

Title: Vegetation analysis and distribution maps for EUNIS habitats

Reference: Negotiated procedure EEA/NSV/14/006

The European Environment Agency (EEA) seeks a service provider with substantial knowledge and experience in vegetation analysis, the European Nature Information System (EUNIS) habitat classification system, and the EuroVegChecklist. The service provider should have access to a high number of vegetation sampling databases and be able to perform vegetation analysis in order to review, provide descriptions and prepare distribution maps of, and propose improvements to, the heath, scrubs and forest habitats of the EUNIS habitat classification.

Type of contract:

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

Estimated value:

EUR 60 000 excluding VAT.

Place of delivery or of performance:

Mainly at the contractor's premises, with two travels to the EEA.

Description of the services to be procured:

1. Perform vegetation analysis in order to determine and provide the floristic composition of heath and scrub vegetation syntaxa at the level of alliances of the EuroVegChecklist, using available vegetation databases and published sources.
2. Review existing descriptions of the groups F and B in the EUNIS habitats classification, provide new ones on the basis of the vegetation analysis, and propose structural improvements. Provide input for relevant updates in relation to heath and scrub to the EUNIS-EuroVegChecklist crosswalks for each alliance, and provide recommendations on how the work carried out would contribute to organising further a European-wide in situ data collection for assessment of heathland ecosystems, e.g. distribution maps for heathland habitats.
3. Use vegetation analysis results to deliver maps of distribution of phyto-sociological relevés and probability of distribution based on distribution models for each EUNIS forest habitats, provide updated descriptions for each of them, as well as updates to crosswalks for each alliance of the EuroVegChecklist.

Scheduled starting date of contract (indicative):

May 2014.

Registration of interest:

Interested candidates shall register their interest by email to procurement@eea.europa.eu by **31.03.2014** 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 tenders to candidates or to award them a contract. Please note that no replies will be sent to unselected candidates.