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Clarifications' Questions & Answers

Question 1:

Concerning the re-examination and the factors which will be taken into consideration:

- Number of EU-funded projects implemented during the previous 3 years
- Value of EU-funded projects implemented in the ENPI region in the previous 3 years

Please clarify how will be applied those criterion. Our understanding is that if there more than 8 consortium eligible the first criterion will be considered i.e. Number of EU-funded projects implemented during the previous 3 years; after this re-examination, if there is clarity on the selected candidates, criterion 2 will not be considered.

Criterion 2 will be applied only if the first criterion is not sufficient to have a clear re-examination among the candidates. Please clarify if this understanding is correct.

Answer 1:

The PRAG stipulates in point 3.3.2: "The shortlist shall contain between four and eight candidates. If the number of eligible candidates meeting the selection criteria is greater than eight, the additional criteria published in the procurement notice will be applied in order to reduce the number of eligible candidates to eight."

In this specific case, the Procurement Notice stipulates the following in point 21:

If more than 8 eligible candidates meet the above selection criteria, the relative strengths and weaknesses of the applications of these candidates must be re-examined to identify the eight best applications for the tender procedure.

The only factors which will be taken into consideration during this re-examination are:

- Number of EU-funded projects implemented during the previous 3 years;
- Value of EU-funded projects implemented in the ENPI region in the previous 3 years.

As there is no hierarchical order in the procurement notice indicated, both criteria should be taken into account cumulatively.