

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN RELATION TO THE CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (TED reference 2020/S 217-531263)

**“ESPON Scientific Advisory Panel of external experts”**

The present document, includes the following additional information from the Contracting Authority for requests received up until 30/11/2020:

Info Request #	Reception date of information requests:	Subject of information requests:
#1	03/11/2020	1. Clarifications on eventual conflict of interest
#2	06/11/2020	2. VAT
#3	06/11/2020	3. AI/data science themes
#4	09/11/2020	4. Applications from economic operators
#5	18/11/2020	5. ESPD
#6	26/11/2020	6. Clarifications on status of economic operators

Questions and answers are detailed in sections below.

Please find here below requests of information from tenderers by email ([tenders@espon.eu](mailto:tenders@espon.eu)) and the complementary information provided by the Contracting Authority:

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**Information Request # 1**

Can persons who have already engaged in ESPON projects apply as well? Is the participation in the Scientific Advisory Board conflicting with the participation to/application for other ESPON projects in any way?

**Additional information from the Contracting Authority:**

The Call for Expressions of Interest is addressed to any legal or natural person that fulfils the criteria therein described, regardless of having participated in previous ESPON projects or not. Participation in this Call does not prevent you from participating in any other ESPON EGTC Call for Tenders.

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**Information Request #2**

Do I need a VAT number to apply?

**Additional information from the Contracting Authority:**

It is possible to apply as a natural person, no VAT number needed

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**Information Request #3**

Would ESPON be interested in expertise on AI and data science?

**Additional information from the Contracting Authority:**

Provided this expertise can be related to European urban, regional, territorial and spatial development fields, ESPON would welcome participation of experts in AI and data science.

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**Information Request #4**

Can economic operators express interest in the process offering several scientific expert profiles from our staff? Taking this into account, should Part II of the ESPD be filled?

**Additional information from the Contracting Authority:**

This call is tailored for individual experts applying independently from any economic operator they would be affiliated with.

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**Information Request #5**

If I apply as a natural person, shall I fill in Part IV of the ESPD?

**Additional information from the Contracting Authority:**

As we indicated in the call for EoI, applicants are kindly expected to fill only in Part I, Part II, Part III and Part VI.

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**Information Request #6**

How should university students or persons not connected to any working business treat the filling of the ESPD?

**Additional information from the Contracting Authority:**

Notwithstanding the right to apply as natural person, from a perspective of the procurement legislation any applicant is also to be considered an economic operator, therefore it is applicable to fill in the indicated sections of the ESPD.

The notion of 'economic operator' is interpreted in a broad manner and includes any natural persons and/or entities which offer the execution of works, the supply of products or the provision of services on the market, irrespective of the legal form under which they have chosen to operate. Thus, firms, branches, subsidiaries, partnerships, cooperative societies, limited companies, universities, public or private, other forms of entities and natural persons fall within the notion of economic operator.

It therefore follows that any person or entity which, in light of the conditions laid down in the call for Expressions of Interest, believes that is capable of carrying the tasks therein described, is eligible to put itself forward as a candidate, regardless of whether it is governed by public law or private law, whether it is active as a matter of course on the market or only on an occasional basis.