

Framework contract for impact assessment and evaluation (ex-ante, intermediate and ex-post) studies

The Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport of the European Commission and, in particular, the Unit responsible of impact assessments and evaluations, seeks external expertise to assist in (a) carrying out impact assessments and ex-ante evaluations for the design and preparation of Union policy initiatives and legislative proposals, and (b) intermediate and ex-post evaluations of Union policies, regulatory measures and programmes in the field of transport.

In cooperation with a European wide consortium TCI has been awarded by the European Commission (DG MOVE) for the framework contract on impact assessment and evaluation for different issues regarding transport and mobility:

- Lot 4 – Waterborne transport

This lot covers primarily waterborne transport, including both maritime transport and inland waterways. Inland waterway transport plays an important role for the transport of goods in Europe. Compared to other modes of transport which are often confronted with congestion and capacity problems, inland waterway transport is characterized by its reliability, its low environmental impact and its major capacity for increased exploitation. The European Commission aims to promote and strengthen the competitive position of the inland waterway transport in the transport system, and to facilitate its integration into the intermodal logistic chain. Maritime transport has been a catalyst of economic development and prosperity throughout its history. It ensures the security of supply of energy, food and commodities and provides the main vehicle for European imports from and exports to the rest of the world. Maritime industries are an important source of employment and income for the European economy. The European Commission's objective is to protect Europe with very strict safety and security rules preventing sub-standard shipping, reducing the risk of serious maritime accidents and minimizing the environmental impact maritime transport. Another important activity concerns the social dimension, looking after working conditions, health and safety issues and professional qualifications of seafarers. Finally, the Commission works for the protection of citizens as users of maritime transport services, ensuring safe and secure conditions, looking after their rights as passengers and examining the adequacy of the public service maritime transport connections proposed by Member States. Impact assessment and

evaluation studies under this lot may cover primarily both topics related to inland waterways as to maritime transport, amongst other: internal market, safety and environment, maritime security, ports, etc.

- Lot 5 – Horizontal transport issues

Impact assessment support studies and evaluation studies under this lot may primarily concern all topics which are not transport mode specific. This covers horizontal transport issues such as infrastructure, research and innovation, passenger rights, safety, security, sustainable transport, etc. Examples of previous studies include:

- Possible revision of Regulation 261/2004 on air passenger rights and complementary measures to revise Regulation 889/2002;
- Mid-term evaluation of the implementation of the ITS (Intelligent Transport Systems) Action Plan;
- Urban Mobility Package 2013.