



3 March 2010

Clarification No 3 for open call for proposals

For the award of Framework Partnership agreements concerning four European Topic Centres on

1. Air Pollution and climate change mitigation 2011-2013 (EEA/ACC/10/001 – ETC/ACM),
2. Climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation 2011-2013 (EEA/NSV/10/001 – ETC/CCA),
3. Inland, coastal and marine waters 2011-2013 (EEA/NSV/10/002 – ETC/WTR), and
4. Spatial information and analysis 2011-2013 (EEA/NSV/10/003 – ETC/SIA)

Question:

Is either of the following acceptable as co-funding?

- Effort committed to a concurrent project for another client where the actions or results of that work are demonstrably relevant to ETC project activities and contributes to the realization of ETC objectives (permission to be secured from that client for the concurrent project to act as ETC co-funding)
- Prior data or other background intellectual property which is deemed to have value, which is demonstrably relevant and which contributes to the realization of ETC objectives

Answer:

The requirement for an external co-financing specified in the Terms of reference refers to a financial contribution provided either by way of own resources, or in the form of financial transfers from third parties, or exceptionally in kind.

Please refer to Article 109 of the Financial Regulation (FR) applicable to the general budget of the European Communities¹ and Article 165a of the Implementing Rules (IR) of the Financial Regulation aforementioned², where it is stated that co-financing shall require that part of the costs of an action is borne by the beneficiary, or by contributions other than the Community contribution. Please refer also to Article 113 FR which provides that the grant may not finance the entire costs of the action, Article 172 (1) and (2) IR, and Article I.6.2 of the draft Framework Partnership Agreement which clearly specifies that the co-financing may be provided either from the partners' own resources or from other sources of external finance.

¹ Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 (OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1) as last amended by Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1525/2007 of 17 December 2007 (OJ L 343, 27.12.2007, p.9).

² Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 (OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1) as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 478/2007 of 23 April 2007 (OJ L 111, 28.4.2007, p. 13).