



CLARIFICATIONS 1-2

Call reference: EUBA-EFSA-2025-PLANTS-05

Call title: Generic simulation models for climate suitability analysis of new and emerging plant pests

Lot 1: Generic physiologically-based insect population dynamic models

Lot 2: Generic correlative and process-based models

Question 1:

- I am a bit confused about the lot and the Call title. If I want to put a proposal for the Call title/topic: *EUBA-EFSA-2025-PLANTS-05. Generic simulation models for climate suitability analysis of new and emerging plant pests*. What kind of budget can I request? From Lot 1 or Lot 2?
- What is the mandatory composition of the consortia for this call? Is there a minimum number of partners (from different EU countries), or this can be done by just one applicant?
- Also, are there overheads for this call?

Answer 1:

- The call for tender with reference EUBA-EFSA-2025-PLANTS-05 and title "Generic simulation models for climate suitability analysis of new and emerging plant pests" is divided in two separate Lots. Lot 1 is on Generic physiologically-based insect population dynamic models, while Lot 2 is on Generic correlative and process-based models. One direct grant agreement will be signed for each separate lot. As explained in section 1.8 of the call for proposal, the grant agreements resulting from this call for tender will be based on "financing not linked to the costs of the relevant operations". This is a simplified form of grant management, where the grant amount paid is based on pre-defined sums announced in the call. The payment of agreed sums from EFSA will be carried out based on the acceptance by EFSA of the delivered work. For Lot 1, the total budget is 350.000 €. For Lot 2, the total budget is 400.000 €. You may submit a proposal for one or both lots, but your proposal should indicate clearly for which lot you are applying. Please note: in case you decide to apply for several lots, a separate proposal for each lot must be provided.
- Proposals can be submitted by a sole applicant, or by a consortium. Consortium is not a mandatory requirement for this call for proposal.
- As explained above and in section 1.8 of the call for proposals, the grant amount paid by EFSA is based on pre-defined sums announced in the call. The payment of agreed sums from EFSA will be carried out based on the acceptance by EFSA of the delivered work. For Lot 1, the total budget is 350.000 €. For Lot 2, the total budget is 400.000 €.



Question 2: As I am based in a non-EU country, I would kindly like to ask for clarification on the following points: Whether researchers from third countries (outside the EU) may participate in this call as external experts, collaborators, or subcontractors; Whether it would be possible to contribute scientific expertise or regional data through collaboration with an EU-based applicant or consortium.

Answer 2:

As indicated in the call for proposal, subcontracting is allowed only for non-core tasks only. Non-core tasks include IT support for code refactoring, integration, and deployment in the EFSA cloud environment based on the Databricks® platform. As a general rule, subcontractors must be established only in countries subject to an Adequacy Decision in terms of personal data protection.