



[05/08/2026]

[CT2274/2026 - Services - Tender for the Implementation of a Fully Compliant European Digital Identity Wallet (EUDIW), Supporting Trust Ecosystem and use cases for the Malta Digital Innovation Authority (MDIA)]

Clarification Note # [02]

To all prospective bidders

Reference is made to the above-captioned tender for which the deadline for submission of offers was [03/09/2026] at [09:30am] and is now **being extended** till [24/09/2026] at [09:30am].

Please find a set of clarifications which are construed to form an integral part of the tender document.

Question No. [01]: *Request for extension of deadline*

Dear Sirs,

Considering disruptions expected during the month of August, both locally and from foreign firms, and the complexity of the tender requirements, we kindly ask for a three-week extension to the deadline for submission.

Thanks in advance for your understanding

Answer No. [01]: The Contracting Authority would like to inform prospective bidders that the deadline for submission of offers is going to be extended as per below dates.

	DATE	TIME*
Deadline for request for any additional information from the Contracting Authority.	24/08/2026	09:30am
Clarifications by registered users to be sent online through www.etenders.gov.mt		
Last date on which additional information can be issued by the Contracting Authority	29/08/2026	09:30am
Deadline for Submission of Tenders (unless otherwise modified in terms of Clause 10.1 of the General Rules Governing Tendering)	24/09/2026	09:30am
Tender Opening Session (unless otherwise modified in terms of Clause 10.1 of the General Rules Governing Tendering)	24/09/2026	10:00am
* All times Central European Time (CET)/Central European Summer Time (CEST) as applicable		

Question No. [02]: Questions

1. *Please confirm whether all members of a Consortium must hold ISO/IEC 27001 certification, or whether this requirement applies only to the lead economic operator and to subcontractors involved in processing data or delivering security-relevant components.*
2. *Please confirm whether, at tender submission stage, a Consortium must already be legally incorporated/formally constituted, or whether a signed preliminary agreement or letter of intent between the partners is sufficient, provided it confirms joint and several liability and authorises the lead partner to bind all members.*
3. *Please confirm whether, in the case of a Consortium, every consortium member must hold ISO/IEC 27001 certification, or whether this requirement applies only to the lead economic operator and to those consortium members or subcontractors involved in data processing or delivery of security-relevant components.*
4. *Please confirm whether bidders are required to identify the specific WSCA/WSCD/RWSCD provider and provide supporting evidence for this component at tender submission stage, or whether it is sufficient to describe the proposed architecture and delivery approach, with final provider/component confirmation during the design stage.*
5. *Please clarify whether successful completion of formal EUDIW certification is expected as a contractual deliverable within the 21-month Version 2 timeline, or whether the contractor's obligation is to support certification readiness, evidence preparation and remediation, subject to the applicable certification scheme and evaluation basis being available.*

Answer No. [02]:

1. Section 1, Article 5 (B) (d) states that “The economic operator, as well as any subcontractors involved in the processing of data or delivery of security-relevant components, must be certified against ISO/IEC 27001.” Hence the ISO/IEC 27001 requirement applies specifically to economic operators and subcontractors involved in “processing of data or delivery of security-relevant components”.

2. Reference is being made to the General Rules Governing Tenders V4.10:

Article 2.3 and Article 2.4 state that: “One partner must be appointed lead partner and that appointment confirmed by submission of power of attorney signed by legally empowered signatories representing all the individual partners. The tender must include a preliminary agreement or letter of intent stating that all partners assume joint and several liability for the execution of the contract, that the lead partner is authorised to bind, and receive instructions for and on behalf of, all partners, individually and collectively”.

Article 9.3 states that: “Electronic Public Procurement System (ePPS) users holding a sole trader account are kindly reminded that their account can only be used to submit tenders under their sole trader's name and not on behalf of any other organisation.

In case a tender need to be submitted by any other type of Economic Operator (e.g. Company/Joint Venture/Consortium), an account needs to be created either through the ePPS as per Terms of Use for Economic Operators and only this account must be used to submit the tender.”

3. Yes, per Section 1, Article 5 (B) (d) “The economic operator, as well as any subcontractors involved in the processing of data or delivery of security-relevant components, must be certified against ISO/IEC 27001.” Hence the ISO/IEC 27001 requirement applies specifically to economic operators and subcontractors involved in “processing of processing of data or delivery of security-relevant components”.

4. The published Literature List document requires that literature is to be submitted as part of the bid. Amongst others, it requires the “List of equipment related to the Remote Wallet Secure Cryptographic Device (RWSCD) (including all associated supporting equipment and physical components required) to achieve compliance with the [EUDI Regulation]. For each equipment item, include data sheets and technical specifications issued by the manufacturer.” Other non-hardware elements are to be described as per the relevant BPQR Criteria.

5. One of the 'Specific objectives' listed in Section 3, Article 2.1 is for the economic operator to “Support the contracting authority with the certification of the solution” and Milestone 16 in Section 2, Article 18.2 states that the economic operator will “Support the Contracting Authority attain certification of the Solution according to national or EU scheme, whichever is applicable at the time” within “21 months from signing of the contract”.

Furthermore Section 3, Article 4.2.3.11.1 specifically states that “The awarded bidder shall actively support the Contracting Authority in its efforts to achieve certification of the European Digital Wallet in accordance with applicable EU regulations, standards, and guidelines. The awarded bidder shall assist in the preparation and execution of conformance, interoperability, and security testing as required by the certification process, including collaboration with designated testing bodies or authorities. The awarded bidder shall also cooperate with external auditors, assessors, or certification bodies by providing access to systems, logs, and personnel as needed to facilitate the certification process. The Contracting Authority requires the awarded bidder to allocate up to two hundred (200) person days in support of the implementation of this initiative”. In relation to the above, prospective bidders are to note that as per Section 2, Article 26.1 “Payment 17 shall be released one (1) month after the successful Certification of the Wallet Solution”.

All other tender documents, conditions and requirements, which are not superseded by this clarification remain in place.

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Commented [RA1]: These sections only mention features/functionality

-> 4.2.2.1: RWSCD Registration Requirements
-> 4.2.2.3: PID Secret Key Generation and PID Issuance Requirements
-> 4.2.2.4: RWSCD Operation Requirements
-> 4.2.3.4.1: WSCD