CLARIFICATION N°6

Call reference: GP/EFSA/AFSCO/2017/03

Call title: Detection and quantification of allergens in foods and minimum eliciting doses in food allergic individuals

Question 1: I would like to ask some clarification about eventual compatibility issues which may rise within our Institute applying for two different art36 grants. In particular, we are going to apply for the following calls:

GP/EFSA/AFSCO/2017/03 – Thematic Grants - Detection and quantification of allergens in foods and minimum eliciting doses in food allergic individuals

GP/EFSA/NUTRI/2017/01 – Tasking Grants - Entrusting preparatory work for the safety assessment on Novel Foods and Traditional Foods from third countries

Since we read at point 3. "Financial information on the project" of the application form that "none of the consortium members received or applied for any Union funding for the same action or part of the action or for its functioning during the same financial year” and “none of consortium members currently receives from the European Union budget an operating grant in line with EU Financial Regulation Article 121(1)(b) (grant for the functioning of a body which pursues an aim of general Union interest or has an objective forming part of, and supporting, a Union policy). The consortium is aware that should a member of the consortium already receive an operating grant from the EU budget its indirect costs are not eligible under the present call."

Are we going to occur in any compatibility issue about these points?

Answer 1: We understand that you are concerned that the activities/actions in one project could overlap with those of the other project but activities/actions may not be double-funded. There are therefore two aspects to the question:

1) Whether the proposals for both calls could end up having the same (overlapping) activities/actions:

The call for proposals GP/EFSA/NUTRI/2017/01 – Tasking Grants "Entrusting preparatory work for the safety assessment of Novel Foods and Traditional Foods from third countries" sets out very precisely defined tasks related to the performance of preparatory work for the safety assessment of Novel Foods and Traditional Foods from third countries, which can be entrusted to a successful grant applicant by EFSA and which will be performed at EFSA’s premises. It would be up to the consortium/consortia applying to the calls to determine whether there is a potential for overlapping activities and if so, whether this overlap is indeed essential for the projects (or if it would be possible for one project to await the outputs from the other project, so as to avoid the overlap).

2) Whether proposals with overlapping activities could be considered for funding:
One of the grant principle is that there may be no double-funding of actions. If an overlap of activities/action between projects would be essential for their success (i.e. one project could not await the outputs from the other and the activities therefore would form part of both projects), the applicants would need to clearly declare the overlap and explain its necessity. Furthermore, the costs for these activities could only be counted as eligible costs for the grant in one project. The other project could NOT include these costs as eligible to calculate the amount of the grant to be received.

(Signed)

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