



## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PERTAINING TO THE OPEN CALL FOR TENDER

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Title of Contract: CCA – Long-term needs and socio-economic research

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	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	Is it a mandatory prerequisite that the S2R JU own the source code after the end of the project? An alternative would be that S2R JU owns all the results, reports, underlying data, the methodology for the KPI tree and the KPI structure, but not the source code. Would the JU accept that continued operation of the KPI tool beyond the duration of the project could be e.g. on a Software as a Service basis including maintenance and web hosting of the KPI tool.	The only prerequisite in this respect is defined in chapter “2.3.9 Data ownership”, which provides that “The feasibility of using open source licensing should be assessed”.
2.	Does the term “version management” refer to maintaining software versions? Does it refer to maintaining 10 versions of the underlying data points? Does it refer to maintaining 10 version of the KPI framework?	10 version of the tool, KPI framework.
3.	Data inputs: how many different XML schemas are expected? Will proper scheme definitions be provided? Are these already available? How should the input be provided? Is there a requirement for automatic upload or is manual upload sufficient?	At this moment, we are not able to provide a definitive answer. This will be defined in the course of the project.
4.	Output formats: how many different XML schemas are expected? Will proper scheme definitions be provided? Are these already available? How should the input be provided? Is there a requirement for automatic upload or is manual upload sufficient?	At this moment, we are not able to provide a definitive answer. This will be defined in the course of the project.

5.	Given the stated intention of the United Kingdom to exit the EU and noting the timescales of this project, is it acceptable for a bid to be submitted by a supplier established?	Tenders submitted by UK-based economic operators are admissible for this call for tender.
6.	Does S2R have any technical constraints on tool development? That is, are any platforms or approaches prohibited, discouraged or encouraged?	No.
7.	The tool needs to be 'Compatible with the S2R team's tool'. Is any information available at this stage about that tool?	As specified in the Tender Documents, the contracting authority expects collaboration with project IMPACT-1 (2.3.2). Compatibility between the KPI tool and the KPI model will be ensured by means of a shared action plan, to be put in place in Month 1.
8.	Is the supplier expected to host (or procure hosting) of the tool throughout the duration of the project?	Yes.
9.	2.3.2 states that "The initial desk research shall be complemented as widely as possible by a consultation of different types of stakeholders". Do you have a view on how many stakeholders should be consulted?	No precise number of stakeholders can be provided at this time.
	Is there a requirement to cover all Member States of the EU?	There is no such requirement.
10.	2.3.4 states that the tool "will also be used by the S2R JU members in order to use and validate the model of KPIs". Does this validation require any integration of the required tool with the model of KPIs?	Yes. Cf answer to question N° 7.
11.	2.3.4 states that the tool is "accruing from existing tools". What is meant by this? For example, do we merely copy approaches and data relationships from this or do we have to inherit parts of the software code?	Given the requirements of the project, it is presumed that proposals will make use of pre-existing models and adapt these to the present needs. This, however, is not mandatory.
12.	TOR 2.3.4 refers to storing 'min 10 versions'. Please confirm that this relates to the data or configurations, rather than the tool itself.	Your assumption is correct.
	Is it required to individually version every set of data or only the whole database?	Tenderers are free to define this themselves.

13.	TOR 2.3.4 (d) refers to "sub-level KPIs". What is meant by this?	Sub-level KPIs will stem from the KPI model (resulting from IMPACT-1). They are derived components from KPIs. How these sub-KPIs will be broken down will be dependent on IMPACT-1.
14.	Is there any requirement to integrate legacy tools as opposed to learning from them?	No.
15.	TOR 2.3.8 states that minor issues must be corrected within 2 days. Is this 'working days'? If so, can this be interpreted as 'working days' in the location of the supplier?	Yes.
16.	TOR 2.3.2 states that "collaboration with the project IMPACT-1 should be foreseen". Please provide further information about this project (scope, methodology etc).	In the 2015 S2R JU Work Plan, please refer to the Section titled and devoted to S2R-CFM-CCA-01-2015. Implementation of Project IMPACT-1 commenced on 1 September 2016.
17.	TOR 2.3.3 advises us that the Final Report should include "the full catalogue of KPIs used in the railway sector, discussing them by type, and by market segment". Is it a requirement that we capture EVERY KPI used in the rail sector or only those of potential use for monitoring the progress of the JU's R&I activities.	Only those of potential use for monitoring the progress of the JU's R&I activities.