

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PERTAINING TO THE OPEN CALL FOR TENDER

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“Multiple framework contracts in the field of financial audits, other assurance engagements and related services for IMI2, Clean Sky 2 and FCH2 Joint Undertakings”

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	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	<p>For a specific audit of a cost claim, can you please confirm that all the information to be audited is located at a single location? In other words, that the work per cost claim is centralized in one location. Besides, is all the information to be audited available electronically?</p>	<p>The audit mission per cost claim is typically at a single location, but this may vary depending on the assignment.</p> <p>We cannot guarantee for all documentation to be electronically available in all cases, although typically this is the case. The contractor should have the capacity to adapt to different circumstances in this respect.</p>
2.	<p>According to Art. II.24 of the FWC, the contracting authority, the Court of Auditors and the European Anti-Fraud Office shall be entitled to conduct checks and audits. This shall include the right to access sites and premises of the contractor. As a professional audit firm, the contractor is bound to legal and contractual confidentiality obligations. Is it therefore true, that checks and audits within the contractor sites and premises according to Art. 24 of the FWC shall be conducted only to the extent necessary and that this shall never force the contractor to be in breach with its legal and contractual confidentiality obligations towards its clients?</p>	<p>Any checks and audits conducted by the European Court of Auditors or the European Anti-Fraud Office will be limited in scope to the implementation of the ensuing service contract and any funds associated therewith.</p>