



CLARIFICATION N°3

Call reference: GP/EFSA/PLANTS/2023/06

Call title: Experimental and observational evidence to reduce knowledge gaps for risk assessment of new and emerging plant pests

Question 1: According to the project rules personnel costs are eligible, however a partner in the consortium will be covering its personnel costs from its own (institutional) resources. Should the estimated personnel costs for this partner be included in the budget table and under which budget line, or, would a justification in the technical part of the proposal be sufficient?

Answer: Either you include the cost of the partner and it may possibly influence the eligible costs or you do not include the cost if you do not intend EFSA to use this cost in the grant calculation system

Question 2: According to directions all travel costs for missions must be included under Sheet A.2: If the mission is planned to the country not mentioned in the table (Tunisia), may we include it in the planned budget and how to fill the budget table to show the expenses.

Answer: As stated in the Call for proposals page 40, section 2.1.2 'TRAVEL COSTS AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES', Inter-continental flights are not included. They should be estimated on a case-by-case basis and declared on real incurred cost of flight ticket. The most economical fares must be sought (i.e., nonflexible economic class).

Missions to Tunisia for Lot 2 and to North America for Lot 3 are technically justified for these Lots. However, missions to travel to countries not mentioned in the table on page 41 of the Call for proposals (such as Tunisia and North American countries) shall be submitted to EFSA for an ex-ante agreement, after the Grant is awarded.

Travel costs and subsistence allowance for countries not listed in the table on page 41 mentioned above should be estimated by the applicant as explained above and indicated manually in the estimated budget.

Question 3: In the Estimated budget template the Amount granted by EFSA in line 30 does not show the proper calculation related to the expenses shown in line 29. Is there another template available.

Answer: Line 30 calculates the amount granted by EFSA taking into account the EFSA co-financing rate (90%). If the total amount in lines 26 to 28 exceeds 10% of line 29 (Grant requested from EFSA), line 29 will be decreased accordingly for the amount exceeding the 10%.