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**SUBJECT:** EX ANTE PUBLICITY NOTICE "Provision of service by External Accreditation Partner to certify and accredit the current European Asylum Support Office Training Curriculum modules"

**Reference:** negotiated procurement procedure EASO/2015/326

EASO envisages the launching of a negotiated procurement procedure with the goal of certifying and accrediting the European Asylum Support Office Training Curriculum by the end of 2015.

## I. Background

EASO's Centre for Training, Quality and Expertise (CTQE) aims to support EU Member States in developing the knowledge, skills and competencies of their staff responsible for asylum matters through a common training programme – the European Asylum Support Office Training Curriculum (EASOTC). The EASOTC contributes to the coherent and harmonised implementation of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS) by supporting the establishment of common quality standards across the EU.

To this end, EASO wishes to certify and accredit the EASOTC to support Member States in ensuring that their personnel responsible for asylum matters are trained as required by the provisions of the recast Asylum Procedures Directive and that this personnel is certified as having a certain level of knowledge, skills and competencies. The certification and accreditation of the EASOTC will be without prejudice to national systems.

Currently, EASO provides EASOTC participants with a Certificate of Attendance, which is not a recognised qualification. EASO wants to enable participants to have their training accredited and recognised in order to encourage more Member States and their staff to take part in EASO activities in this field. The certification and accreditation of the EASOTC will be developed without prejudice to national systems.

In order to achieve the maximum benefits from certifying and accrediting the programme, the EASOTC should be accredited in the context of a National Qualifications Framework that has been referenced to the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) so that the level of Award achieved by participants transcends national boundaries. This is important because the EASOTC is delivered to participants across the EU (and beyond).

Aligning the EASOTC to recognised standards should potentially improve the overall quality of the programme. As a consequence, the accreditation/certification of the EASOTC would further enable and add to the full implementation of the CEAS.

## II. Description of the services

- EASO envisages contracting with an External Accreditation Partner (the contractor) to certify and accredit successful completion of the existing EASOTC modules by learners.
- The contractor should demonstrate options to provide certification that is recognised in a National Qualifications Framework that has been referenced to the EQF. The contractor should have experience in providing such certification to third party training providers. The contractor is expected to demonstrate an understanding of the benefits of such certification and of the implications of implementing a certification process for training that is delivered in multiple member states.
- The contractor should support EASO (and any working groups that may be convened for this specific purpose) in any further development of the EASOTC that may be required in order to enable learners who have successfully completed the EASOTC modules to gain an Award within a National Qualifications Framework. The contractor should provide expert advice and guidance to address issues including, but not limited to, assessment of learning outcomes and the implementation of appropriate quality assurance procedures.

## III. Description of the procurement procedure

This ex-ante publicity is the first stage of the negotiated procurement procedure (with consultation of at least 3 economic operators) through which EASO may award the above-mentioned contract.

Economic operators interested in being invited to participate in this procedure may express their interest by writing to:

[CONTRACTS@easo.europa.eu](mailto:CONTRACTS@easo.europa.eu).

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This publication has an indicative value and does not constitute an obligation on EASO to award a contract nor to invite to tender all economic operators having expressed its interest in participating. Only the tenderers invited by the contracting authority to participate in a procedure will be sent the tender documentation.

We look forward to receiving your declarations of interest.

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