

2st Memorandum of information European tender 'Policy- and technical advice on the beneficial uses of marine dredged sediments' in Colombia, including nature-based solutions.
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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 with reference 202403065.

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1.	Dutch VAT	The assignment should apply the 0% NL VAT rate based on the official publication in the Dutch Government Gazette no 32147, dated September 30, 2015. If the contract is awarded, the party awarded should submit an application to the tax office to get confirmation it can apply the 0% NL VAT rate for its services. The RVO will not incur any VAT costs if the awarded party does not apply for this application or it does not meet criteria 3 and 4. The awarded party will submit its application to apply for the 0% NL VAT rate and meets criteria 3 (awarded party qualifies as a NL VAT entrepreneur) and 4 (awarded party is established in the Netherlands). However, if this application is denied by the NL tax office and the awarded party should charge 21% NL VAT according to the NL tax office, the awarded party will charge 21% NL VAT on top of the total fee quoted (and not be part of the total quote). Can RVO confirm this statement?	I refer you to article 5.3.7 of the Tender Document. this will clarify the VAT rate to be applied and any follow-up action should it not apply. In addition, this article also provides the solution on how to deal with the possible new VAT rate.
2.	2.1	Activity 2.1: 'It is expected that the contractor includes analysis of the parameters applied in Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Chile, Brazil, Peru, México, USA, Canada, and/or other Latin-American and European countries.' In the first MoI you have indicated that no limitation of the list of countries is allowed. However, the list in the ToR is basically unlimited (....and/or other countries), so not feasible in terms of allocating time and budget. Can you agree to a) deleting the last part of the sentence (.... and/or other countries), or b) defining a selection procedure as part of the project to manage this in consultation with RVO and Colombian stakeholders?	The Contractor is expected to perform the analysis as described in Activity 2.1 for the indicated countries. In case the desired analysis is not technically feasible (due to insufficient information available), the Contractor may propose a <u>replacement</u> (tender document reference ' <u>or</u> other countries ') that needs to be defined with, and approved by Colombian key counterpart organisations and RVO. No further <u>expansion</u> of the list of countries (tender document reference ' <u>and</u> other countries ') is expected.
3.		Team Requirements: when the ToRs mention a specific expertise in the area of environmental engineering (RT2 and RT3), is it possible to present the CV of a professional in another related area (for example biology) but that complies with the	The requirements related to expertise deployment are indicated in the Tender Document and cannot change.

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		experience and expertise required?	The expertise profiles may be combined in a single or multiple roles, for which substantiation is required. Therefore, the Tenderer may propose expert(s) that comply with experience and expertise as defined in the Tender Document.
4.	VAT	If the CUC is issued, can RVO specify the procedures for issuing the exemption document to the Colombian consortium members or subcontractors to the winning firm? Otherwise they would be subject to paying Colombian VAT.	The application for the Certificado de Utilidad Común (CUC) has not been finalised yet. Therefore, at this moment, no specific information is available on how the CUC is to be issued and no certainty can be given on its applicability to Colombian consortium members or subcontractors and currently no exemption from VAT can be applied to Colombian consortium members / subcontractors. Tenderers need to comply with Colombian VAT requirements applicable to Colombian consortium members / subcontractors, which, in case of applicability, needs to be covered within the existing budget. The Colombian VAT for Colombian consortium members / subcontractors needs to be specified as a separate item in the budget. For additional information, see the answer to Question 10 of the first Memorandum of Information that is part of this Tender and published on TenderNed.

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5.	VAT	In case RVO obtains the Common Utility Certificate (CUC) from the Colombian government, would this Colombian VAT exemption apply to the Colombian subcontractors or members of a consortium?	See the answer to question 4.
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