

Questions and answers – General session

QUESTION 1 – *Zeineb EL BOUCHIKHI*, NCP Morocco

Preliminary comments

The representative of the NCP from Morocco wanted first to underline the importance for her country to participate to the BTSF trainings, as they answer to specific needs such as laboratory needs.

The delivery of a VISA is often an obstacle for the attendance to the training.

Questions

- **Would it be possible to include at least one training session with French translation in each training course?**
- **Will a training course be organised in Morocco?**

ANSWER 1 - *Chafea*

- Translation is a demanding issue as it represents a heavy cost with an important financial impact. However, during the training courses organised under the BTSF "World" programme, translation in French is foreseen for those sessions which are organised in French speaking regions.

- With regard to the general implementation of the training activities, the BTSF courses are mainly organised for official staff of the European Union Member States (MS) and the locations are also selected among these countries. However there are specific courses organised in these MS which are accessible for participants from third countries and there are specific courses organised in third countries where participants from third countries can be invited. In some cases Morocco welcomes the training as it will be the case at the end of the year in Rabat in December.

QUESTION 2 – *Josephina Van Dael*, NVWA

Are the NCPs requested to send a certain number of participants?

ANSWER 2 – *Chafea*

Yes they are, an approximate number of participants to be invited per country are mentioned in the tender specifications, and the tenderer can prepare his offer on this basis. After the signature of the contract, the number of participants is open for a final discussion with the experts of the Commission at the kick-off meeting. If the number of allocated seat is not reached by a country, Chafea expects to be informed about this in order to go back to the NCP of that country.

QUESTION 3 – *Fabrice Claverie – AETS*

Is there a new wave of Calls for tenders foreseen in 2014, if so it is not clear if they will be launched in October or in November? Which are the topics? Will there be other Calls in 2015?

ANSWER 3 – *Chafea*

Yes there is a new wave foreseen and the final deadline is depending from the final submission of the technical specifications by the colleagues from DG SANCO. All the topics to be covered in the work programme are in the Financial Decision and were presented during the lectures. Calls for other 3 topics will be launched before the end of the year, most probably at the end of October, beginning of November. In addition, before the end of the year, 11 topics, covered by 5 different contracts, will be under discussion for the possible start of the second phase of the signed contracts. In 2015, a new Financial Decision will lead to the launch of new Calls for tenders.

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QUESTION 4 – *Monica Zabala, AENOR*

With regard to possible changes of programme during the second phase of the contract, is there room for the tutors to make modifications?

ANSWER 4 - *Chafea*

Yes, if the contractor thinks that there is a need, he should mention this in the final report for the first phase. This report will be under evaluation and discussion with the colleagues of the Commission. It has to be noticed that some proposals or requests for modifications could lead to organise a meeting with the contractor, e.g. changes of locations.
