

## Request for proposals: CFS audit services

Clarification session – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – 14.00 CET

**1. Template Agreed Upon Procedures (AuP) report on the Certificate on the Financial Statements (CFS) for beneficiaries/affiliated entities – usage of the template published by the Royal Netherlands Institute of Chartered Accountants (NBA).**

The EIT and EIT UM have been informed by audit companies that the template published by the European Commission on its website on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 ([https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/temp-form/report/cfs\\_en.docx](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/temp-form/report/cfs_en.docx)) *“contains some elements of an audit or assessment engagement. The template can be used if use is made of the possibilities in the CFS for the restriction on use and distribution, the performed examination, and the inclusion of “further remarks”*”.

Therefore, the usage of the template published by the NBA is allowed, and audit companies should adapt it to the template that it is included under Annex 1.4.1 of the Request for Proposal: CFS audit services published on EIT UM website on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

**2. Deliverables: CFS findings to be delivered in Excel file according to the template that will be provided by the EIT.**

In addition to the CFS report, the CFS findings should be delivered also in an Excel file by all audit companies, according to the template that will be provided by the EIT.

**3. List of sampled items.**

In addition to the CFS report, the list of the sampled items should be provided to the EIT. The aim of this request is to avoid duplication of checks performed by the practitioner and by the EIT.

**4. Clarification regarding the award criteria.**

The maximum total score is 52 and will be weighted as follows:

- A. Technical content: 60% (maximum of 36).
- B. Financial offer: 40% (maximum of 16).