

Please find below a 2nd batch of clarifications (including TACLARIF 1_2026 02 06).

A final batch of clarifications will be shared by the "Last date for the Contracting Authority to issue clarification" (Section 3 of the ITT)

NEW DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF TENDERS: 12/03/2026 (12:00 CET) - refer to Instructions to Tenderers (REV 1)

#	Subject	Questions	EIB Answers
1	TAINSTRUCT 5.3	TAINSTRUCT 5.3 a): Given the main scope of services which is the development of a Feasibility Study and the usual consultancy budget for such services we kindly request to lower the Minimum Contract Value from 1,000,000 to 600,000 Euro	The Contracting Authority agrees to lower the Minimum Contract Value to 600,000 EUR for consultancy assignments to be eligible under criteria 5.3.a)
2	TAINSTRUCT 5.3 a), b) and c)	TAINSTRUCT 5.3 a), b) and c): With the given restriction of the eligible country/region we kindly request the eligibility of on-going assignments providing that at least 50% of the services have been successfully completed	The Contract Authority confirms that on-going assignments are NOT eligible
3	TATOR	3.TATOR: Given the overall objective, the purpose/specific objectives, and particularly the expected results by the Consultant under section 2.3, we kindly request to delete Task 8 under section 4. According to our experience in the Egyptian wastewater sector, project CAPEX could be at least 75 million Euro (3 WWTPs with potential extension capacities of 50,000 m³/day (Al-Hanovil) and 2 x approx. 10,000 m³/day (El-Zarqa, Kafr El Battikh), plus some wastewater collection network, pumping stations, pressure mains). While the given maximum budget of 1,206,830 USD and the estimated level of effort of 690 working-days for the consultancy service might be sufficient for the initial scope of work, i.e. the development of a Feasibility Study (resulting to approx. 1.4% of estimated CAPEX), such given budget for consultancy services hardly allows for the additional preparation of detailed design and tender documents for the three above mentioned WWTPs. Moreover, according to our experience in many wastewater projects in Egypt over the last years, detailed design for WWTPs is generally undertaken by the Design & Build Contractors, also to avoid limiting (treatment process technologies) competition at procurement stage. Alternatively, kindly limit Task 8 to the preparation of tender documents for the WWTPs based on the conceptual design developed under Task 2 and aligned to the Design & Build (e.g. FIDIC Yellow Book) approach	The Contracting Authority agrees to apply a yellow FIDIC approach for the conceptual design of the WWTPs

4	TATOR	Further to the previous clarification request and in case detailed design was supposed to be undertaken for wastewater collection and conveyance only, we would kindly request EIB to define the approximate quantities (length of network and pressure mains, pumping stations) allowing us to bid under the requested global price arrangement. We understand that such details may not be available yet and result from the findings of the Feasibility Study to be developed, hence the reiterated request to delete Task 8 in such case	The Contracting Authority confirms that the bidders should focus on the WWTPs based on FIDIC Yellow Book only
5		Reference is made to the extension deadline of 5 March 2026 by midday. Since essential clarification to the scope and reference requirements have only been received by 6 February 2026, we kindly request an extension of the submission deadline by 3 weeks	The Contracting Authority has extended the deadline for the submission of tenders to 12/03/2026 (12:00 CET) - please refer to revised Instructions to Tenderers (REV 1)
6		Given the complexity of the project and the number of experts required for the tender referred to in the subject line, we hereby request an extension of the deadline for submitting applications	See Clarification n°5
7	Technical capacity of tenderer	For selection criteria (a), If a reference project has a total contract value greater than €1,000,000, and the tenderer participation less than 50% share with a value also exceeding €1,000,000, does this project satisfy the eligibility requirements?	The Contracting Authority confirms that the minimum participation of the entity implementing the project is 50%. However a lower percentage of 40% minimum is acceptable if the entity implementing the project in reference was the LEADER of the consortium implementing the reference. Clear evidence of the % of participation is required
8	Technical capacity of tenderer	Will the evaluation criteria for the technical capacity of tenderer be under pass/fail basis? As clause 14.3 Evaluation grid only shows the parameters of evaluation are the Organization and methodology & Key experts	This is correct. Selection criteria are not scored and do not involve any marking; they are "pass or fail". The minimum capacity level set for each of the criteria defines the capacity below which the tenderer will not be selected because it is considered as not capable of performing the future contract. Therefore, below these levels, the tender will be rejected

9 Tax and customs arrangements

Could you please clarify if the service contract is tax exempted? And if so, could you please clarify who will be responsible for issuance of the tax exemption certificate?

As indicated in §4.3.3 of the TORS, the EIB benefits from VAT exemption on its purchases in Member States of the European Union (EU), which means that the Consultant's activities performed in the EU (e.g. home office) and/or invoices issued from the EU (even for services provided in the beneficiary country) can be exempt of VAT. In this case, as indicated in Section 20 of the Instructions to Tenderers, EIB would provide an intra-Community VAT exemption certificate after payment of each invoice. In addition, the contract is based on the signature of a Cooperation Agreement (CA) between EIB and the Arab Republic of Egypt in January 2026, which includes tax provisions. More generally speaking, **the Consultant remains responsible for the correct application of the rules relating to VAT, or any other tax, at the place where he is a taxable person, and/or in the beneficiary country.**

10 Professional capacity of tenderer

We kindly request that the Contracting Authority waive the requirement for individual CVs at the tender stage, accepting the Declaration on Professional Capacity & STAFF RESOURCES table as sufficient evidence. This would streamline the administrative process while maintaining the formal commitment of the tenderer.

The Contracting Authority confirms that only a sample of CVs from **8 permanent staff** currently working in fields related to this contract" can be submitted, in line with the minimum number indicated in the Instructions to tenderers. As supporting documentation, copies of salary slips or a declaration from the Company's personel department will be requested from the winning bidder

11 Professional capacity of tenderer

In the event that the permanent staff members working in fields related to this contract have remained unchanged for the period 2022–2024, please clarify the preferred method of representation.

All the information requested in the Tender dossier should be provided, even if the data did not change from year to year. See also Clarification n°10

12 Scope of Work – Task 1

Could you please provide drawing/map/shapefile that determines & illustrates the catchment area, in addition could you please determine the works expected in the catchment area?

Information on the specific details of the sewage system (drawings, shapefiles, etc) is not available at this stage

13 Office accommodation

Is it required from the consultant to provide office accommodation in each governorate (Alexandria & Damietta) or office in Cairo will be sufficient?

The Contracting Authority confirms that an office in Cairo is sufficient

14	Partner country and promoter	Could you please confirm that the local entity in Egypt which will be responsible for review and approval of the consultant's outputs related to the TA task is MHUUC through its project management unit (PMU)?	This is confirmed
15	Partner country and promoter	From our understanding CAPW, HCWW and its affiliated companies role will be limited to facilitating the consultant's task through providing required data and coordination of site visits. Please confirm	The Contracting Authority confirms that the Ministry of Housing, Utilities and Urban Communities (MHUUC) is the Promoter of the TA, and as such will be the main counterpart for the TA. In cooperation with MoPEDIC, they will support the Consultant, to the extent possible, with regard to the provision of the Services described in the TORs. MHUUC may also delegate certain tasks to CAPW, HCWW and/or affiliated companies, as required
16	Scope of Work Task 8	Based on the description of the services, we understand the project is likely to be implemented under FIDIC Yellow Book (Design-Build) conditions. In this context, the Contractor typically assumes responsibility for the detailed design based on the Consultant's conceptual/preliminary outputs. Could the Contracting Authority confirm the intended FIDIC form for the works contract and clarify the expected level of detailed design required from the Consultant under this Technical Assistance?	See Clarification n°4
17	Technical capacity of tenderer	Regarding the reference projects required under Selection Criteria (a), please clarify if it is acceptable to demonstrate compliance through a combination of multiple projects that collectively satisfy all criteria or it is a mandatory requirement that a single reference project must independently fulfill all elements of the selection criteria simultaneously.	The Contracting Authority confirms that the different types of activities can be provided in different contracts, as long as experience in all activities can CLEARLY be proven through the references
18	Evaluation grid evaluation of key experts	The instructions state that scores between 81% and 100% will be awarded if an expert exceeds the requirements, depending on the degree of excess. Could the Contracting Authority clarify the specific metrics or "preferred" benchmarks that justify a maximum score?	The evaluation panel will decide, early in the evaluation procedure, how the scores above 80% should be given and distributed, in line with the requirements. This approach will be applied equally to all bidders

19 Timetable

We kindly request a two-week extension of the submission deadline to 19/03/2026. Considering the technical complexity of the assignment and the forthcoming clarifications, the current one-week interval between the clarification issuance and the submission deadline is insufficient to ensure that all technical and financial adjustments are accurately reflected. An extension would allow all tenderers to submit more comprehensive, high-quality, and fully compliant proposals that incorporate the latest guidance.

See Clarification n°5

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We are interested in providing a proposal for the above-referenced Request for Proposals ("Feasibility Study for the upgrade of Al-Hanovil WWTP, El-Zarqa WWTP and Kafr El Battikh WWTP in Alexandria Governorate"). However, for us to provide you with a comprehensive proposal, we kindly and urgently request that you provide a three-week extension of time for the proposal.

See Clarification n°5