

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
 regarding implementation of projects under the First Call for proposals
Part III

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1	<p>Are the thresholds stipulated in p. 2.4.1 of the Practical guide for Procurement and Grants for European Union external actions including value added tax (VAT) or not? In this regards when launching a service tender procedure and announcing an estimated contract value (with VAT excluded and VAT included) what would be the correct evaluation method of price quotes when two types of tenderers have submitted their offers - i.e. VAT and non-VAT registered companies. For example, a tender procedure has a total budget of 12000 EUR VAT included (respectively 10000 EUR VAT excluded). Company A (not VAT registered entity) submits a price offer amounting to 11000 EUR (VAT excluded which is also the final price). Company B (VAT registered entity) submits an offer of 10000 EUR VAT excluded (12 000 EUR VAT included, as a final price). Therefore, which offer has the lower price? We are submitting this inquiry because based on the scenario described above a certain hypothesis might occur that if price offers of tenderers are evaluated on the basis of price without VAT, the non-VAT registered tenderer might receive lower score, and the VAT registered tenderer will be scored higher although in general the latter offers higher total price for the implementation of the services (i.e. 12 000 EUR).</p>	<p>In reference with p. 40 from Preamble of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 mentioned thresholds of types of tender procedures stipulated in PRAG p.2.4.1 <i>“Which project procedure to apply?”</i> shall be deemed without VAT included in case where VAT is eligible expenditure under the Interreg - IPA CBC Bulgaria – the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Programme 2014-2020.</p> <p>In this connection in the service single tender documentation, prices shall be announced without VAT included, which must be taken into consideration at the stage of tendering evaluation process.</p>

2	<p>We have prepared the tender dossier of Single Tender procedure for selection of Contractor for ensuring information and publicity for the project. In this regard, we have the following question: do we have to establish Evaluation committee or it is enough only to prepare Annex A10b of the PRAG?</p>	<p>In accordance with p. 4.3. "Procurement procedures" of PIM establishment of Evaluation committee is not required in case of single tender procedures. The Beneficiary shall describe the selection process in Annex A10b of the PRAG for all type of contracts, explaining the manner in which the participant(s) in the negotiations were identified and the price was established, and the grounds for the award decision. The Contracting Authority must follow the negotiation steps shown in the negotiation report template and ensure that basic principles relating to procurement procedures such as checking compliance with eligibility rules (nationality rules), capacity to carry out the contract and exclusion criteria are duly applied.</p> <p>Through internal administrative order beneficiary may define the persons involved in the single negotiation process.</p>
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