

Title: Technical support to EEA on biodiversity in Europe overseas

Reference: Negotiated procedure EEA/NSV/14/005

The European Environment Agency (EEA) envisages awarding a contract to a service provider for technical and writing support to several EEA products in relation to status and trends of biodiversity in Europe overseas.

Type of contract:

Service contract for a duration of 6 months as from the date of its signature.

Estimated value:

EUR 35000 excluding VAT

Place of delivery or of performance:

At the contractor's premises

Potentially one or two meetings (inception and closing meeting) either via video conferencing or at the EEA's premises in Copenhagen. Regular tele-/video conferences as needed.

Description of the services to be procured:

Rationale:

The European Union (EU) includes 34 overseas territories: 8 Outermost Regions (ORs) and 26 Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) (hereafter referred to as Europe overseas).

Europe overseas is home to exceptional biodiversity of global significance, which is highly vulnerable to human impact and increasingly the impact of climate change.

A [Europe Overseas Roundtable on Biodiversity and Climate Change](#) has been established to facilitate and advocate appropriate consideration of ORs and OCTs biodiversity and climate change issues in EU, regional and international policies and programmes. The EU has set up the [Preparatory Action 'BEST'](#) (Voluntary scheme for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Territories of the EU ORs and OCTs) which aims at promoting conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystem services, including ecosystem-based approaches to climate adaptation and mitigation.

A better understanding of the status and trends of biodiversity in Europe overseas is highly relevant and timely for several reasons:

- Target 6 of the [EU biodiversity strategy](#) is focused on averting global biodiversity loss.
- The EEA might include regional assessments in SOER 2015 (State and Outlook of the Environment Report).
- The International Conference on Biodiversity and Climate Change in October 2014 (co-organised by the European Commission) as a follow-up to the La Reunion conference in 2008 on "The European Union and its Overseas Entities: Strategies to counter Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss."

Several EU policies are of relevance to this issue, such as the Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP), the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) and the Cohesion Policy.

Tasks:

The aim of the proposed contract is to provide technical support to the EEA in developing several products in relation to status and trends of biodiversity in Europe overseas. Here biodiversity should be interpreted in the wider sense, including ecosystem services such as ecosystem-based approaches to climate adaptation and mitigation. The resulting products are envisioned to support the International Conference on Biodiversity and Climate Change in October 2014.

Expertise:

The required expertise of the contractor shall include:

- Good understanding of biodiversity issues in Europe Overseas.
- Good knowledge of ongoing EU activities in relation to biodiversity in Europe Overseas (BEST, Europe Overseas Roundtable on Biodiversity and Climate Change, other ongoing projects/initiatives).
- Good network to relevant stakeholders of biodiversity in Europe Overseas.

Scheduled starting date of contract (indicative):

01.05.2014

Registration of interest:

Interested candidates shall register their interest by email to procurement@eea.europa.eu by **12.03.2014** at the latest, quoting the title and reference No of this negotiated procedure in the subject field of the message and providing the following information:

- Name (of individual or organisation/company)
- Address (of individual or organisation/company)
- Contact person
- E-mail
- Description of main area of business / expertise (max. 500 words)

Your personal information above will be processed solely for the purpose of this negotiated procedure in accordance with the rules set in Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data (OJEU L 8/1 of 12.1.2001). For further detailed information please refer to the privacy statement available on the EEA external website at the following address: <http://www.eea.europa.eu/about-us/tenders/privacy-statement>

Description of the tendering procedure:

On the basis of the pre-assessment of the information provided, the EEA will draw up a list of the most suitable candidates and will forward to all or some of them (at least three candidates) by e-mail an invitation to submit a tender in accordance with the tender specifications by a set deadline. The tender submitted will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria specified in the tender specifications. During the negotiation phase after the submission of the tenders, selected candidates may be required to adapt their tender to the requirements set in the tender specifications in order to find the solution offering the best value for money.

Candidates shall note that registration of interest to participate in the above-mentioned procedure entails no obligation on the part of the EEA to send an invitation to tender to

candidates or to award them a contract. Please note that no replies will be sent to unselected candidates.