



CLARIFICATIONS

Call reference: EUBA-EFSA-2025-IDATA-01

Call title: Identify Art. 36 organisations to be entrusted to improve methods for collection, management and analysis of scientific data

Question 1: On page of the call proposal, it says consortia are not permitted. Quoting the document *"In order to achieve the main objective of the call, proposals can be submitted by one eligible organisation. Consortia are not permitted under this call."*

However, in the selection criteria section (page 19 onwards), the term 'consortium leader' is mentioned which implies that a consortium might be acceptable. Could you please clarify the same?

Answer: We confirm that, as stated in section 1.5 of the call for proposals, consortia are not permitted under this call (i.e. staff members working in the project must be employed by organisation awarded the grant). Any mention of consortia in the call for proposals can be disregarded.

Question 2: In our understanding, proposals can be submitted by a sole applicant, where the applicant submits the proposal to EFSA. Subcontracting is not permitted. Does a sole applicant mean one legal entity (or Art 36 organizations), or is a consortium of two or more Art.36 organizations possible to cover all specific tasks in each Lot or both Lots?"

Answer: Sole applicant means one legal entity on the list of competent organisations designated by the Member States in accordance with Article 36 of Regulation (EC) 178/2002 and Commission Regulation (EC) 2230/2004.

Question 3: I have a question regarding Annex 3 - Declaration on honour on exclusion criteria (attached).

I am confused because the declaration begins by making reference to a legal person and not an entity. The sentence reads: "The undersigned [*insert name of the signatory of this form*], representing the following legal person: .."

If the above is correct, I am not sure I understand who is the undersigned and who is the legal person. For instance, would in my case (an academic institution) be: the Vice-Rector of Research the legal person and me the undersigned?

Answer:

'The undersigned' is the legal representative who is appointed to sign the declaration on honour on behalf of the legal person. The legal person is the entity, or organisation, submitting the proposal.

Question 4: Is it correct to assume, that we do not need to send CVs and DOIs with the application documents, but only later in case the application will be successful?

Answer: Your understanding is correct, CVs are not required when submitting the proposal. As stated in the Call for proposals, under selection criteria 2.4B (professional and operational capacity), the requirement is a *LIST OF PROJECT TEAM MEMBERS NAMES (the applicant should also summarise in one page, the names of the proposed individual project team members, the profile covered and years of experience in each profile)*. The CVs of the proposed project team members will be requested during



implementation, as stated in the Call for proposals, section 1.4.1 Framework Partnership Agreements (FPA): *The beneficiary should confirm their acceptance of the terms described in the specific agreement and submit the CVs of staff members fulfilling the expertise requirements within 15 calendar days.*

Complementary answer to question 4: DOIs (Declarations of Interests) are not required for this call as the new EFSA Policy on Independence applies.

Question 5: It is not totally clear to us, whether for the selection criteria, B) professional and operational capacity, requirement 2 (S.20/21) the list of team members including the experts profile should be signed. The evidence doesn't state explicitly that signature is necessary, but on p. 20 under 2. Requirements it says "signed statement that confirms....".

If signature is necessary, is it correct to assume, that the proposed expert should sign or should it be the person representing the applicant?

Answer: The statement should be signed by the legal representative of the organisations submitting the proposals, please also refer to Corrigendum 1.

Question 6: I have a question regarding Criterion No. 2.4.B (Requirements and requested evidence for Lot 2).

In page 22 (Requirement 1), the applicant is asked to propose a team of experts (min five). In the same page and with reference to Requirement 2, the applicant is asked "...to summarise in one page, the names of the proposed individual project team members..."

I would like to ask if "team members" (requirement 2) are different from the "five experts" needed to meet requirement 1. Or, they are the same persons?

Answer: Yes, they are the same persons.

Question 7: I kindly ask if the Annex 5 and Annex 6 must be signed by the applicant representative person and if in the Annex 5 it is necessary the signature of each expert of the team.

Answer: No, Annex 5 and Annex 6 do not need to be signed by the applicant representative. In Annex 5 it is not necessary the signature of the team experts.