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Call for tender for Test Laboratories

WP9 - Water heaters and storage tanks

Responses to questions about the tender, as at 15 March 2021

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Summary of questions received and answers provided:

Ref.	Submission Date	Question	Answer
1	25 February 2021	<i>Please can you confirm whether the UK is still part of the EEA for the purposes of this tender, and most importantly whether a bid from [UK laboratory] would be considered as being valid?</i>	As regards Brexit, the Withdrawal Agreement stipulates that the UK and persons or entities established in the UK remain eligible to receive Union funds under all Union programmes and activities committed under the MFF 2014-2020, such as EEPLIANT3.
2	03 March 2021	<i>When you mention that energy efficiency testing programs will be applied to the group of "storage water heaters", they are gas, electric or both?</i>	The testing programme will concern electric products only, see page 5 of the call for tender.
3	03 March 2021	<i>Regarding heat pumps, [laboratory] is accredited for domestic hot water heat pumps (EN16147), but not for electric water heaters. Are the domestic hot water heat pumps (EN16147) included in the scope of this initiative?</i>	Domestic hot water heat pumps are in the scope of our action and EN16147 is applicable for those products. We would welcome a bid for electric water heaters too, with a preference for accredited labs for EN 50440.

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4	03 March 2021	<i>[Laboratory participated together with PROSAFE in the preparation of a proposal for a project in 2020] Is there any conflict with the submitted project ([project])?</i>	There is no conflict of interest that could be posed by the mentioned proposal.
5	10 March 2021	<p>Looking for 01_EEPLIANT_WP9 document, Section 5 listed the products that <u>could</u> be included.</p> <p>“Products to be tested could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Electric storage water heaters, Load profile 3XS-S ●Electric storage water heaters, Load profile M-4XL, ≤ 70 kW ●Monobloc heat pump water heaters, Load profile M-4XL, ≤ 70 kW ●Storage tank, ≤500l” <p>Is this scope fixed? How about Gas boiler water heater?</p>	<p>Section 5 should be understood as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only products belonging to the four quoted categories may be tested (i.e. no gas boilers) - It is not yet known if products from all of these four quoted categories will be sampled for a test, nor how many models of which category
6	12 March 2021	<i>Solar water heaters are mentioned in the scope of WP 9, but in the tender itself not asked for anymore. We suppose this is because the recent version of the ErP is not foreseeing a specific label for solar water heaters. For the revision of ErP, however, such a procedure is planned and also in the recent version etaS is used to calculate the package label class. Therefore, we wonder if these relevant tests (EN 12975, EN 12976) will be in another tender?</i>	WP9 does not plan to test any solar water heater - see section 5 of the call for tender, "Definition of scope of products as per the EU regulations" which lists the 4 sub-categories of products that WP9 may test.
7	12 March 2021	<i>As we do have an upper power limit for testing electrical heaters, can we limit our offer to a certain capacity category?</i>	The upper power limit of your lab for testing electrical heaters should be stated in your bid.

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8	12 March 2021	<i>For the storage test, the three relevant standards are mentioned. Do you plan to test up to 40 specimens according to each standard, or 40 in total?</i>	WP9 plans to test up to 40 specimens in total (not all being storage specimen, if any). Regarding the storage test, it is planned to test according to one of the relevant standards. Should there be price differences depending on which standard, they should be stated in your bid.
9	15 March 2021	<i>As per “General Conditions of the Tenders for PROSAFE Contracts”, and the subsection “Additional Obligations, paragraph “18. Liability” the tender will be governed by Dutch law.</i> <i>Is our understanding correct that the contract is concluded with a contracting authority and therefore the liability principles of the latter are passed on?</i>	The contract will be concluded with PROSAFE, but we are not a Contracting Authority as defined in Directive 2004/18/EC. Stichting PROSAFE is constituted as a legal person under Dutch law. The tender is governed by Dutch law due to this.
10	15 March 2021	<i>Is there a possibility to get knowledge about the contract in advance?</i>	The contract will only be shared and discussed with the bidder(s) that will be successful.
11	15 March 2021	<i>We have one question re the “General conditions of Tenders”: it seems there are some words missing on page 3? See item no 3 on page 3 - the last sentence: In case of potential conflict of interest..... the tender ? We don’t understand what you mean. Please clarify.</i>	That sentence should read: “In case of potential conflict of interest which would breach the principles of equal treatment and transparency, the tenderer must inform without delay.” The corrected “General conditions of Tenders” file has been republished.

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12	15 March 2021	<i>We also miss payment conditions, but we will add [laboratory] payment conditions in our price list.</i>	<p>The standard payment conditions by PROSAFE are the following:</p> <p><u>“Terms of payment</u> The terms of payment are 30 to 45 days from the date of the invoice. Invoices shall be drafted in English and the currency shall be the Euro. Invoices shall be either signed in hand writing and sent in original to the following address: PROSAFE Office, Avenue des Arts 41, B-1040 Brussels, Belgium. FAO Ioana SANDU, Executive Director</p> <p>Or digitally signed and sent by email to Info@prosafe.org.</p> <p><u>VAT</u> PROSAFE Foundation is VAT registered as taxable person established in Belgium since 01 January 2020, with VAT number BE 0809.226.854. All invoices shall mention the BE VAT number and be issued without VAT, making reference to the reverse charge mechanism according to Articles 44 and 196 of the VAT Directive 112/2006.</p> <p><u>Method of Payment</u> All payments under this Agreement shall be made by wire transfer to the account designated by the Test Body.”</p> <p><u>Additional information</u> The invoices shall clearly identify the models tested, the test programme carried out and the related costs. Before agreeing in the final invoice, the Test Body and PROSAFE shall agree all test carried out presented in a annex Excel form to be sent in electronic form and on hardcopy signed by the Test Body representative. Invoicing for any other services shall clearly identify the tasks concerned and indicate the number of working hours. Other costs (e.g. travel costs) shall be itemised according to the expenses incurred.</p>