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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Open procedure: Audit services UfMS Grant Schemes – Forwarding of Funds 2025-2027 - 30 - PRO601LAD-2025

With reference to the above-mentioned Simplified procedure, please find below the answers to the questions posed by the interested companies:

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATIONS Nr. 1 (dated Fri 16/05/2025 10:47)

Question 1: *The grant scheme(s) for which the services are requested is (are) the one(s) launched in 2023, 2024 or both?*

Answer: The services shall cover tasks associated with verifications and audits for the Grant Scheme to Promote Employment and Entrepreneurship in the Green Economy (2023) and the Grant Scheme for the Promotion of Inclusive Digital Trade (2024).

Question 2: *If assistance from economic operator's offices in other countries is sought for each specific fieldwork, shall this be considered as subcontracting?*

Answer: Assistance from workers based in offices in other countries will not necessarily be considered subcontracting, provided these offices are part of the same legal entity or network, and the work is carried out under the direct supervision, control, and responsibility of the awarded tenderer, using its own resources. However, if the workers involved belong to separate legal entities and are engaged through a formal or de facto contractual arrangement, i.e., where they operate with a degree of autonomy or provide their own means, this may be regarded as subcontracting, regardless of whether a formal contract exists.

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATIONS Nr. 1 (dated Thursday 22/05/2025 18:10)

Question 3: *The 28 audits to be made to what country are referred and also which ones we will have to travel?*

Answer: The countries for which implementation of the projects for which the services are requested cover the UfM region.

The definitive list of countries in which the services shall be carried out is dependent on the awardees of the Grant Schemes. The exact location will be informed in each individual request for services as stated in the terms of reference.



Question 4: *Regarding the Expenditure Verification with a maximum amount of 2.000 Euros. This work will be done with the same conditions (hours and hourly fees) of the rest that we propose?*

Answer: No. The €2,000 amount is a fixed provision specifically reserved for an Expenditure Verification (see Section 6.3), and it is not based on hourly fees.

Question 5: *In B Annex V Budget breakdown for a fee-based 30 PRO601-LAD 2025 we don't understand that in Global Price Component we have budget 28 audits for a maximum amount of 107 thousand of euros and in Fee based Component we have to budget another 36 thousand Euros with a breakdown of senior and junior. Are this Fee based Component audits additional audits to the ones proposed in the heading Global Price Component. Could you please clarify how Global Price Component heading and Fee based Component Heading works?.*

Answer: The Global Price Component has a maximum budget of €107,000 for 28 audits. The Fee-Based Component has a maximum budget of €53,000, based on the maximum fees (€36,000.00), incidental expenditure (€15,000.00) and provision made for expenditure verification (€2,000.00).