Clarifications during tendering

D-SE-15-T02 Pre-testing and feasibility assessment for the FRA Fundamental Rights Survey

Questions and Answers I

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Subject: Clarifications during tendering

Dear Sir/Madam,

We received questions of general interest from potential tenderers. Please find herewith the answers to these questions.

Yours sincerely,

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Question 1:

In Tender specification documents it is stated (page 3): Participation in tendering procedures is open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons coming within the scope of the Treaties and to all natural and legal persons established in a third country which has a special agreement with the Communities in the field of public procurement on the conditions laid down in that agreement 1.

Since our company is registered in Serbia, is our company eligible to take participation in tendering procedure?

Answer 1:

Under the Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA) between Serbia and the European Communities and their Member States, signed on 29 April 2008 and ratified in 2013, economic operators from Serbia have been granted access to tendering procedures of the Union institutions, agencies and bodies regardless of their value.

Therefore, companies established in Serbia <u>are eligible</u> to participate in this tender procedure.

Question 2:

In Technical specifications, when term "representative" is used does it refer only to random samples or quota samples as well.

Answer 2:

The Technical Specifications use the term 'representative' to describe the aims – as concerns sampling – of the full-scale Fundamental Rights Survey, the development of which will be informed by the current study 'Pre-testing and feasibility assessment for the FRA Fundamental Rights Survey'. Representativeness can be achieved through random (probability) sampling. FRA does not consider that quota samples of the population could be considered representative.