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CONTRACTING AUTHORITY'S CLARIFICATIONS No. 1

“Support to IPARD Operating Structure (Managing Authority, IPARD Agency and Extension service)”

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1	In Service Contract Notice – point 21.1.b – there is a requirement for provision of the current ratio (current assets/current liabilities) and this indicator must be at least 1. Could you please clarify whether this criterion is also relevant for the public bodies (e.g. self-government organisational units), which are established by state regulations for financing of public entities and manage their finances according to specific regulations? The current ratio indicator has no influence neither on their activities, nor on the financial standing, as their financial stability is guaranteed by the self-government and they cannot go bankrupt.	As stated in the Contract Notice section 21.1) Economic and financial capacity of candidate in case of candidate being a public body, equivalent information should be provided.
2	Contract notice for the tender Support to IPARD Operating Structure (Managing Authority, IPARD Agency and Advisory services), Publ. ref. EuropeAid/137763/IH/SER/RS states that for fulfilment of Technical capacity the candidate must have provided „services under at least 1 contract with budget of at least 250,000 EUR which includes development of IT solution which enabled	According to the section 2.4.11.1.1 of PRAG, the candidates/tenderers are asked to provide a declaration on honour and to indicate in the application form or tender submission form their economic, financial, professional and technical capacity in accordance with the selection criteria laid down in the tender documents. Furthermore, in accordance with the

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	<p>follow-up of receiving, processing and executing of payments which was implemented at any moment during reference period“.</p> <p>Having in mind that the overall contract value of the project implemented is strictly confidential information will it be acceptable to state in our Application form that overall contract value is more than 250.000,00 EUR and if our Application is shortlisted, to submit the reference from the customer where they will confirm under the full criminal and material responsibility that candidate fulfilled all the conditions required under the technical capacity of the candidate without stating the overall value of the contract?</p>	<p>section 3.3.1.2. of PRAG, please note that with a clarification, the Contracting Authority cannot give an opinion on the assessment of the application.</p>
3	<p>Section 21. point 3a of the procurement notice Technical capacity of candidate defines that "the candidate has provided services under at least 1 contract with a budget of at least 500,000 EUR which includes development and implementation any of the following areas: EU Structural Funds/Rural Development policies or SAPARD or IPARD; which was implemented at any moment during the reference period."</p> <p>EU priorities for Rural Development policy are clearly defined by article 5 of the Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005.</p> <p>Can you confirm that "Rural Development policies", as defined in section 21.3.a of</p>	<p>According to the section 3.3.1.2. of PRAG, please note that with a clarification, the Contracting Authority cannot give an opinion on the assessment of the application.</p>

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	the procurement notice, includes six common EU priorities as defined by article 5 of above mentioned Regulation?	
4	Do you consider measures directly implemented through rural development programmes of EU Member States as services under point 21.3.a of the procurement notice?	Please refer to the answer to the question no. 3.
5	Do you consider services related to EU Structural Funds or Rural Development policies, as defined by relevant EU regulations (Common Provisions Regulation (CPR), Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, European Regional Development Fund Regulation Regulation (EU) No 1301/2013, European Social Fund Regulation Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013, Cohesion Fund Regulation Council Regulation (EU) No 1300/2013, Regulation on the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013), implemented outside of Europe as eligible in the context of this procurement notice?	Please refer to the answer to the question no. 3.
6	Do you consider some of these principal beneficiaries, as defined by point 7. of the procurement notice, Managing Authority, Paying Agency, Advisory services and agricultural producers (as potential applicants), as beneficiaries of services provided under point 21.3.a of the procurement notice?	As it is stated in the section 7. Contract description the principal beneficiaries of the contract are Sector for Rural Development (IPARD Managing Authority) and Directorate for Agrarian Payments (IPARD Agency), but also Advisory services established throughout Serbia with the task of providing agricultural producers with information relevant for their work.