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SUBJECT: EASO/2016/445 – Framework contract for the provision of consultancy service to develop web based visualizations (Information and Analysis Unit)

EX ANTE PUBLICITY

I. Description of the services:

The European Asylum support Office (EASO), established by Regulation 439/2010, strengthens European Union (EU) Member States practical cooperation on asylum, enhances the implementation of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS) and supports Member States whose asylum and reception systems are under particular pressure. In this framework, the Information and Analysis Unit (IAU) has a key role as an independent centre of expertise on asylum and focuses its works on three different areas:

- The development of an Early Warning and Preparedness System (EPS) that aims to provide internal and external stakeholders with accurate, timely information and analyses on flows of asylum seekers to and within the European Union and the EU+ (EU28, Norway, Switzerland) countries' capacity to cope with them. This information supplements the official statistics regularly collected by Eurostat on the basis of Regulation (EC) 862/2007;
- Country of origin information by gathering targeted, relevant, reliable, accurate and up-to-date country of origin information in a transparent and impartial manner according to a published methodology, establishing Specialist COI Networks composed of national COI experts on key countries of origin at EU level and drafting, via a Network Approach in cooperation with willing MS COI experts, joint COI reports;
- Providing a detailed and up-to-date overview of the organisation of national asylum systems and asylum-relevant case law via its Information and Documentation System (IDS-forthcoming).

For these purposes, IAU has developed different channels of information and several tools relying on diverse technologies and operates three IT applications which store, organise and disseminate the information gathered:

- The statistical data of flows of asylum seekers submitted by EU+ countries via its Early warning and Preparedness System (EPS) is processed through SAS Enterprise Guide 7.1 while the statistical outputs are currently prepared through Excel 2013, SAS Visual Analytics Reports 7.1 and ArcMap 10.2.1
- The [Country of Origin Information \(COI\) Portal](#) based on Microsoft SharePoint
- Information and Documentation System (IDS) which acts as a knowledge base on national asylum systems EU states - based on Atlassian Confluence.

All of this information is of fundamental importance to the functioning of EASO as an independent centre of expertise and in responding to the needs of our main stakeholders for an accurate and up-to-date overview of the practical functioning of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS).

In line with its Work Programme 2016, IAU seeks to improve the delivery and presentation of the information it collects. With that aim, the primary objective of this consultancy is to develop attractive web-based visualizations, ranging from straightforward graphical representation of evolution over time or distribution to explanatory visualisations or monitoring dashboards relying on Javascript Data-Driven Document (D3.js) library and associated plugins. The second objective of this

consultancy is to integrate these outputs in the web-based applications used on day-to-day basis by IAU.

II. Description of the contract

EASO envisages awarding a supplies framework contract. The duration of the contract will be maximum **12 months**. The estimated maximum amount for this contract is € **45.000**.

III. Description of the procurement procedure

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

This publication has an indicative value and constitutes no obligation to award a contract for EASO.

Only the tenderers invited by the contracting authority to participate to this procedure will be admissible.

Economic operators interested in being invited to participate in this procedure may express their interest by writing to CONTRACTS@easo.europa.eu before **22/09/2016**.

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