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## Questionnaire to the NOs for the short-term funding of the RUGs Secretariat

After an initial consultation about the most likely scenario to keep long-term funding of the RUGs Secretariat, an intermediate and a long-term scenario for the implementation of the RCG's Secretariat were considered.

Therefore, further consultations were carried out through the following questions:
I. How much is the financial limit for a direct service contract in your country?
2. Is it feasible for your organisation to formalise a direct service contract for more than one year for the Secretariat Support service?
2.I. What is the time-frame limit for this in case it exists?
2.2. How much is the financial limit for a direct service contract without open procedure in your country?
3. Is there in your national administration any special requirement for foreign service providers (within the EU)?

If yes, could you:
3.I Please explain what they are (and legal references to it)
3.2 What are possible solutions for having services from another EU member state to your national administration?
4. Normally for public institutions there is need to gather three offers from different potential providers for a minor service contract. Are there exceptions to this rule foreseen by law in your country (egg a limit to the budget)?

If so, could you please explain if you consider this could apply for the Secretariat given the service description provided, the background and the need for all the network to go for a common service provider?
5. Can your country have the service contract for the Secretariat services in forced from lIst January 2023?

If not, when do you think it will be feasible to have the contract in force?

## 6. Any other comments or suggestions?

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