



	<p style="text-align: center;">Name of tender: <b>Procuring a study on development of business cases for fuel cells and hydrogen applications for European regions and cities</b> Reference number: <b>FCH JU 2017 D4259</b></p>	
	<b>Question received</b>	<b>Answer of the Contracting Authority</b>
1.	<p>The FCH 2 JU received a request to approve an extension of 2 weeks of the deadline for submission of tender offers, due to the Easter holidays period.</p>	<p>The deadline for submitting tenders is the one stated in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. the Contract Notice published on 15/03/2017 in the Part S of the Official Journal of the European Union (Ref. no. 2017/S 052-095358)</li><li>2. the letter of Invitation to tender (ref. no. FCH JU 2017 D 4314). The latter states as follows: <i>"(...)The time limit for receipt of the tenders is 18 April 2017. You must use one of the means of submission listed below. Receipt is understood as the time at which the tenderer hands over the tender to the post office or courier service or central mail department." (...)</i></li></ol> <p>An extension of this deadline is only allowed in exceptional circumstances that are foreseen as such by the applicable public procurement legislation. The situation described does not qualify under the exceptional circumstance prescribed by the law. As a result, the deadline cannot be extended.</p> <p>All tenderers should be submitted within the prescribed deadline, as it was published in the Official Journal and on the FCH 2 JU website in the Invitation to tender.</p>