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COMMUNICATION TO APPLICANTS

Subject: Call for proposals No MARE/2016/22 - "Strengthening regional cooperation in the area of fisheries data collection"

Ref.: Grant notice published on 4/05/2017: https://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/call-proposals-mare201622_en

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find below questions received from applicants and the answers given by the Commission.

Question 1:

"I would like to enquire whether land-locked countries are eligible for grants of the MARE/2016/22 - "Strengthening regional cooperation in the area of fisheries data collection" call regarding the Work packages of Annex 4?"

Answer 1:

Yes. As per point 6.1.4 e of the Call "Only applications from legal entities established in the EU Member States are eligible."

Question 2:

Organization from Norway is very interested in participating in the Call for proposals MARE/2016/22 Strengthening regional cooperation in the area of fisheries data collection.

However, we are not sure if we are eligible to participate since the call for proposals states:

"Only applications from legal entities established in the EU Member States are eligible."

We would be very grateful if you could give us an answer if we as can participate in this call.

Answer 2:

As per point 6.1.4 e of the Call "Only applications from legal entities established in the EU Member States are eligible." and Norway is a not an EU Member State.

Nevertheless, point 6.1.4.(d) stipulates that a third country can provide assistance in the following cases:

Applicants, whether the Lead partner or the others, must be public authorities or bodies of an EU Member State. However, specifically for:

- the long distance fisheries grant the main contractors may obtain assistance from third countries;
- the large pelagics' grant the main contractors may obtain assistance from Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs).

This assistance may take the form of letter of willing or even subcontracting for specific data supply or processing or for any other action within the proposal.

Question 3

Is it possible to participate in multiple consortia addressing different work packages? E.g. participate in one consortium dealing with biological data in EU waters, in another consortium dealing with socio-economics as well as in a consortium dealing with long distance fisheries?

Within the work packages, is it possible to participate in multiple consortia addressing different regions? E.g. within Biological data collection in EU waters, to participate in a consortium dealing with North Atlantic and a consortium dealing with North Sea.

Answer 3:

As per point 2.2 of the Call "this call for proposals may cover 4-7 grants, depending on cooperation between sea basins. [...], cooperation between adjacent sea basins is strongly encouraged. The grants cannot take place in the same region for the same subject (as defined above). However, the applicants receiving each grant should coordinate their work to ensure, as far as possible, that the outputs produced are compatible among the regions on which the project takes place". It means that, the number of grants depends on the cooperation of adjacent sea basins, which is strongly encouraged.

As per point 6.2(b) of the Call "applications should demonstrate the cross-border nature of the proposed project, inter alia through the proposed Partnership composition and the selected regions, which must be characterized by multiple and cross-border activities (existing or potential)". This means that the composition of the consortium should demonstrate an added value in terms of activities.

Moreover, as per point 6.4 of the Call: "for biological data collection, the consortium must include at least three Member States fishing in one, and the same, of the following regions: Baltic Sea, North Sea & Eastern Arctic, North Atlantic, Mediterranean & Black Sea, Large pelagic fisheries on highly migratory species, Long distance fisheries beyond EU waters". This means that the applicant Member State should have fisheries in the relevant region or regions.

This information is made available on DG MARE internet site

(http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/maritimeaffairs_fisheries/contracts_and_funding/calls_for_proposals/index_en.htm) so as to be accessible to all interested potential applicants.