



Title: Study of the impacts of pressures on groundwater in Europe

Reference: Negotiated procedure EEA/NCE/20/003

The EEA is planning to undertake a study of the impacts of pressures on groundwater in Europe. The study should investigate the interrelation between groundwater body (GWB) quantitative and chemical status, and with dependent terrestrial ecosystems and surface water bodies. The analyses should be based on available data and information including case studies on Europe's groundwater and provide a more detailed understanding of the status and pressures. Paying attention to the links between chemical and quantitative status, the work should set out the groundwater cycle, explaining its four-dimensional scope (space, time, pressures and impacts) and how that should be understood in the context of the Water Framework Directive (WFD).

The purpose of this contract is to identify and select a provider that has experience in:

- Undertaking comparative studies and integrated assessment on groundwater status and groundwater-dependent ecosystems at the European level;
- Understanding of the overall concept of the WFD (2000/60/EC) and the EU Nature Directives (Habitat Directive 92/43/EEC and Bird Directive 2009/147/EC);
- Working with data, e.g. Water Information System for Europe (WISE), River Basin Management Plans reporting, reporting under the Nature Directives.

Type of contract:

A service contract beginning from the date of signature, with a duration of 7 (seven) months.

Estimated value:

Maximum EUR 30.000 excluding VAT.

Place of performance:

At the contractor's premises.

Description of the services to be procured:

The contractor should provide three separate reports, each 10-15 pages, including charts and graphics suitable for use in EEA publications. The topics are:

- 1) A comparative study on quantitative and chemical status;
- 2) An analysis of groundwater dependent terrestrial ecosystems, by integrating the status of habitats (HD Article 17) with quantitative and chemical status of the GWBs (reported under WFD). Special focus should be given to the impacts of various pressures causing failure of good quantitative and chemical status of the GWBs.
- 3) An overview of surface water-groundwater interdependencies, based on a comparative analysis of surface and groundwater interdependencies with those GWBs having less than good quantitative and chemical status.

Scheduled starting date of contract (indicative):

1 August 2020

Registration of interest:

Interested candidates shall register their interest **by email to procurement@eea.europa.eu by 30/06/2020** at the latest, quoting the title and reference number 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 (EU) 2018/1725 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the EU institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data ⁽¹⁾. For more information on the processing of tenderers' personal data, please refer to the privacy statement on the EEA website <https://www.eea.europa.eu/about-us/tenders>.

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 tenders 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 requested 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 candidates or to award them a contract. Please note that no replies will be sent to unselected candidates.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 295 of 21.11.2018 page 39.