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Clarification No 2 for Open Call for Proposals

for the award of Framework Partnership Agreements concerning European Topic Centres on Biological Diversity 2009-2013 (2 lots) (EEA/BSS/08/001) and Sustainable Consumption and Production 2009-2013 (EEA/SKI/08/001)

Questions:

Having regard to section 5.4 lit. c, point 2 on page 14 of the TOR (selection criteria, technical and professional capacity requiring: "2. A list and brief account of similar reference projects carried out by the partners forming the consortium in the past five years, with the sums, dates and recipients, public or private;"):

1. What are "similar reference projects" and, more particularly:

a) How is "similarity" to be understood. Is it to be understood with regard to the tasks and activities described in this call for proposals?

b) What are "reference projects"? Are these projects financed through grants, service contracts or any kind of financial arrangements?

2. As to "sums", are these total sums of the projects or total sums of the share of the project attributed to the organisation in question? In case an organisation is coordinating a consortium, is the relevant sum the total sum of the project or the share of the coordinating organisation?

3. As to "dates", are these to be understood as reference to the date of a project's approval, the starting date or the project's duration?

4. As to "recipients", are these the partners of the consortium having benefited from the financing?

Answers:

1. (a + b) "Similar reference projects" are projects financed in whatever form (under grants agreement; service contracts; etc.) which could be considered similar to the tasks and activities described in the TOR for this call concerning the European Topic Centre on Biological Diversity 2009-2013 (2 lots) EEA/BSS/08/001.

2. Regardless of the nature of involvement in a project, the "sums" to be indicated are a project's total sum as well as the share(s) of the consortium partner(s) concerned.

3. The "dates" to be specified are the start and end dates indicating the duration of the relevant grant agreements, service contracts, etc.

4. "Recipients" are the legal entities, public or private, which have awarded or initiated the relevant grant agreements, service contracts, etc.