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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

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### **COMMUNICATION TO TENDERERS**

**Subject: Open call for tenders No MARE/2014/45**  
**"Scoping study on maritime economic data"**

**Ref.:** Contract notice published in the Official Journal of the European Union  
S/135 of date 16/07/2015 (ref. 2015/S135 - 248783)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find below questions received from tenderer(s) and the answers given by the Commission.

#### **Questions:**

- On page 18 it is mentioned a document showing 'consolidated figures' should be provided concerning the annual average turnover for the past three years. Does this mean adding up the figures for all consortium members?
- Should the annex 5, simplified balance sheet, be provided by all consortium partners or only by the consortium's leading party?

#### **Answers:**

- Section 3.3.1 of the technical specifications of this call for tender stipulates that:

*"In order to prove their economic and financial capacity, the tenderer (i.e. in case of joint tender, the combined capacity of all members of the consortium and identified subcontractors whose share of the contract is above 10%) must comply with the following criteria:*

*- Average annual turnover of the last three financial years of at least 500,000.00 €. Consortia must provide separate documents per member, plus a document showing consolidated figures."*

This indeed means that the figures for each and every member must be added up.

- Simplified balance sheets must be provided by all consortium members separately.

This information is made available on DG MARE internet site  
([http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/maritimeaffairs\\_fisheries/contracts\\_and\\_funding/calls\\_for\\_tender/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/maritimeaffairs_fisheries/contracts_and_funding/calls_for_tender/index_en.htm)) so as to be accessible to all interested economic operators.