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Clarification No 1 for open call for tenders:**Framework contract for the provision of Support in statistical and probabilistic issues related to spatial integration and data processing supporting environmental assessments**

Reference number: EEA/NSV/11/001

Question 1:

In the Annex 8, sample cases, in case 3 a EEA technical report N° 7 is mentioned, as EEA technical report enumeration goes with the year, to which year is this report referred to? Is it a typo and the question refer to the already cited report 10/2007?

Answer 1:

In Annex 8 to the tender specifications – Sample cases, Sample case No 3, p2 the last paragraph should be replaced by the following (the modification is highlighted in blue)

Please propose how current assessments (e.g. EEA technical report N° 10/2007) could be i) revised to better use supplementary data on river discharge and ii) used to address the characterisation of “water body status” under the Water Framework Directive (WFD).

Question 2:

A question was received as to the rules of participation for a research group consisting in several individuals belonging to different universities in different cities.

Answer 2:

As specified in section 4.2 of the Tender Specifications, tenders may be submitted either by any legal or natural person as a single offer or by a group of such persons as a joint offer. In the latter case, section 4.2 of the tender specifications clearly states that the consortium may be a permanent, legally established grouping or a grouping, which has been constituted informally for a specific tender procedure (emphasis added).

In accordance with the provisions of Article 116 (6) of the implementing rules of the general Financial Regulation applicable, and as stated in the tender specifications, EEA will not request a group of tenderers to have a given legal form in order to be allowed to submit a joint offer, but it reserves the right to require the group to adopt a given legal form after it has been awarded the contract if this change is necessary for proper performance of the contract.

A joint offer shall be signed by all members of the group, or by one of the members which has been duly authorized by the other members of the grouping (by a power of attorney, letter of intent or sufficient authorization to be attached to the offer), when the tenderers have not yet formed a legal entity. Furthermore, each member of the group submitting a joint offer must fulfill the conditions for eligibility specified in section 4.1 of the tender specifications and provide the required evidence demonstrating that they meet the exclusion and selection criteria listed in sections 11.1 and 11.2 of the tender specifications.