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**MINISTRY OF FINANCE**

**Directorate for Finance and Contracting of the EU Assistance Funds**

**(CFCU)**

**Contracting Authority's Clarifications**

Service Contract „Improvement and strengthening of institutional set-up and legal framework in the area of public procurement and state aid“

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The answers on questions received by the potential tenderers on the following e-mail address: cfcu@mif.gov.me.

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| **Q1** | We would like to ask for a clarification regarding the Selection Criteria under the Technical Capacity of the candidate, item 21.3.Namely, you are requiring experience under 3 (three) sets of skills which are to be covered by respective references of projects implemented or completed in the last 3 years prior to the deadline for submission of the Eol package. The contract amounts to be referenced are at least 450,000 EUR for Set 1; at least 300,000 EUR for Set 2 and at least 200,000 EUR for Set 3.Further on, the Contract Notice goes on to specify:„For each contract mentioned above, the proportion carried out by the candidate must be at least 30% of the total contract value“.We would like to ask for clarification as to whether the proportion of at least 30% should be understood as:1. 30% of the contract value whatever its value, implying, for instance, that in the case of a project in which a consortium member has been involved with a total contract value of 1,000,000 EUR focusing on a skill referred to under Set 1 with a 20% share, the reference would not be considered as eligible (as the 30% threshold is not met) although the value of the share of the said member is 200,000 EUR (which is above 30% of 450,000 EUR)

**OR**1. 30% of the minimum contract value (respectively 135,000 EUR; 90,000 EUR; 60,000 EUR) as long as the total contract value is above the defined threshold (respectively 450,000 EUR; 300,000 EUR; 200,000 EUR), meaning that for the above example the reference would be considered eligible (as being above 30% of 450,000 EUR)

**OR**1. the required reference should be in the minimum amount of 450,000 EUR for Set 1; at least 300,000 EUR for Set 2 and at least 200,000 EUR for Set 3 and this amount should be simultaneously at least 30% of a larger contract.
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| **A1** | Please note that **option 1 is considered applicable** in interpretation of the criteria in question.  |