

**CLARIFICATIONS NO: 1 to  
CONTRACT NOTICE**

**Contract Title:** Technical Assistance for Supporting Civil Society Through Social Entrepreneurship in Türkiye

**Location:** Türkiye

**Publication Reference:** NEAR/ANK/2024/EA-RP/0194

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**Question 1:**

We kindly request a two-week extension for the submission deadline of the project due to the upcoming official holidays across Europe and Türkiye. We believe this extension will ensure a fairer and more competitive tender process, allowing adequate time to establish stronger consortiums.

**Question 2:**

Considering the fact that this Request to Participate should be prepared during the holiday season (including New Year, Catholic and Orthodox Christmas) which has a significant effect on the availability of potential project partners across Europe and could limit the quality of prepared Requests to Participate, could you please kindly consider extending the deadline for submission of this Request to Participate?

**Question 3:**

I am writing to kindly request an extension of the deadline for submitting the Expression of Interest, currently set for 10th January. Considering the upcoming holiday season, many teams will be operating with reduced capacity. This might impact the timely preparation of the necessary documents and references. We would greatly appreciate it if the deadline could be extended by a few days, allowing us to ensure a more thorough and accurate submission.

**Question 4:**

The statement of the PRAG under section 3.4.1.2 "Publication of contract notices" states that "the time allowed for candidates to submit their requests to participate must be sufficient to permit proper competition. The minimum deadline for submitting requests to participate is 30 days from the date of the notice's publication in the Official Journal of the European Union and on the F&T portal." However, the additional information on the contract notice was available on 11.12.2024 and the deadline for receipt of requests to participate is 10.01.2025. Therefore, we kindly request an extension to the submission deadline.

**Question 5:**

We are writing to kindly request an extension of the deadline for submitting the Expression of Interest for "*Technical Assistance for Supporting Civil Society Through Social Entrepreneurship in Türkiye/EC-NEAR/ANK/2024/EA-RP/0194*". Considering the current period coinciding with the holiday season, we anticipate challenges in coordinating effectively with our partners and stakeholders. An extension would enable us to ensure a complete and well-prepared submission that reflects our commitment to the project's objectives. We greatly appreciate your understanding and look forward to your response regarding this request.

**Question 6:**

We would like to kindly request the Contracting Authority to reconsider the deadline for the receipt of requests to participate for the subject contract due to the current holiday season observed in the majority of participating countries. The timing coincides with a period when many organizations experience reduced operational capacity due to public holidays and staff leave, which may impact the ability to compile and submit comprehensive and competitive applications. Extending the deadline would allow all potential applicants adequate time to meet the requirements specified in the Contract

Notice.

**Answer 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6:**

Please note that there are 30 days from the date of the notice's publication in the Official Journal of the European Union, on the F&T portal and CFCU's website, to submit the requests to participate until the current deadline, in line with the relevant article of the PRAG. However, the Contracting Authority has assessed the reasons of extension requests and decided to extend the deadline for receipt of requests to participate by considering the holiday season. Please refer to Corrigendum No.1 to the Contract Notice for the updated deadline.

**Question 7:**

The technical criteria states that "The candidate has provided services under a single contract/assignment..." Could you kindly clarify if grant projects that contains services activities will be eligible?

**Answer 7:**

With regards to the acceptance of the reference/s, as per mentioned in Article 3.4.1.2 of the PRAG, *"with a clarification, the contracting authority cannot give an opinion on the assessment of the request to participate"* and the evaluation committee will decide on the admissibility of the references on a case by case basis adhering to the criteria.

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