



Changes in the new PRAG version concerning the Competitive Negotiation Procedures and Single Tender Procedures carried out for Service Contracts

The Managing Authority (MA) of IPA Cross Border Cooperation Programme 2007CB16IPO007 would like to inform the beneficiaries, implementing project under the Programme, about one of the most recent changes in the Practical Guide to contract procedure for EU external action (PRAG) concerning the **Competitive Negotiation Procedures and Single Tender Procedures carried out for Service Contracts**.

According to the new version of PRAG (p.68) "*the Contracting Authority draws up a list of at least three service providers of its choice. The candidates are sent a letter of invitation to tender accompanied by a tender dossier. The specific annexes for **simplified tenders shall be used (procurement notice, tender form, admin grid, contract form, list of invited tenderers and invitation letter), for this procedure as well as for the single tender procedure***"

Additionally, MA would like to remind the beneficiaries that in case of conduction of single tender procedure the respective Contracting Authority must prepare a report (annex A10_b *Negation report for single tender procedures*) in order to ensure that the basic principles relating to the procedure such as checking compliance with eligibility rules (nationality rules), capacity to carry out the contract and exclusion criteria are duly applied.

To see the updated version of the PRAG please refer to the following link:

<http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/eprag/document.do>

Presentations of main changes to the PRAG and track change version of the document are available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/procedures/implementation/index_en.htm

