



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
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:**

##### ***Task 1. Propose a common delineation of the maritime activities***

- Do the bullets apply to fully marine and partially marine activities?
- Can the EC provide any report or other output of the mentioned "Eurostat Action group on improving socio-economic data for maritime sectors and maritime regions"? This is essential to assess progress made and tasks of the project.
- Will the EC accept other types of classifications than those required in bullets 3 to 6?

##### ***Task 2. Indicators for maritime activities***

- This task states: "*The contractor should choose only indicators for which he can identify the source of data and for which he can present those data in the database to be delivered*". Does this mean that the indicators mentioned in the table below this statement must be provided only if a regular and reliable source of information has been identified?

- Table on activities and indicators. Does the EC ask for the sum of the specified bullets or for data on each bullet separately?

***Task 4. Collecting and processing the data***

- Can the EC provide detail description of the data presently available in the mentioned SAS application?
- This task refers to LAU data. Does the EC expects the project to collect data at this level, which is below NUTS 3?

***Task 5. Provide a baseline and recent trends at EU level, NUTS 2 and 3***

- The relation between the text and the title is not clear. Could you please clarify which is expected under this task?
- Is the project expected to produce data at NUTS 2 and NUTS 3 levels?. Please note that Eurostat SBS provides data at NUTS 2 level and NACE 2 digits (e.g. C 30, not C 3011) only for a limited number of indicators.

**Answer s:**

***Task 1. Propose a common delineation of the maritime activities***

- They apply to both, except for the first bullet which applies to the partially marine activities only.
- We are investigating which outputs from this action group are publicly available, and will reply to you as soon as possible.
- No, the terms of reference bullet points list clear tasks and categories. Tenderers must use this already existing classification. If tenderers find any emerging activities that are not identifiable within this classification, they must identify the activity and note it explicitly in their bid.

***Task 2. Indicators for maritime activities***

- Indicators must be given for ALL marine activities identified in task 1. When choosing the indicators to cover all these activities, the contractor may only choose those indicators for which it can get data from an identified and reliable source. The table referred to in your question, is a set of examples showing which indicators might be used.
- Each bullet separately.

***Task 4. Collecting and processing the data***

- The data used are from Eurostat structural business statistics and tourism surveys. All are publicly available on the Eurostat web-site.

- No it does not – the sentence merely asks the problems involved in obtaining LAU data to be borne in mind when testing an operational method.

***Task 5. Provide a baseline and recent trends at EU level, NUTS 2 and 3***

- The text of Task 5 in the terms of reference lists three clearly specified sub-tasks. These must be carried out. The title is merely an aid to structure the text, and does not in itself constitute a task.
- This will depend on the type of data produced, so could be either. Please note that Eurostat SBS should not be the only source of data.

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.