



Memorandum of Information European tender 'Experts for the CBI project Benin Shea Gender'

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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 202501121).

Question	Chapter/ Paragraph from the tender document	Question	Answer
1.		For the position of Institutional & organisation development, can a consultant bid without joining a consortium in Benin. Am from East Africa and would like to bid for this position outside a consortium.	No. This procurement concerns one integrated assignment under a single Framework Agreement. Tenderers must submit a Tender covering all four expert roles as described in the Tender Document. The Tender Document does not require all expert roles to be established in Benin. All mandatory requirements applicable to the proposed experts, including the location requirements where applicable, must be met. See Tender document "3.2 Requirements relating to the experts".
2.		We hope lack of fluency in French is not a prohibitive element to bar a consultant from bidding for above tender.	The Tendering Authority refers to Section 3.1.3 of the Tender Document. A mandatory requirement of this procurement is that all team members have French language proficiency at C1 level or higher (CEFR or equivalent, or native speaker level). This requirement is necessary because the experts will work directly with companies, cooperatives, government representatives, and other stakeholders in Benin and must be able to conduct coaching, training, and professional discussions in French. Therefore, failure to meet this mandatory requirement will result in non-compliance with the Tender requirements.