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CONTRACTING AUTHORITY’S CLARIFICATIONS no. 1

**“EU support to reforms in water sector services”**

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| **No.** | **Question** | **Answer** |
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| **1.** | According to the Practical Guide to Contract Procedures for EU External Actions (PRAG), “*The time allowed for candidates to submit their applications must be sufficient to permit proper competition. The minimum deadline for submitting applications is 30 days from the date of the notice's publication in the Official Journal of the European Union and on the F&T portal*”. For this project, the contract notice was published on 24.12.2020 and the additional information about the contract notice was published on 28.12.2020. However, the deadline of the subject tender is indicated as 25.01.2021 in the contract notice, according to which, the period given for preparing the applications is less than 30 days. In this regard, we kindly ask you to consider extending the submission deadline for applications for the subject tender. | Please note that Article IV.2.2) Time limit for submission of tenders or requests to participate in Contract Notice, has been amended. Corrigendum for the relevant Contract Notice, with amended Article IV.2.2), has been published on 8 January 2021. In accordance with the published Corrigendum, time limit for submission of tenders or requests is **1st February 2021, 15:00 local time.**  |
| **2.** | To what exactly does the tender refers to, to which specific wastewater treatment plant (is it the one in Niš <https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.juznevesti.com%2FDrushtvo%2FZa-septembar-najavljen-tender-za-izgradnju-postrojenja-za-preciscavanje-otpadnih-voda-u-Nisu.sr.html&amp;data=04%7C01%7Ccfcu.questions%40mfin.gov.rs%7Ca57e23a7f62a4db57ff508d8b3c9d702%7Ce9869d9e5f16415689b0d51630ff7000%7C1%7C0%7C637457026771339292%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&amp;sdata=HVHoPh%2BR1CfTslB0NJ1Od%2Fxu36dl8jFXlg%2FgvAdocFs%3D&amp;reserved=0>),considering that the tender mentions Operation of a water-purification plant? | For description of the contract, please refer to point II.1.4) of the Contract notice. (note that the present contract does not refer to a specific waste water treatment plant). |
| **3.** | What is the exact subject of the procurement, and is it related to the construction of that particular plant or to the service reform in the water sector in general? | Please refer to answer No. 2 above.  |
|  **4.** | Does the modification in the Contract Notice refers only to the change of the date regarding the submission of bids? | Yes, for more information please refer to answer No. 1 above.  |