



## CLARIFICATION N°01 following webinar held on 14.09.2023

**Call reference:** EUBA-EFSA-PREV-2023-01

**Call title:** PERA - Advancing the ERA of Plant Protection Products towards a system-based approach

**Question 1:** To what degree is e.g. data analysis considered a core task, could a PhD/post-doc be placed with an Article 36 organization and spend time to work in a SA being placed part of the time with a sub-contractor

**Answer:** Exact list of Core tasks (i.e. tasks which cannot be outsourced) is provided at page 13 of the call for proposals. Core tasks can only be performed by partners i.e. art. 36 organisations. A researcher employed part time with an art. 36 organisations and part time with a subcontractor will be able to perform core-tasks activities only for the time spent working for the art. 36 organisation.

**Question 2: Who will be responsible for data collated in long term (Zenodo for example?)**

**Answer:** Please refer to the following articles of the Annex 1 to the call for proposals:

- art. I.3.1 on Data controller;
- art. II.6 on Confidentiality, where you find implementation on confidentiality obligations of the parties and the length of the parties' obligations;
- art. II.7 for Processing of personal data.

**Question 3:** Do you think to take into consideration also other organic compound under ecotoxicologic evaluation in the project? or only pesticide? For example, biodegradable and compostable material will become compost for agriculture.

**Answer:** Primarily the focus will be on chemical pesticides. Substances of natural origin and/or microorganisms used in plant protection product are not excluded. Their consideration may depend on future priorities. In such a case, all the available information for characterising the hazard will be considered.

**Question 4:** I have a lot more questions, maybe it's easier if I submit these afterwards? If so, could you please remind me where to submit them?

**Answer:** Questions can be submitted writing to the following email address: [EFSAprocurement@efsa.europa.eu](mailto:EFSAprocurement@efsa.europa.eu) - please add the ref. number of the call in the subject line: EUBA-EFSA-PREV-2023-01

**Question 5:** I am junior researcher, and I would like to know if there are any platform where I can show my interest in to incorporate any consortium?

**Answer:** Physical persons i.e. Individual researchers or experts are not entitled to apply as members of a consortium. Only entity registered as Art. 36 organisations can apply as partners. Non art.36 organisations as well as individuals can be involved as sub-contractors.

If you want to show your interest for the call you may consider approaching Art. 36 organisations or publishing a announce showing your interest on the relevant page of the EU Funding and Tender Opportunities portal.

**Question 6:** In your presentation you mentioned a multidisciplinary approach with at least 15 experts, do you also preferably mean 15 institutions?

**Answer:** Considering the complexity of the activities envisaged under the framework partnership agreement, the applicant shall provide a team of at least 15 experts (i.e. at least 15 individuals, not organisations). Please refer to criterion No. 2.4.B for the detailed requirements regarding the team of experts.

For the requirement regarding the consortium: please refer to par. 1.5 “Eligible Organisations” in particular take into account the following text: “In order to achieve the main objective of the call, proposal must be submitted by a consortium of at least three eligible organisations”. EFSA did not set an upper limit nor expressed any preference on the number of consortium partners aside of the minimum requirement of having at least three Article 36 organisations involved in the consortium.

**Question 7:** Can you confirm the focus of the call is on NTAs, NTTPs and in-soil organisms and so excludes for example Birds and Mammals, and Reptiles and Amphibians?

**Answer:** EFSA confirms that, the primarily focus is for terrestrial ecotoxicology and, in particular, for non-target arthropods (NTAs), non -target terrestrial plant (NTTPs) and soil organisms. Pending on priorities, terrestrial vertebrates can also be considered.

**Question 8:** Can ESFA emphasize explicitly, preferably in the Framework Agreement, Conditions and/or Specific Agreements, that publication is allowed?

**Answer:** Information on parties’ rights and obligations regarding communication or publication are available in art. II.8 of the draft Framework Partnership Agreement.

**Question 9:** Does the consortium have to be formed between at least three institutions from three different EU countries or can three institutions come from one country?

**Answer:** For the composition of the consortium the only requirement is to involve at least three art. 36 organisations. No requirement has been set regarding the countries of origin of the organisations. The three art. 36 organisations can be all based in the same country or be based in different countries.

**Question 10:** Should the proposed Consortium carry out basic, applied, or mixed research?

**Answer:** The area#1 includes experimental work (both lab and field) to generate new data. This work is targeted to gain a better understand of exposure of pesticide to non-target organisms. The outcome will be used in guidance documents for regulatory risk assessment.

**Question 11:** What resources can be awarded and what posts can be financed within the minimum consortium?

**Answer:** The maximum amount which may be committed via Specific Grant Agreement signed under the FPA is EUR 10 million. No indication is made by EFSA for posts/FTEs. The only requirement is to propose a team of at least 15 experts. Please refer to criterion No. 2.4.B for the detailed requirements regarding the team of experts.