**Main changes between FWC BENEF 2013 and BENEF 2009**

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The changes described below only concern specific provisions related to the FWC BENEF and not general elements introduced by the 2012 FR/RAP (such as new thresholds for service contracts, new payment deadlines, etc.) for all contracts.

1. **At the level of the Framework Contract**
2. **Reduction of the number of contracted framework contractors per lot**

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| FWC | Lot 1 | Lot 2 | Lot 3 | Lot 4 | Lot 5 | Lot 6 | Lot 7 | Lot 8 | Lot 9 | Lot 10 | Lot 11 | Lot 12 |
| BENEF 2009 | **7** | | **4** | 4 | | | **7** | *4* | **7** | | *6* | **4** |
| BENEF 2013 | **6** | | **3** | 4 | | | **6** | *3* | **6** | | *4* | **3** |

*NB: the maximum theoretical number foreseen by the tender dossier for lots 8 and 11 was respectively 4 and 6 (i.e. same as BENEF 2009).*

1. **Re-introduction of 3 categories of experts**

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| FWC | Category | | | | |
| BENEF 2009 | Senior ( ≥ 10 years) | |  | Junior (≥ 3 years) | Administrative |
| BENEF 2013 | I ( ≥ 12 years) | II (≥ 6 years) | | III (≥ 3 years) | idem |

1. **Revised payment scheme**

* The Special Conditions no longer allows for interim payments, but does allow for an increased pre-financing in case of a subsequent price-increase by addendum.
* For lot 5, the maximum % of pre-financing has been decreased from 80% to 60% (same as other lots)

1. **Increased harmonisation with the PRAG for main financial items**

* Working days defined in accordance with the PRAG definition: hence no fees anymore due for the time spent by the expert for mobilisation to and demobilisation from the location(s) of the assignment;
* Introduction of the notion of incidental expenditure limited to the 3 following categories:

(1) travel costs[[1]](#footnote-1)

(2) per diems

(3) other reimbursable costs identified in the Specific Contract;

* When paying (reimbursing) per diems to a framework contractor, possibility to ask for evidence of its payment to the expert concerned by the SC Contracting Authority (cf. Global Financial Offer);
* Introduction the possibility to rely upon an expenditure verification for all lots (applicable to fee-based contracts);

1. **At the level of the Specific Contract**

* **Request for Services to be sent to 3 framework contractors** (instead of 4 under BENEF 2009)
* **Introduction of a Specific Contract Organisation & Methodology**

By default, a SC O&M will be requested with, amongst others: description of the quality control mechanisms & person(s) proposed; description of lessons learnt from similar assignments; description of proposed sub-contracting arrangements.

SC O&M is however not obligatory: users may freely decide not to ask a SC O&M for simple assignments; no need either to oblige users to encode that choice in CRIS.

* **Introduction of detailed technical evaluation grid**

A detailed technical evaluation grid is added to all Requests for Services, in which, by default, scores are envisaged for the proposed O&M

* **Introduction of technical threshold of 80 out of 100 points (except for lot 5)**

A minimum technical threshold of 80 out of 100 points has been introduced for the technical evaluation of offers. As a consequence, the "minimum technical requirements" have been suppressed.

* **Revised financial evaluation for a Specific global price contract**

It is based on the full total price of the contract.

* **Revised financial evaluation for Specific contracts for lot 5,**

The financial evaluation is now based upon the total price.

* **Revised Specific ToR template**

The Specific ToR template has been revised, with amongst others, an exhaustive definition of the incidental expenditure and details on a possible tax-exoneration system.

* **Revised Specific Financial Offer template**

To take into account the revised Global Financial Offer (see section 1).

Introduction of the possibility to have activities paid on the basis of a lump sum (if identified in the Specific ToR and detailed in the budget breakdown).

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1. Contrary to the PRAG fee-definition, where also the mobilisation and demobilisation travel costs are integrated in the all-inclusive fees, the FWC travel costs remain however a separate incidental expenditure item. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)