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Answers to the questions from the interested supplier in the open competition "Rail Baltica Global Project reliability, availability, maintainability and safety (RAMS) consultation services" ID No RBR 2026/4

Contracting Authority presents following answers to the questions received from the interested supplier until 25th September 2026 regarding Procurement documentation:

No	Question	Answer
1.	According to the Procurement Regulations and the Client's clarification of 21 September 2026, a High Speed Line is defined as a railway line with an operational speed of at least 250 km/h. The Client has further clarified that a reference project with an operational speed of 249 km/h would not meet this requirement. Considering that the Rail Baltica project itself has a maximum design speed of 249 km/h for passenger trains, we kindly ask the Client to consider amending the definition of a High Speed Line for the purpose of the qualification and evaluation criteria, by lowering the required speed from 250 km/h to 249 km/h. We believe that this small adjustment would better align the qualification requirements with the technical parameters of the Rail Baltica project itself and would also allow a wider range of relevant railway projects and experienced RAMS experts to qualify.	The Procurement Commission informs that it has reviewed a request from an interested supplier and has amended the definition of HSL in the Procurement Regulations (please see the Section 1.5). In light of the above, please note that these amendments alter the response previously provided by the Procurement Commission (please see the answer No 4 and 13, of Letter No 1.13p/LV-2026-143, dated 21 September 2026); interested suppliers must therefore base their proposals, including requested experience, on the revised HSL definition.
2.	Please clarify whether experience gained on metro projects will be considered relevant and sufficient experience for meeting the requirements and/or evaluation criteria?	The Procurement Commission informs that experience gained on metro projects will not be considered as equivalent experience and, therefore, will not be regarded as relevant or sufficient for the purposes of meeting the qualification requirements and/or evaluation criteria set out in the Procurement Regulations.
3.	We kindly ask the Client to clarify whether separate contracts or sections within the same overall railway programme can be considered as separate reference projects, provided that each has its own scope, contract and RAMS	The Procurement commission confirms that separate contracts, or separately identifiable sections within the same overall operational railway programme, may be considered as separate reference projects for the purposes of demonstrating compliance with the relevant

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	responsibilities and meets the relevant qualification requirements.	qualification requirements, provided that each has a distinct scope of work, its own contractual basis, clearly defined RAMS responsibilities, and independently meets the applicable qualification criteria.
4.	Please clarifty clause 20.4.3 regarding regulations for the RAMS Manager: a. Criterion A: Does each reference project have to demonstrate experience covering both of the specified responsibilities, namely: • managing multidisciplinary and multinational teams; and • preparation of RAMS demonstration in accordance with EU legislation and applicable standards, or is experience covering one of these responsibilities sufficient for the reference project to qualify? b. Criterion B: Can the Tenderer use the same reference project to obtain points for more than one of the specified techniques/methodologies?	Procurement Commission would first like to provide a general clarification and inform that Section 20.4 of the Procurement Regulations describes the methodology for evaluating the additional experience of the proposed key experts. In particular, it is important to distinguish between the following: In order to qualify for evaluation under Section 20 of the Procurement Regulations, the tenderer must first fulfil the mandatory qualification requirements set out in Section 8.4. The scoring criteria established under Section 20.4 of the Procurement Regulations should be regarded as an additional bonus mechanism. Consequently, if a tenderer does not meet any of the requirements specified under item A or B of 20.4.2, its tender will not be rejected; however, no points will be awarded for the respective requirement. In view of the above, the Procurement Commission provides the following clarification in response to the tenderer's question: Regarding question a: In order to obtain points for compliance with the requirements set out in Section 20.4.2 for the RAMS Manager, both criteria must be fulfilled. Regarding question b: The Procurement Commission confirms that tenderer may use the same reference project indicated under the "additional experience" section in order to obtain points. At the same time, we would like to emphasize that, in accordance with the criteria under item B, one point may be awarded per project for each fulfilled sub-method. Therefore, in order to obtain a higher score, the tenderer must demonstrate compliance through other additional projects. Procurement Commission informs that it is also important to pay attention to the principle established in Section 20.4, namely that "*With additional experience is understood experience, which is not proposed as experience for compliance with the qualification requirements mentioned in the Section 8.4. of the Regulations*."
5.	Please clarify Clause 20.4.3 regarding the requirements for the RAMS Engineer with Signalling (CCS) expertise: a. The requirement states: "[...] the Key Expert shall have obtained experience as a CCS	Regarding question "a": The Procurement Commission confirms that experience gained as a RAMS Engineer in the field of CCS may be considered compliant with this requirement and that it is not mandatory for the expert to have held the specific title of CCS

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	Engineer [...]". Does this mean that the Key Expert must have experience specifically as a CCS Engineer, or would experience as a RAMS Engineer in the field of CCS satisfy this requirement? b. Criterion A: Does each reference project have to demonstrate experience covering all of the specified responsibilities, or is experience covering one of the specified responsibilities sufficient? c. Can the Tenderer use the same reference project to obtain points for more than one of the three specified techniques/methodologies?	Engineer, provided that the expert's experience and responsibilities are equivalent to those expected from a CCS Engineer and satisfy the requirements set out in the Procurement Regulations. Regarding question "b" and "c": please see the answer to the question No 4. The principle is the same.
6.	Please clarify Clause 20.4.3 regarding the requirements for the RAMS Engineer with Civil and Track Infrastructure expertise: a. Criteria A: Criterion A: Does the Key Expert have to demonstrate experience in all of the specified tasks within each individual reference project? In other words, must each reference project demonstrate that the Key Expert performed: • hazard record management; • hazard identification; • risk assessment processes; and • FMEA/FMECA and/or RCM (Reliability-Centred Maintenance), or may these tasks be demonstrated through different reference projects?	The Procurement Commission confirms that experience of performed tasks may be demonstrated through different reference projects.
7.	Please clarify Clause 20.4.3 regarding the requirements for the RAMS Engineer with Energy (Traction Power Supply) expertise: a. The requirement states: "[...] the Key Expert shall have obtained experience as an Energy Engineer [...]". Does this mean that the Key Expert must have experience specifically as an Energy Engineer, or would experience as a RAMS Engineer in the field of Energy/Traction Power Supply satisfy this requirement? b. Criterion A: Does each reference project have to demonstrate experience covering all of the specified responsibilities, or is experience covering one of the specified responsibilities sufficient? c. Criterion B: Can the Tenderer use the same reference project to obtain points for more than one of the four specified techniques/methodologies?	Regarding question "a": The Procurement Commission confirms that experience gained as a RAMS Engineer in the field of Energy/Traction Power Supply may be considered compliant with this requirement and that it is not mandatory for the expert to have held the specific title of Energy Engineer, provided that the expert's experience and responsibilities are equivalent to those expected from an Energy Engineer and satisfy the requirements set out in the Procurement Regulations. Regarding question "b" and "c": please see the answer to the question No 4. The principle is the same.
8.	Please clarify Clause 20.4.3 regarding the requirements for the RAMS Engineer with Operation & Maintenance (O&M) expertise:	Regarding question a: The Procurement Commission confirms that experience gained as a RAMS Engineer in the field

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	a. The requirement states: "[...] the Key Expert shall have obtained experience as an O&M Engineer [...]". Does this mean that the Key Expert must have experience specifically as an O&M Engineer, or would experience as a RAMS Engineer in the field of O&M satisfy this requirement? b. Criterion A: Where the requirement refers to the "design, integration, and commissioning phases", must each reference project cover all three phases, or would experience covering one or more of these phases be sufficient? c. Criterion B: Can the Tenderer use the same reference project to obtain points for more than one of the four specified techniques/methodologies?	of Operation and Maintenance (O&M) may be considered compliant with this requirement and that it is not mandatory for the expert to have held the specific title of O&M Engineer, provided that the expert's experience and responsibilities are equivalent to those expected from an O&M Engineer and satisfy the requirements set out in the Procurement Regulations. Regarding question "b" and "c": please see the answer to the question No 4. The principle is the same.

Sincerely,

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