

**CLARIFICATIONS NO: 1 to
THE CONTRACT NOTICE**

Contract Title: Technical Assistance for Strengthening the Audit Capacity of the Audit Authority

Publication Reference: NEAR/ANK/2023/EA-RP/0043

Location: Türkiye

Further to the request received from the tenderer, the following clarification is provided:

Question 1:

Could you kindly confirm whether the contractor awarded the subject contract will be eligible for the upcoming contracts under the IPA III programme, specifically for the contracts for which the CFCU will be operating as the Contracting Authority, or whether this would cause a potential conflict of interest for the awarded contractor?

Answer 1:

With regards to the situation of a potential conflict of interest; please be informed that it will be determined on a case by case basis whether the engagement of the legal entity constitutes a conflict of interest or not, based on the relevant articles of the Procurement And Grants for European Union External Actions (PRAG), specifically Article 2.5.4.4 (of the applicable version of the PRAG 2021.1).

Please also note that this contract financed under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II) as seen in Additional information about the Contract Notice, "*Section 2 Program Title*".

The scope of contract is as it is mentioned in the Corrigendum No: 1 to Contract Notice Article "*II.1.4) Short Description*" of the Contract Notice, does not include information on the EU funded contracts/actions financed by IPA III assistance in Türkiye. Considering the activities to be carried out within the scope of the contract, no conflict of interest is foreseen at this stage.

