



Memorandum of information European tender 'for a pan-European cost efficiency benchmarking of gas and electricity transmission system operators (TCB21)'

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In this memorandum of information, the contracting authority provides answers to the questions asked and remarks posted in the context of the above-mentioned European tender. This memorandum of information forms an integral part of the tender document.

Question	Context	Question	Answer
1.	Context: In TCB18, there were 16 NRAs, with 17 electricity TSOs and 29 gas TSOs, from Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and The United Kingdom.	Question: As TCB21 is a direct follow-up of TCB18, should the scope of the study include the exact same participants as in TCB18? If not, is the contractor free to add additional countries that could be of interest (e.g. France and/or Italy) and what is the maximum number of participants to be expected?	The sample of TSOs will be determined by CEER and CEER only, because it is a regulatory benchmark and only the members of CEER have the authority to collect data from TSOs. It is expected that most of the NRAs participating in TCB18 will also participate in TCB21, possibly a few more. Currently we anticipate for TCB21 about 20 NRAs participating, leading to a TSO sample of about 17 electricity TSOs and about 30 gas TSOs.

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2.	Context: In Chapter 3 the Tender document goes into detail concerning the requirements to the assignment in a clear and structured manner. In section 3.1 (paragraph 1-3), the document elaborated on the requirements regarding the communication platform, with the opportunity for the contractor to implement its own web-based platform (that has to comply with certain minimum demands. Furthermore, in sector 3.4 the demands for data collection and the protocols are put forth.	Is the contractor allowed to propose their own data-gathering platform? Further substantiation: This would grant the possibility of proposing a communication platform with built-in data-gathering functionality to report on gathered data, as well as import data in an automated way.	Yes, the consultant is free to offer any platform as long as it is fit for purpose.