CLARIFICATIONS NO: 1 to CONTRACT NOTICE

Contract Title:	Technical Assistance for Town Twinning Between Turkey and the EU (Phase — II) (Twinning for a Green Future)
Location:	Türkiye
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Question 1:

Please kindly advise on how to obtain tender documents of this work as there is no document available in the document library.

Question 2:

Please can we clarify on what date will additional documents be shared?

Answer 1 and 2:

Please note that all the documents (Contract Notice and Additional information about the Contract Notice) are available on the Official Journal of the European Union (<u>https://eur-lex.europa.eu</u>), F&T portal (<u>https://etendering.ted.europa.eu</u>) and website of the contracting authority (<u>https://www.cfcu.gov.tr</u>). The tender dossier will be sent to the shortlisted candidates once the shortlist procedure is completed.

Question 3:

As a newly operational company without audited accounts, can we rely on our forecast FCFs and operations turnover to evidence the meeting of the financial standing threshold and criterion?

Answer 3:

As per stated in Article 16 of the Additional information about the Contract Notice document, for the economic and financial capacity criterion, "*The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last three years for which accounts have been closed.*" The same article also reads "*an economic operator (i.e. candidate or tenderer) may, where appropriate and for a particular contract, rely on the capacities of other entities, regardless of the legal nature of the links which it has with them*". Please refer to articles 7 and 16 of this document for the further information.

Question 4:

Regarding the first technical capacity criterion for legal and natural persons: The candidate has provided services under a single contract or similar assignment with a budget of at least 750 000 EUR (proportion carried out by the candidate) in the field of capacity building of local authorities; are projects with a capacity building component applicable? Or only those projects whose main/sole subject is capacity building? If projects with capacity building components are applicable, is the whole amount eligible? Or only the amount corresponding to capacity building activities?

Answer 4:

Please note that all necessary information on the selection criteria is provided in the published **Additional information about the Contract Notice document** and contracting authority is not in a position to give a prior opinion on the assessment of the request to participate with a clarification.