

**Title: Technical support on operationalising planetary boundaries concepts****Reference: Negotiated procedure No EEA/IEA/16/001**

The European Environment Agency (EEA) envisages awarding a contract to a service provider for technical and writing support in relation to operationalising concepts of planetary boundaries / environmental limits in a pan-European context.

**Type of contract:**

Service contract. The period of execution of tasks shall not exceed 30 November 2016.

**Estimated value:**

EUR 60 000 excluding VAT.

**Place of delivery or of performance:**

At the contractor's premises. Potentially one or two meetings at either contractor's or EEA's premises. Regular tele-/video conferences as needed.

**Description of the services to be procured:**

The aim of the planned contract is to provide technical support in relation to the feasibility of operationalising concepts of planetary boundaries / environmental limits at the pan-European scale.

This entails:

1. Development of working papers based on a systematic review of existing applications of planetary boundary concepts related e.g. to:
  - The quantification of planetary boundary limits at EU level ('downscaling of planetary boundaries')
  - The measurement of current (and future) EU contributions to planetary boundary (how is Europe performing). This should explicitly consider an assessment of Europe's external footprint of production and consumption using available approaches (e.g. MRIO models)
  - The evaluation of the feasibility of the planetary boundary concept to inform relevant EU policies with a long-term perspective (e.g. 7<sup>th</sup> EAP, SDGs, Energy Union)
2. Support to running an expert workshop on planetary boundaries, with a particular focus on the issue of downscaling and measuring Europe's current performance.

**Scheduled starting date of contract (indicative):**

March 2016

**Registration of interest:**

Interested candidates shall register their interest by email to [procurement@eea.europa.eu](mailto:procurement@eea.europa.eu) by **18 December 2015** 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 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 **in the second half of January 2016** 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.