

**ESF Co-financing 2004-07
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TENDER QUERY LOG

Spec	Query	Response	Who
4fEcon2	<p>Why is administration specifically excluded from the IT sector? Administration is well-known as being under-represented by men from levels 1-4 so we are wondering why a) IT has been grouped with administration, when it is clearly not the same sector and b) why administration is not seen as a priority sector for men when replacement demand suggests that over 50% of administrators are due to retire in the next 10-15 years</p>	<p>The targets for engagement into IT are for women (which is why administration has been excluded as if anything it is men who are under-represented in administration). We hope that this will ensure that we don't get projects seeking to train women for careers in computer use (for admin roles) as it is technical IT (eg programming) where we are seeking more females participating.</p>	J Barrett 23/11/06
4fTrans2	<p>Please note it says all sections must be completed – this spec however is for organisations. It asks 4a gender, age groups, ethnic groups, disability, disadvantaged. How do we show we have not omitted this part but that it is of no relevance?</p> <p>Also, 3i is a text box which it says should be no bigger than 1 sheet of A4 but it only allows half a page.</p>	<p>You could put "n/a", although as the specification clearly states that it is a capacity building project with no specified learning outcomes the assessors will be instructed appropriately. If however, you are going to have some people attending workshops etc then you should enter some figures in the relevant box.</p> <p>As a text box, you should be able to "drag" to enlarge the box to fit.</p>	J Barrett 23/11/06
4fTrans2	<p>The specification clearly states that partnerships are to be developed during the lifetime of the project – how do we then submit Partnership Declarations for partners we don't yet have?</p>	<p>In this particular specification, PDs are not required up front (unless you have existing partners who will be delivering part of the project for you, and being paid). As the specification clearly states that partnership development is a project outcome, rather than a pre-tender requirement, assessors will be instructed to regard this accordingly,</p>	J Barrett 7/12/06