

EU funds and public contracts

Are you in doubt when using terms and expressions related of EU funds and contracts? Here is your chance to clear up your confusion! Let's start by explaining the difference between grants and tenders.

Task 1 – Group the given words and expressions under the categories GRANT and TENDER

Proficiency level: B2/C1

With the help of this short exercise, you will learn:

the difference between grants and tenders in an EU context

terms related to EU tenders

singular form of terms of Latin origin

French terms used in EU tenders

call for tenders	to fund projects	to buy goods and services
call for proposals	public contract	direct financial contribution

GRANT	TENDER

Task 2 – Now, that you already know the terms relating to EU grants and tenders, you may easily match the terms (GRANT and TENDER) to their definitions below:

1.....

The Commission uses public contracts to buy goods and services – studies and training; consultancy, conference and publicity services; books and IT equipment etc. The providers are selected via calls for tender which are issued by the Commission departments, offices and agencies around Europe.

2.....

The Commission makes direct financial contributions in the form of grants in support of projects or organisations which further the interests of the EU or contribute to the implementation of an EU programme or policy. Interested parties can apply by responding to calls for proposals.

Source: http://europa.eu/about-eu/funding-grants/index_en.htm

Task 3 – Where can you find the Tender Website of the EU?

Task 4 – TENDERS: Explain the following expressions/statements in your own words

Currently there are no open calls.

The Commission accepts no responsibility for the consequence of tenderers failing to take account of any addendum/corrigendum published on the website.

The Executive Agency is launching a call for tenders aiming to conclude a contract with a service provider (or consortium) for a study.

Task 5 – The following words all come from the sentences above. Write out their **plural form**. Then describe them in your own words.

addendum : *corrigendum*: *consortium*:.....

Task 6 – While searching for EU funding opportunities, you may also come across the term **call of expression of interest (CEI). Match the terms to the definitions below.**

1. call for expression of interest
2. call for proposals
3. call for tenders

- A. Procedure to provide grants for projects and actions
- B. Procedure applied within the framework of public procurement.
- C. Procedure to invite economic operators as candidates in advance of public procurement operation

GOOD TO KNOW



The French term **appels à manifestation d'intérêt (AMI)** is also used for referring to calls for expression of interest – an example of French terms established in EU terminology

For additional information read:

http://europa.eu/about-eu/funding-grants/index_en.htm

ANSWER KEY

Task 1

GRANT: to fund projects, call for proposals, direct financial contribution
TENDER: to buy goods and services, call for tenders, public contract

Task 2

- 1: TENDER
- 2: GRANT

Task 3

TED: <http://ted.europa.eu/TED/main/HomePage.do> (Tenders Electronic Daily) is the online version of the 'Supplement to the Official Journal of the EU, dedicated to European public procurement.

Task 5

addenda
corrigenda
consortia

Task 6

- 1: C
- 2: A
- 3: B