



	<p style="text-align: center;">Name of tender:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fuel cells and hydrogen market and policy observatory</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reference number: FCH / OP / Contract 216</p>	
	Question received	Answer of the Contracting Authority
1.	<p>Page 12: Could it be possible that a bullet point is missing in the Technology and markets cluster? We can imagine that deployment of stationary fuel cell systems is meant to be a separate subcluster next to deployment of fuel cell based propulsion systems and hydrogen production applications</p>	<p>The Tender Specifications read as follows:</p> <p><i>“Task 1: Data collection framework and methodology</i></p> <p><i>1. The contractor shall establish the dataset framework and set up the list of necessary indicators to fulfil the objectives of the observatory. The methodology shall clarify in particular the following aspects:</i></p> <p><i>(...)</i></p> <p><i>e. The observatory should consider at least the following areas and indicators:</i></p> <p><i>i. Deployment of fuel cells based propulsion systems in relevant transport modes as well as deployment of hydrogen refuelling stations. As a minimum, the considered categories should be: road transport (light and heavy duty vehicles as well as vans and buses, non-road machinery (such as material handling vehicles), maritime (inland boats), trains and light rail deployment of stationary fuel cells systems (including , but not limited to: micro-CHP, commercial FC CHP, larger FC CHP & primary power, FC Backup power systems and FC power generators - gensets).</i></p> <p><i>ii. hydrogen production applications (e.g. electrolysis).(...)”</i></p>



		<p>Indeed, an error in the format of the text has occurred, in the sense that starting from “deployment of stationary fuel cells systems”, it is a different bullet point.</p> <p>As a result, the text should be read as follows:</p> <p><i>“e. The observatory should consider at least the following areas and indicators:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>i. Deployment of fuel cells based propulsion systems in relevant transport modes as well as deployment of hydrogen refuelling stations. As a minimum, the considered categories should be: road transport (light and heavy duty vehicles as well as vans and buses, non-road machinery (such as material handling vehicles), maritime (inland boats), trains and light rail</i><i>ii. deployment of stationary fuel cells systems (including , but not limited to: micro-CHP, commercial FC CHP, larger FC CHP & primary power, FC Backup power systems and FC power generators - gensets).</i><i>iii. hydrogen production applications (e.g. electrolysis).(...)”</i>
2.	Are you foreseeing integration of the web interface with the website of the European Commission, similar to what is done for other observatories?	<p>The FCH 2 JU does not foresee integration of the observatory portal/website with the website of the European Commission. Please note that the European Commission is not a part of the future contract to be awarded and the FCH 2 JU has no rights on their website.</p> <p>The FCH 2 JU has its own website (www.fch.europa.eu) where different information, tools and data is made available to the public.</p> <p>In all cases, the integration of the website is left up for the tenderer to be proposed in their methodology, as there is no requirement on this side.</p>



		<p>As for design and functionalities, this is to be defined by the future contractor in agreement with the FCH 2 JU.</p> <p>Furthermore, please note that the “detailed methodology for developing and maintaining the website” is subject of the inception report to be delivered two months after the kick-off meeting with the contracting authority(section 3.1 of the Tender Specifications).</p>
3.	Are there any restrictions regarding the web technical stack?	No such requirement/restriction applies; please note that Tender Specifications do not include any condition in this regard.
4.	Page 9 and page 13 describe (sub)tasks which cover EU countries and also include in its geographical scope selected countries from respectively H2020 and the rest of the world. Has this selection been done already by the Fuel cells and hydrogen joint undertaking, or will the selection be part of the project activities?	<p>The geographical scope is detailed under section 2.2. of the Tender Specifications as follows: <i>“The geographic scope of the observatory is the EU 28 and selected Horizon 2020 associated countries.”</i></p> <p>Further on, under section 2.5 Tasks, Task 4 requires, among other: “a benchmark report including analysis of the collected data as well as comparison of the performance of the European FCH sector with selected countries from the rest of the world is expected on an yearly basis”.</p> <p>We would like to clarify that the phrase “selected countries”, in both instances mentioned above, do not refer to an existing pre-defined list of the contracting authority, but to a selection of countries to be made later on, based on their relevance in the activities encompassed under the Observatory.</p> <p>As there is no restriction or requirement in this regard in the Tender Specifications, the tenderer is free to present in their tender offer its own proposed list of countries to be selected. However, the final</p>



		selection will be made as a part of the project activities, during the implementation of the contract, in agreement with the contracting authority.
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