

Each tenderer (and each member of a consortium) shall declare in the relevant field in Annex VII (Administrative Identification form) whether it is a Small or Medium Size Enterprise (SME) in accordance with Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC⁵.

As a general guideline, here is an excerpt from the Recommendation:

“The category of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) is made up of enterprises which employ fewer than 250 persons and which have an annual turnover not exceeding EUR 50 million, and/or an annual balance sheet total not exceeding EUR 43 million.”

3.2 SELECTION CRITERIA

The following criteria will be used to select the Tenderers for further evaluation. If the Tender is proposed by a consortium, these criteria must be fulfilled by each partner (unless otherwise stated).

Documentary evidence of the Tenderers' claims in respect of the below-mentioned criteria is required.

3.2.1 PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

The Tenderer must provide evidence of enrolment (declaration or certificates) in one of the professional or trade registers related to the subject of this tender, in the country of its establishment.

3.2.2 FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC CAPACITY

Proof of financial and economic standing shall be furnished by the following documents and minimum requirements:

- (a) Copy of the financial statements (balance sheets and profit and loss accounts) for the last two (2) financial years for which accounts have been closed, where publication of the accounts is required under the company law of the country in which the economic operator is established. In case of a consortium, each consortium member shall present their financial statements.

If the tenderer is not obliged to publish its accounts under the law of the state in which it is established, a copy of audited accounts for the last two (2) financial years should be presented. In case of a consortium/grouping, audited accounts for each consortium partner shall be presented.

- (b) A statement of the average turnover of the last two (2) financial years for which accounts have been closed. The **minimum annual average turnover** of the tenderer shall be **€120.000,00 (one hundred and twenty thousand euro)**:

In case of a consortium/grouping, the annual average turnover for each of the partners shall be presented. The sum of the annual average turnovers of each partner will be taken into account to reach the annual average turnover.

- (c) If tenderers will call on the competences of another entity (for example, a parent company), a written undertaking by the said entity certifying that it will make available to the tenderers the resources required to implement the contract.

⁵ Commission Recommendation of 6 May 2003 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, available at <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2003:124:0036:0041:en:PDF>