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**Clarification No 2 for open call for tenders:  
Framework service contract for support to ecosystem assessments**

**Reference number: EEA/BSS/08/011**

**Question:**

**May a legal entity or natural person be part of more than one tender submitted in response to this procurement procedure?**

**Answer:**

**It is against general legal principles (including those of equal treatment and non-discrimination) underpinning the applicable procurement rules and therefore prohibited that a legal entity or natural person is part of more than one tender submitted in response to one and the same procurement procedure (so-called *ne bis in idem*-principle). Non-observance of this principle will lead to disqualification of all tenders concerned.**