 2015, it falls within the scope of this proposal.• If in 2010 a cash grant installment was paid off to a company (provided that such data and statistics are available) as a result of support scheme awarded in the recent years, it isn't under the scope of the study.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Yes. It falls within the scope of the project.</i>• <i>No, all aid granted/awarded in the 2010-2014 period falls within the scope of the project.</i>
2.	<p>In relation to section 2.2 and 2.3 of the Tender specifications (page 4-5):</p> <p>Does the study is expected to cover also the state aid instruments given to companies or only those not constituting state aid under the meaning of the art. 107 of the TFEU? Could you please also confirm what is exactly meant by term: 'General Government'? Does it refer to the Eurostat terminology and covers 4 subsectors (central government, state government – applicable in Belgium, Germany, Spain and Austria only, local</p>	<p><i>No, the study relates to all subsidies, not just state aid. By general Government, we refer indeed to Eurostat terminology.</i></p>

	governments and social security funds) available at: http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Glossary:General_government_sector	
3.	In relation to section 8.3.2.a (page 12) of tender specifications: What is meant by terms: ‘subsidy data systems’, ‘subsidy disclosure and measurement’ and what type of experience is expected there?	<i>The type of experience expected is at least two projects worth at least 50.000 euros. Those terms refer to the scope of the project, i.e. projects related to subsidy disclosure, quantification of subsidies, analysis of subsidies, etc.</i>
4.	In relation to section 8.3.2.a (page 12) of tender specifications: Will state aid-related projects experience (involving supporting companies in the application and further subsidy reporting process) be considered sufficient for meeting the criterion: <i>The tenderer must prove experience in the field of subsidy data systems, subsidy measurement, state aid, or the politics of subsidy reform with at least 2 projects delivered in this field in the last three years with a minimum value for each project of € 50 000.?</i>	<i>No, projects related to individual notifications of state aid are irrelevant to the experience and expertise required to analyse subsidy disclosure and measurement.</i>
5.	In relation to section 8.3.2.b (page 12) of tender specifications: Please provide more detailed requirements on the professional editor expected to be the part of the delivery team.	<i>An editor with experience in editing economic reports in English.</i>