

**Pillar Assessment of an entity requesting to be entrusted with implementation of the EU budget
under indirect management**

CLARIFICATIONS

	Questions from bidders	Responses from OSCE
1.	The ToR indicates that the start date of the assessment is June 2021, but the end date of the assessment is March 2022. Can you clarify the specific start and end dates of the assessment and when do you require the final assessment report?	Starting target date: end of June, to be confirmed, based on the tender outcome. End date: final report to be available beginning of March the latest.
2.	The ToR states that the pillar assessment will be performed at the OSCE Secretariat in Vienna. At this stage, do you expect some/all of the procedures to be carried out remotely? -	Due to COVID related travel restrictions, it is expected that some procedures are carried out remotely, also mentioned in the TOR Section 6.2. Planning and Fieldwork
3.	In our experience, the period to be covered by the assessment is 12-months up to date of the start of the assessment. The first page of your ToR indicates 10 months - can you clarify this please?	As we require the assessment of only four pillars, 10 months should suffice as we need to finalize the assessment before March 2022.
4	Has the OSCE been subject to a prior assessment of pillars 1-3? Can you provide this report? –	Yes, pillars 1-3 were assessed in 2015. The report will be provided at a later stage once the audit firm is selected and a contract is signed.