

**CLARIFICATION No 1****Reference:** EEA/ACC/13/001-ETC/ACM**Title:** Open call for proposals for the award of a framework partnership agreement concerning the European Topic Centre on Air and climate change mitigation 2014-2018 (ETC-ACM)**Question 1**

The main question concerns the total amount of funding involved. Annex 5 (Draft Framework partnership agreement) describe in detail the different actions funded and the means by which these actions are funded (e.g. funding human labor, travel money ...). It states in Article II.20.6 the following: "The total amount paid to the partners by the Agency may not in any circumstances exceed the maximum amount of the grant laid down in Article 3 of the specific agreement". Then, in Article 3 of the specific agreement, the reader is referred to Annex 2 for the total estimated budget. However, Annex 2 only concerns the exclusion criteria and do not contain any information about budgets.

So please can you indicate the amount of money involved or send me a document that contain this information?

Answer 1

Please refer to the Terms of Reference section 1.1., page 2, where it is specified that the total annual budget for Specific Agreements (SAs) to be concluded on the basis of the Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA) will be subject to available funds from the general budget of the EU and priorities set in the EEA Strategy 2014-18, which will be approved by the EEA Management Board later in 2013. Present spending in the topic area is of order of: EUR 2'450'000 for Air and Climate mitigation.

Spending for the new ETC will be subject to available funds and should be seen in conjunction with the level of the national subvention, bearing in mind the provisions of the Framework Partnership Agreement which foresees a minimum of 10% co-financing by the consortium concerned.

References to the annexes are as follows: The annex 2 referred to in Article 3 of the Specific Agreement is the Estimated budget of the action (annex 2 to the specific agreement) and not annex 2 to the terms of reference (Declaration on exclusion criteria).