



[19/08/2026]

[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 # [08]

To all prospective bidders

Reference is made to the above-captioned tender for which the deadline for submission of offers is **[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]: *Tender Submission Extension*

Due to the complexity of the Tender requirement that have to be reviewed in detail by our key experts, can the contracting authority consider extending the deadline for submission of this tender by at least 2 weeks, in view that most of our Key Experts are away during August?

Answer No. [01]: Please refer to the Clarification Note 02 published as part of this tender.

Question No. [02]: *Technical and Professional Ability*

Regarding Selection Criterion (c) – Technical and Professional Ability, the procurement documents state that "the bidder must provide a signed declaration by a warranted Auditor appointed by the economic operator, which confirms the successful execution and the cumulative value mentioned above in (a) and (b)."

We understand that, where the bidder submits a certificate of satisfactory/good execution issued and signed by the contracting authority (e.g. a European Institution, the European Commission, an EU Agency or another international organisation), and such certificate explicitly confirms the successful execution of the contract as well as its total contractual value, this evidence should be

considered sufficient to demonstrate compliance with this requirement, as it is an official document issued by a public contracting authority and therefore provides independent and reliable confirmation of the successful execution and value of the contract, without the need to provide a separate declaration signed by a warranted Auditor.

Could you please confirm whether our understanding is correct?

Answer No. [02]: As per Section 1, Article 5 ‘Selection and Award Requirements’, Clause (B) (c), the requirements state that “The bidder must provide a signed declaration by a warranted Auditor appointed by the economic operator, which confirms the successful execution and the cumulative value mentioned above in (a) and (b).”

Question No. [03]: *Technical Offer and Organisation & Methodology - Part 2 - Section 1.5*
In Part 2 – Organisation & Methodology, Section 1.5 “Project Plan” contains five sub-criteria (a–e) and specifies an approximately 2,500-word write-up. Please confirm whether the 2,500-word guideline applies to the combined response for Section 1.5 as a whole, or separately to each sub-criterion.

Answer No. [03]: The approximate value of 2,500 words refers to the Section 1.5 as a whole.

Question No. [04]: *Form - List of Projects*

We assume that a project which was developed and delivered in the years 2023 till 2025, but still has an ongoing contract for operation and further development is considered valid, is our assumption correct?

Answer No. [04]: As per Section 1, Article 5 ‘Selection and Award Requirements’, Clause (C) (i) “The economic operator must demonstrate the successful completion of projects of a similar nature, namely the development and deployment of large-scale, software projects, limited to Trust Services, Identity solutions, and Digital Wallet solutions, completed during the last three (3) years, specifically 2023, 2024, and 2025”. The Economic Operator needs to identify which parts of the projects were successfully completed in the last three (3) years, whereby this should clearly indicate the successful completion of development and deployment of software projects as specified in the said Article.

Question No. [05]: *Technical Offer and Organisation & Methodology - Part 2 - Section 1.6 - Requirement e*

For criteria marked as “[1 mark or 0] (mandatory)” in Section 1.6(e), please confirm that the criterion is evaluated on a binary pass/fail basis, whereby a compliant response receives 1 mark and a non-compliant response receives 0 marks and results in disqualification, in accordance with the general BPQR rules.

Answer No. [05]: Yes, the understanding is correct.

Question No. [06]: *Tender Platform (etenders.gov.mt) - Part IV B - Economic and financial standing*

We assume that the average yearly turnover requirements (Part IV B - Economic and financial standing) apply to the sum of revenues from the consortia (Prime- and Subcontractor) is that assumption correct?

Answer No. [06]: As per General Rules Governing Tenders, Article 2, in particular Article 2.4 states that “In the case of a joint venture/consortium/group of Economic Operators, the joint venture/consortium/group of Economic Operators as a whole must satisfy the criteria established in the Instructions to Tenderers”, and Article 2.5 states that “An economic operator may, where appropriate and for a particular contract, with regard to criteria relating to economic and financial standing and to criteria relating to technical and professional ability, rely on the capacities of other entities, regardless of the legal nature of the links which it has with them.”

Question No. [07]: *Tender Document - CT2274/2026 – Art. 18 – Milestone 1*

Does the MDIA or the Government of Malta (GoM) have existing master-brand guidelines or a common design system (e.g., official crest usage, specific primary palettes) that the new branding must adhere to, or is the intention to create a completely independent visual identity for the solution?

Answer No. [07]: The Contracting Authority's intention is to establish an independent visual identity. No specific Government-wide master brand guidelines or common design system are being mandated as part of this procurement. However, the branding shall remain appropriate for a national project and as per Section 3, Article 4.2.1.3.4 “The awarded bidder is to consult continuously with the Contracting Authority, providing a minimum of five proposals. The Contracting Authority has final say on the branding chosen”. This may be extended to other entities in light of Section 2, Clause 14.4 that states that “The Contractor acknowledges that functions, services, or responsibilities under this Contract may be transferred by the Government of Malta to another entity by virtue of law, government reorganisation scheme, Cabinet decision, or any other formal decision of the Government of Malta”.

Question No. [08]: *General - ESPD Form for subcontractors*

How should the ESPD form for subcontractors, whose capacities we rely on for the tender submission, be completed and uploaded?

Answer No. [08]: The submission should be uploaded in the tender structure in full by the bidding Economic Operator during the submission phase of the offer, in the appropriate field for the ESPD for subcontractors.

Question No. [09]: *Tender Document - CT2274/2026 – Art. 18 – Milestone 1*

Regarding Milestone 1 (Branding Proposals), the document specifies weekly meetings with the MDIA Project Leader. Could the Authority clarify the specific 'checkpoint' schedule for the five branding proposals within the 45-day timeline? Specifically, will there be a dedicated Branding/Design Review Committee to provide feedback during these weekly sessions, and what is the expected turnaround time for feedback on each iteration to ensure the final chosen branding is approved by Day 45?

Answer No. [09]:

Meetings frequency and agenda will reflect the project plan as submitted by the Economic Operator as per BPQR criteria, specifically 1.5 ‘Project plan’. As per Section 3, Article 4.2.1.3.4 “The awarded bidder is to consult continuously with the Contracting Authority, providing a minimum of five proposals”. For Milestone 1, feedback on the branding proposals during the 45 days will be provided within 3 working days. Milestone 1 expects the awarded bidder to submit “a minimum of five proposals”.

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

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