**Contracting Authority's Clarifications**

**Purchase of teaching aids and IT equipment for schools in Montenegro
Europe (non-EU), Montenegro (ME)**

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

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| **Q1** | Reference is made to Article 4 (Origin) of the instruction to tenderers:Please clarify if item 6 “*anReader software with HASP licence*” (quantity 40) must originate in aMember State of the European Union or in a country or territory of the regions covered and/orauthorised by the specific instruments applicable to the programme specified in clause 3.1 andtherefore it is excluded from the list of goods which may originate from any country. |
| **A1** | In accordance with the Article 4, point 4.1 of the Instruction to Tenderers it is defined that only the items listed in the table derogate from the rule of origin and can originate from any country.Hence, item 6 (*anReader software with HASP licence)* is not subject to derogation. |
| **Q2** | Reference is made to Article 18.3 Selection criteria - Technical capacity of the Additional information about the Contract Notice:**Quote**a) the tenderer has carried out at least 1 (one) supply contract with following features:• with a budget of at least 50 % of the financial proposal of the tenderer,• including the supply of tailor-made equipment for the required fields related to the subject ofthe tenderer.**Unquote**We would be grateful if you could clarify what does “tailor made” mean. Please confirm that similar supply contracts in the field of teaching aids and IT equipment will meet the requirements. |
| **A2** | Please be informed that in accordance with the section 4.3.4 of the Procurement and Grants for European Union external actions - A Practical Guide (PRAG 2020) no prior opinion on the assessment of the tender can be given by the contracting authority in reply to a question or a request for clarification. By supply of tailor-made equipment, it is meant that supply should be of a similar equipment to similar institutions. Taking into consideration that supply will be used for equipping schools, previous supply contracts of equipment used for purposes of delivery of teaching process and administration in schools, school IT classrooms equipment, inclusive education teaching aids will be considered as satisfactory related to this criterion. |
| **Q3** | Considering the Pandemic period and the difficulties to contact the suppliers, we would be grateful if you could grant an extension of the tender deadline of a couple of additional weeks. |
| **A3** | Considering the fact that the set deadline is already above the minimum of days necessary to be provided for submission of tenders in accordance with the Procurement and Grants for European Union external actions - A Practical Guide (PRAG 2020) and bearing in mind that this tender was already published in October 2020 and tenderers had the opportunity to get familiar with the tender dossier, we confirm that the deadline for submission of tenders is set out in reasonable timeframe and will not be further extended. |