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CATEGORY: ELIGIBILITY

Question: All the members of the team shall be professionals or can the team consist also of students who will cooperate with the professionals? Are students able to join the competition?

Answer: According to the competition notice (para 7.1), and also, according to para 15.1.7.3, the group representative should be licensed to practice the professional activities of an Architect either in Greece or in any other state of the [European Economic Area](#) or third country that establish a relevant right in [the international agreement on government procurement](#), which has been concluded within the framework of the World Trade Organization and the multilateral negotiations of the Uruguay Round, pursuant to the article 5 of the Directive 2004/18/EC and 12 of the Directive 2004/17/EC. The rest of the group members DO NOT have the above obligation.

Students are able to join the competition only as members of a group and not as group representatives.

Question: I am a licensed architect by a European Union country but currently living and working in Switzerland. Could I participate?

Answer: Switzerland is listed among the parties of the Plurilateral Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA). Therefore, you are eligible to participate in the competition as long as you meet the eligibility requirements as described in Article 7 of the Competition Notice.

Also, please note that according to the Law 3316/2005, Article 14, paragraphs 5 & 6, entrance eligibility is defined as follows:

“5. In the procedures of the contracts’ award of this law are accepted natural persons and legal entities that are active in the preparation of studies and the rendering of services, pursuant to the legislation of the member state of the European Union (E.U.) or the [European Economic Area](#) (E.E.A.) where they are seated, as well as natural persons and legal entities of third counties that establish a relevant right in [the international agreement on government procurement](#), which has been concluded within the framework of the World Trade Organization and the multilateral negotiations of the Uruguay Round, pursuant to the article 5 of the Directive 2004/18/EC and 12 of the Directive 2004/17/EC. The natural persons must be citizens of these countries and they must be settled in their interior. As legal entities are considered the companies constituted under civil or commercial law, the cooperatives, but also the legal entities that have been constituted pursuant to the

legislation of the countries of this paragraph and that have their registered office in their interior, provided that their participation does not cause a distortion of the competition over the private individual candidates.

Provided that only their registered office is located within these countries, they can participate in the invitation to tender, if their activity presents a substantial and continuous bond with the economy of the country of this paragraph. For this participation it is not a prerequisite that the partners, the stockholders or the members of the management, the administration or the supervision of the company possess the nationality of the country.

6. With the notification of the invitation to tender the awarding Authorities request from the persons concerned that haven't an establishment in Greece, to prove their registration in a professional or a commercial register of the country of their establishment or to produce a relevant affidavit or certificate. The professional or commercial registers in which are registered the candidates from the member states of the European Union (E.U.) or the European Economic Area (E.E.A.) are mentioned respectively in the annexes of the Directives 2004/18/EC and 2004/17/EC. The awarding Authorities can request from the candidates to prove that they possess, furthermore, a special approval or that they are members of a specific organization of the country of their establishment, if pursuant to the laws of this country the special approval of or the membership in a particular organization is mandatory in order to render the services of the contract to be awarded."

Question: We are architects based in Beirut, Lebanon. We are very interested in participating in the "Rethink Athens" competition. Kindly inform us if we are eligible to participate.

Answer: Unfortunately, Lebanon is not listed among the parties of the [Plurilateral Agreement on Government Procurement](#) (GPA). Thus, you are not eligible to participate in the competition as group representative. However, you could participate in the Competition in collaboration with other interested parties that meet the eligibility requirements as described in Article 7 of the Competition Notice.

Question: We are architects based in Mexico. Can we participate in the Competition?

Answer: Unfortunately, Mexico is not listed among the parties of the [Plurilateral Agreement on Government Procurement](#) (GPA). Thus, you are not eligible to participate in the competition as group representative. However, you could participate in the Competition in collaboration with other interested parties that meet the eligibility requirements as described in Article 7 of the Competition Notice.

Question: Are registered architects (not licensed) eligible to participate in the Competition?

Answer: Yes, registered architects can participate in the Competition as long as they meet the eligibility requirements as described in Article 7 of the Competition Notice (see also above, Law 3316/2005, Article 14, paragraphs 5 & 6).

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