



Barcelona, March 24, 2026

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### **UfM Climate, Women Peace and Security (WPS) Network - 16 - PRO652SCA-2026**

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

#### **REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATIONS Nr. 1 (dated Friday 20/03/2026 12:52)**

**Question 1:** *Eligibility of key experts: Could you please confirm whether individual experts who are not nationals of, nor established in, a Member State of the Union for the Mediterranean or in a country or territory authorised under the relevant EC Partnership Agreement may be proposed as key experts ?*

**Answer:** The nationality of experts and other natural persons employed or legally contracted does not have to follow the nationality rules in accordance with section 2.3.2 of the PRAG.

**Question 2:** *Capacity building workshop: On page 9 of the Terms of Reference, it is stated that: “The costs of the expert’s mission – if needed – to the venue (TBD) for the Capacity Building Workshop and to COP31 in Antalya, Türkiye (November 2026, date TBD) shall be covered by the contractor.” However, the Capacity Building Workshop is not further described in the Terms of Reference or in the list of deliverables. Could you please clarify whether the contractor is expected to organise and deliver an in-person capacity building workshop, and if so, whether the contractor is responsible solely for the experts’ mission costs or for all costs related to the organisation of the workshop (including logistical and operational aspects)? In that case, we would also appreciate further details regarding its expected location and modalities.*

**Answer:** The contractor is not expected to organise an in-person Capacity Building Workshop, i.e., the contractor’s financial responsibility is limited to covering the mission costs of its experts (e.g. travel and subsistence). At this stage, further details regarding the workshop’s timing, location, and format are not yet defined, and will be communicated during the implementation phase but it will take place in one of the eligible UfM countries.

#### **REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATIONS Nr. 2 (dated Tuesday 24/03/2026 11:09)**

**Question 3:** *Can two independent experts apply to the tender ?*

**Answer:** Yes, two independent experts may apply, provided they do so in compliance with the participation rules set out in the contract notice and the Instructions to Tenderers.



**Question 4:** *Do you request the service of a communication expert to manage the Climate WPS network?*

**Answer:** The Terms of Reference do not explicitly require a dedicated communication expert as a separate profile. However, they do include significant communication, visibility, and outreach responsibilities as part of the assignment (e.g., development of a communication package, social media campaign, and stakeholder engagement).

Tenderers are therefore invited to propose an appropriate team composition and methodology that adequately addresses these requirements, ensuring that sufficient communication expertise is mobilised to effectively deliver the expected outputs.

**Question 5:** *For the Policy report, are you looking to portray the current status of Climate and WPS in the region, or are you open to contributions of articles from regional authors ?*

**Answer:** The main expected output of the assignment related to the policy report is to outline the current state of play in terms of knowledge, data, and policy regarding the nexus. The Terms of Reference (ToRs) do not require a collective publication; rather, they call for a regional policy document that includes data analysis, good practices, and recommendations.