



CLARIFICATION N°4

Call reference: GP/EFSA/ALPHA/2021/10

Call title: Supporting tasks in the area of Animal Welfare

Question 1: Are consortia eligible for application? If so, we would appreciate some guidance on the roles within a consortium for the coordinating entity and the partner(s), both for the proposal submission phase and for the technical implementation of the entrusted task. In case consortia are eligible:

- Would the coordinating entity be the beneficiary, and thus the only entity in the consortium acquiring the roles described in section 1.5 of the call (“Roles and responsibilities”)?
- Are all partners required to submit all the documentation listed in the section “2. Selecting proposals” of the call, both for Lot 1 and Lot 2?

Answer: Regarding the consortia please see the answer to question 3 in the previous clarification n°3. With regards to the roles, the applicant which submits the application to EFSA on behalf of the consortium, in case of award, would become the coordinator and sign the agreement with EFSA; the partners would sign a mandate. The coordinator and the co-beneficiaries would be jointly liable for the technical implementation of the entrusted tasks. In case of a consortium, the roles described in section 1.5 would be the responsibility of the coordinator. With regards to the documentation, the partners should submit the same documents as the applicant.

Question 2: What is the difference between annex 7 (Exclusion criteria) and 8 (Selection criteria)? They both apparently contain the same information.

Answer: There is no difference. The templates for both exclusion and selection criteria have been merged into one document to simplify the process.

Question 3: Since we need to send the proposal by mail or in person, is it possible to put all the digital file in a flash drive and sent it, or do we need TO PRINT all documents and sent them?

Answer: It is necessary to include a paper version of the application. As stated in point 3.1. of the call for proposal, in addition to a full paper version of the application, the applicant shall submit the application also on a CD/USB data storage format

Question 4: We are particularly worried about all the records and documents related to our skills and experience in animal welfare. Do you need just a list of them (like a reference list) or do you want a copy of each of it (e.g. PDF of every single article)?

Answer: Under selection criteria 2.4, applicants should submit copies of recent (last 5 years) reports or other documents demonstrating evidence of the institution’s current scientific experience. These



reports (which maybe numerous and large) can be submitted in a digital version in the CD/USB either as pdf copy or as title/reference list with accessible hyperlinks to pdf copies. A list of titles/references of the reports included in the CD/USB should also be printed and inserted in the documentation paper version.

Question 5: Will it be possible to know in advance what report (turkey, goats, etc...) will be requested and when, for how many months/ how much money? And how much in advance?

Answer: The precise subject matter of the work will be communicated when EFSA will send the specific request which will describe the tasks to be entrusted and will include a description of the expertise required to perform those tasks. The duration of the task and the budget will also be defined at this stage. For more details on the implementation of specific agreements, please refer to page 9 of the call for proposals

Question 6: Will it be possible to know our rank of classification in the cascade? E.g. if we are the first, we can plan, if we are the third, we might never have anything to do?

Answer:. At the end of the evaluation phase, each applicant will be notified as to their position in the ranking. For the functioning of the cascade mechanism, please refer to the description on page 8 of the call for proposals