



OPEN INVITATION TO TENDER

AO/ECVL/TB/Quality-in-VET/021/08

“Quality approaches for assuring the quality of training and services provision”

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATIONS Nr. 1(RS/PRO/2008/919)

One participant to the call has requested the following clarifications:

Question 1 from the participant:

I am not exactly sure of your definition of "one of the official languages of the European Union". Is it possible to submit the tender in German?

Cedefop clarification 1:

Yes, it is possible to submit the tender in German.

Question 2 from the participant:

I was wondering if the studies regarding the accreditation of VET providers need to focus on the word 'accreditation' exclusively? Or is it also possible tendering for a research project on other forms of external assessment of VET providers against predetermined standards, which aren't called 'accreditation' explicitly but have the same meaning (e.g. regular external inspection of VET providers by the OFSTED in England against the Common Inspection Framework)?

Cedefop clarification 2:

In the case of (national) approaches, where the term "accreditation" isn't used as such but in reality the approaches adopted are compatible with the definition of accreditation that we provide in the technical specifications (see points 2.1 and 2.3), we can accept the inclusion of such approaches. In this case however, the tenderer is requested to justify this inclusion