



## CLARIFICATION N° 1

**Call reference:** GP/EFSA/ALPHA/2019/01

**Call title:** Entrusting support tasks in the area of Plant health – Commodity risk assessment for High Risk Plants

**Q1.** from the “Call for proposals and guide for applicants” we understand that only organizations from the list of competent organizations (Art 36 of Regulation (EC) 178/2002) can apply to the call. Also, there is no possibility of subcontracting. So, if we understand this right, each organization can apply for itself, no consortium of project groups is possible?

**A1:** As indicated under point 2.2 of the call for proposal the applicant must be on the list of competent organizations in order to be eligible for award of an EFSA grant. Applicants must be involved in the execution of the entrusted task with their own staff and accordingly, sub-contracting is not permitted. The call for proposals does not explicitly preclude the possibility of forming a consortium to apply and applicants will not be excluded in the event a consortium application is submitted. It should be noted that if applying in consortium, all members of the consortium must be on the article 36 list of competent organizations. Applicants should ensure that they are on the article 36 list of organizations at the time of framework partnership agreement signature.

**Q2.** Operational capacity for Lots: 1) applicant should submit a signed statement confirming that, for FPA implementation, their organization will have individuals available with the required experience in the fields listed below (a, b, c, d, e, f). 2) copies of recent (last 3 years) reports or other documents demonstrating evidence of the institution’s current scientific experience, related mainly to fruit or vegetable production, f or each of the fields listed below.

**Q2.1.** Our organization is specifically dealing with forestry (Lot 3) and we have expertise in risk assessments (a) and two pest fields (b and c). For d), e) and f) we have little scientific expertise, mostly it is connected to the field surveys for plant pests. Question – are any derogations envisaged or possible regarding the requirements for scientific experience, related to the lots, especially regarding the type of pests (mycology, entomology, viruses, bacteriology, nematology)?



**A.2.1:** No derogation is envisaged, apart from the case of Plant Nematology (f) for which the applicant can reserve the right to indicate in the application how it intends to fulfill this requirement in a later stage in case of award. In addition to the signed statement:

- for a) the applicant must provide copy of a recent (within last 3 years) risk assessment in plant health (e.g. a pest risk assessment or a pest categorisation (as per ISPM 1115), or a commodity risk assessment;
- for each of the other fields (b, c, d, e, f), the applicant needs to submit copies of recent (last 3 years) reports or other documents demonstrating evidence of the institution's current scientific experience in each field related mainly to specific type of plants for each Lot (fruit or vegetable plants for Lot 1; ornamentals for Lot 2; forestry plants for Lot 3): such reports or documents could be institute reports or laboratory reports or research project reports or pest monitoring (including field surveys) reports or other forms of institutional reports.

**Q2.2.** Documents for demonstrating evidence of the institution's current scientific experience – are scientific papers admissible?

**A2.2:** Scientific papers produced in the last 3 years are admissible, provided that in case of co-authorship, the role/contribution of the applicant's staff is stated or described in the scientific paper or this specification could be provided as additional statement by the applicant.