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Second European Union Minorities and Discrimination Survey (EU-MIDIS II)

Questions and Answers II

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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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(EU MIDIS II)****Questions and Answers II****Question 5:**

Please could we check whether the budget specified is the maximum allowed? From the initial costs received from local research agencies it is not possible to submit a bid which meets the technical specifications stated in the tender documents within this budget. If we submit a bid which exceeds the set budget will it still be evaluated?

Answer 5:

Tenders cannot be rejected if the financial offer exceeds the maximum contract amount estimated in Annex A – Tender Specifications, unless the increase is of a significant magnitude. However, due to possible budgetary constraints, the Agency may decide not to award the contract.

Question 6:

Given the complexity of this study and the need to provide detailed sampling plans at a country level, we wonder whether it would be possible for the deadline to be extended to allow sufficient time to develop these?

Answer 6:

Based on Annex A – Tender Specifications, the **tenderer** 'shall describe and justify in detail the proposed sampling approaches for each survey country / each target group. The tenderer shall present a justified proposal, for each country and target group, with regard to the sampling frame and sampling strategy(ies) to be used.' (p. 14). Once the contract has been awarded and signed, it will be the task of the **contractor** to specify and justify the proposed sampling plan for each country and/or target group. 'The final EU-MIDIS II sampling design shall be implemented upon approval by the FRA.' (Annex A.1 – Technical Specifications, p. 16). That is, **tenderers** are expected to provide as much detail as possible concerning the proposed sampling approaches, but with the view that developing and refining the sampling approach will also be one of the tasks of the **contractor**. The extension of the deadline for the submission of the offers by 16/07/2014 is not foreseen.