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Questions & Answers

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Please find below the ECB's answers to the questions¹ submitted to date, which the ECB considers to be of general interest. These are communicated by the ECB to all the potential bidders.

Question	Answer
1. Section 2.1 of CfP states " <u>around 100 days per total duration of the contract</u> ". Can this be interpreted as an, even spread over the 24 months?	1. The ECB cannot commit to a fully even split across the 24 months but expects a roughly linear split.
2. Does the ECB assume that the Contractor enters into a personal contract, i.e. not through a legal entity	2. Yes, this assumption is correct.
3. Does the daily rate of EUR 1500 include VAT?	3. Remuneration and VAT is explained in detailed in Section 6 of Annex 3.2.

¹ The questions may have been partially shortened and/or adapted in order to facilitate reading or for anonymisation purposes.

<p>4. Annex 3, section 4 states “Contractor shall deploy a <u>sufficient number of staff to fulfill the contract ...</u>”. Does ECB envisage that the Contractor could employ more than a one single consultant to deliver the service(s)?</p>	<p>4. This mistake in the Call for Proposal has been corrected as indeed, the ECB is only looking for one high level consultant in this Call for Proposal.</p>
<p>5. Does this CfP also target experts from consulting firms?</p>	<p>5. No, this Call for Proposal is targeting individuals.</p>
<p>6. For the evaluation of the respective proposals will you also take into account credentials that are not directly and personally connected to the individual consultant but to the firm?</p>	<p>6. The evaluation will only take into account the listed award criteria.</p>
<p>7. Can the applicant be employed (at a commercial bank or consultancy, for instance) at the time of application and/or throughout the duration of the contract with the ECB?</p>	<p>7. Yes, the applicant can be employed otherwise during and before the contract in case there is no conflict of interest.</p>
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