

A. INSTRUCTIONS TO TENDERERS

to the rejection of their tender and to their exclusion from EIB tender procedures and contracts.

7.2. Financial offer

The Financial offer must be presented in Euro using the templates included in the fee-based version of the Financial offer (see part C of this tender dossier). It must include:

- Budget breakdown
- Working days

To complete the spreadsheet:

- 1) Enter the fee rates for each category of expert in the first worksheet ('Budget breakdown')
- 2) Enter the estimated numbers of working days for each category of expert during the period of implementation of the tasks in the second worksheet ('Working days')
- 3) Enter the provision for incidental expenditure given in the Terms of Reference in the first worksheet ('Budget breakdown')
- 4) Enter the provision for expenditure verification given in the Terms of Reference in the first worksheet ('Budget breakdown').

The estimated budget for incidental expenditure and expenditure verification is to be filled in according to the amount indicated in the Terms of Reference.

Tenderers are reminded that the maximum budget available for this contract, as stated in the contract notice, is **EUR 650.000**. Payments under this contract will be made in the currency of the tender.

The Consultant is expected to quote the price net of any taxes.

8. Variant solutions

Tenderers **are not** authorised to tender for a variant in addition to this tender.

9. Period during which tenders are binding

Tenderers are bound by their tenders for 180 days after the deadline for submitting tenders.

The Contracting Authority may ask the tenderers to extend the period for a specific number of days, as deemed necessary.

10. Additional information before the deadline for submitting tenders

The tender dossier should be clear enough to avoid tenderers having to request additional information during the procedure.

Tenderers may submit questions in writing **by the deadline specified in section 3 above** exclusively via the eTendering platform. Requests not submitted via the eTendering platform will not be considered. The corresponding link is indicated in the Contract Notice, section I.3, "Communication". The eTendering platform contains a questions/answers section permitting tenderers to send questions within the deadline specified above and consult the Contracting Authority's replies.

The Contracting Authority has no obligation to provide clarification to requests transmitted after this date.

The Contracting Authority will publish its replies on this platform at least 6 calendar days before the deadline for submission of tenders.

No information meeting and no site visit is foreseen. Visits by individual prospective tenderers during the tender period cannot be organised by the Contracting Authority or the Promoter.

11. Submission of tenders

Tenders must be submitted electronically only, in line with the following instructions:

Before the deadline mentioned in section 3 "timetable", tenderers must express their intention to