



CORRIGENDUM Nr 1

Procurement call: 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

CORRIGENDUM TEXT:

Correction of the deadline for submission of proposals in F&T Portal:

- Deadline for submission of offers in F&T Portal was aligned with the deadline indicated in the call for proposal. Deadline for submission of proposal is 27/05/2026 at 17.00.

CALL FOR PROPOSAL

Modification of section 1.3 (Tasks, deliverables, requirements, timelines, meetings and payments) as follows:

- The sentence "*Deadlines and dates of interim meetings can be adjusted accordingly*" has been removed.
- Deadline for finalization of kick off meeting has been updated to "1 month after signature of the agreements"
- Deadline of interim meeting 4 has been updated to "21 months from kick off".
- It has been clarified that payment of the balance is linked to submission of deliverables 3, 4, 5 and 6
- The word "workshops" has been removed from the section on "additional meetings"

Modification of section 1.4.1 (Information on the grant agreement – Direct Agreement)as follows:

- It has been clarified that the call for proposal will result in two Direct Agreements (one Agreements for each lot)

Modification of section 1.7 (Implementing contracts and subcontracting) as follows:

- The paragraph on subcontracting has been updated and the following conditions have been added:
 - "*Tasks to be subcontracted must be identified in the proposal and be approved by EFSA before the signature of the grant agreement*".
 - "*Further, subcontractors must be established only in countries subject to an Adequacy Decision in terms of personal data protection*"

Modification of section 1.11 (Protection of personal data in relation to grant procedures and antifraud strategy) as follows:

- The paragraph on Processing of personal data by the beneficiary has been updated and the following sentence has been added:
"*Further, in case of subcontracting, any subcontractor must be established only in countries subject to an Adequacy Decision in terms of personal data protection*".

Modification of section 2.2.1 (Eligibility criteria) as follows:

- The following requirement has been added to the eligibility criteria:

"Subcontracting, if any, must be established only in countries subject to an Adequacy Decision in terms of personal data protection."

Modification of section 2.3.2 (Exclusion criteria) as follows:

- The requested evidence for exclusion has been updated as follows:
"Annex 3, available to download in the Funding and Tenders Portal under Part B Templates. The applicant, the partner(s) and subcontractors (if applicable) must complete and sign separate forms (section A).

ONLY IN CASE OF SUBCONTRACTING: The applicant must provide the Declaration on Honour, section C. Confirmatory statement of professional conflicting interest to be completed only by the subcontractor(s) if the subcontractor is a legal entity (i.e. company/organisation) not included in the Article 36 list of competent organisations.

The applicant must upload the Declaration on Honour in the relevant field under Part B and Annexes of the Funding and Tenders Portal. If applying in consortium and/or with subcontractors, the consortium leader must convert all declarations on honour on exclusion into one single pdf and upload the single document in the relevant field under Part B and Annexes of the Funding and Tenders Portal"

Modification of section 2.4.B.1 (Professional and operational capacity) as follows:

- Requirement 1 for the organisation and related evidence requested have been amended as follows:

1. Requirements for the organisation:

The applicant must have extensive and demonstrable experience in:

- a) development and application of physiologically-based population dynamic models (for Lot 1), or of process-based models (for Lot 2), applied in the context of agricultural and/or environmental studies, insect pest and diseases, alien species
- b) For both lots, Programming in Python (at least two years) and software development with working knowledge of DevOps principles and tools, demonstrated through relevant project experience
- c) For both lots, Geospatial data analysis and mapping

EVIDENCE REQUESTED FOR REQUIREMENT 1:

- a) For each lot applied, evidence of two relevant recently (within the last 5 years) finalised or ongoing scientific or R&D research project.
- b) Evidence of two relevant recently (within the last 2 years) finalised or ongoing scientific or R&D research project.
- c) Evidence of two relevant recently (within the last 2 years) finalised or ongoing scientific or R&D research project.

The same projects can be used to demonstrate requirement a) b) and c) above.

- Requirement 2 for the team of experts and related evidence requested have been amended as follows:

2. Requirements for the team of experts:

The team of experts should cover the following:

- a. 1 expert in Model development, with University degree at post-graduate level (minimum master degree) and at least 5 years of relevant professional experience

- b. 1 expert in Simulations of pest and disease development, with University degree at post-graduate level (minimum master degree) and at least 5 years of relevant professional experience
- c. 1 expert in Programming in Python and software development with basic working knowledge of DevOps principles and tools, with University degree at post-graduate level (minimum master degree) and at least 1 year of relevant professional experience
- d. 1 expert in Geospatial data analysis and mapping, with University degree at post-graduate level (minimum master degree) and at least 2 years of relevant professional experience

The same person can cover more than one expertise domain.

EVIDENCE REQUESTED FOR REQUIREMENT 2:

Detailed CVs of the Project team members proposed for the assignment, showing clearly how requirement a, b, c, d above are met, including a brief description of the expertise. EFSA strongly recommends submitting the CVs in the EU CV format which can be accessed [here](#).

LIST OF PROJECT TEAM MEMBERS NAMES –the applicant should also summarise in one page, the names of the proposed individual project team members and the profile covered.

- Requirement 3 for the team of experts and related evidence requested have been amended as follows:

3. Requirements for the team of experts:

The team of experts must have overall an excellent level of spoken and written standard UK English. For non-native speakers, this should be demonstrated by an Official certificate of English proving a C1 level OR at least 3 years of work in an English-speaking environment at least 4 papers/publications in English; The overall requirement will be considered met if the majority of the team members proposed complies with the above mentioned requirement.

EVIDENCE REQUESTED FOR REQUIREMENT 3:

- Detailed CVs of the Project team members proposed for the assignment, showing any of the three evidences above. EFSA strongly recommends submitting the CVs in the EU CV format which can be accessed [here](#), or
- Official certificate of English proving a C1 level where applicable

Modification of section 2.5 (Award criteria) as follows

- Award criteria 3 (Technical Requirements Compliance) has been amended as follows:
 - Clarity and adequacy of plans for code documentation, modularity, metadata structure, and parameter transparency.
 - Scalability, performance, and maintainability considerations for future updates or extension of the model

DRAFT AGREEMENT

The Draft Grant Agreement has been amended as follows:

- Name of EFSA Executive Director has been updated.
- Annex 7 has been removed from list of annexes as not applicable in this call for proposal.
- Data Sheet – 1.General data has been updated to indicate the title of Lot 1 and 2 and related project summaries.
- Data Sheet – 3.Grant – Grant amount has been updated to reflect value of each Lot (350.000 € for Lot 1/ 400.000 € for Lot 2).
- Data Sheet – 4.2 Periodic reporting and payments has been updated and percentage of interim payment linked to deliverable 2 has been lowered from 30% to 20%.
- Interim payment ceiling in section “reporting and payment modalities” has been updated from 50% to 40%.
- Article 8 (Affiliated Entities) has been updated to “not applicable”.
- Annex 5 – Specific rules – Conflict of interest has been updated as follows:
“In case of subcontracting, the partner is obliged to provide:
 - *A Declaration on Honour (section C. Confirmatory statement of professional conflicting interest) (or an Individual DoI in case of natural persons should they have influence and/or control over scientific outputs) for any new proposed subcontractor(s) not included in the Art.36 list who are added to the project during Grant Agreement implementation;*
 - *A Declaration on Honour (section C. Confirmatory statement of professional conflicting interest) (or an Individual DoI in case of natural persons should they have influence and/or control over scientific outputs) for previously agreed subcontractor(s) not included in the Art.36 list in case their CoI situation significantly changed during Grant Agreement implementation.*

The Declaration on Honour (section C. Confirmatory statement of professional conflicting interest) and Individual DoI will be screened in accordance with the [EFSA’s Independence policy](#) and the [Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management](#) which can be found on the EFSA website.”
- Annex 6 (Confidentiality statement and data protection notice) has been removed as not applicable.

The following tender document has been updated in track changes and published in order to illustrate the changes described above;

- The call for proposal, section 1.3, section 1.4.1, section 1.7, section 1.11, section 2.2.1, section 2.3.2, section 2.4.B.1, section 2.5)
- Draft Grant Agreement

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