

Title: Scoping study on areas of opportunity and innovation in economics for protection/restoration of biodiversity

Reference: Negotiated procedure EEA/NCE/21/003

The European Environment Agency (EEA) is planning to undertake an explorative study looking at areas of opportunity and innovation in economics for protection/restoration of biodiversity.

The aim of the European Green Deal and the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 is to put Europe on the path of ecological recovery by 2030. Restoring nature is a central element of the EU's recovery plan with key emphasis on the benefits of biodiversity to society.

This study should support the EEA in scoping and framing areas of opportunity and innovation for financing biodiversity and ecosystem restoration. The increased urgency and need to mobilise resources to support the biodiversity and ecosystem restoration agenda call for bridging the gap between current EEA state of nature assessments and the lack of action in the field of economics of biodiversity, financing biodiversity, and biodiversity-linked investment opportunities. The aim is to examine whether the EEA has a role in providing advice on financing mechanisms and economic instruments, including stepping up efforts in identifying business cases in order to make these more digestible and measurable for investors to translate them into investment action.

In addition, it should be explored how the EEA can support new design, tools, experimentation, and implementation of new ways of supporting stakeholders, including the financial community, mobilise resources to enable a 're-coding of capital' for transition investment in biodiversity and ecosystem restoration.

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

- Undertaking analysis in the field of economics of biodiversity, financing biodiversity, and biodiversity-linked investment opportunities.
- Working with economic instruments, reforming existing and/or introducing/suggesting new instruments for environmental protection.
- Applying new frameworks of innovative thinking ('thinking outside the box') to support the EEA in connecting economic, financing, investment and business cases to biodiversity and ecosystem restoration interventions.
- Tools, frameworks and mechanisms necessary to bridge the gaps in financing the transformations needed for biodiversity and ecosystem restoration as part of the European Green Deal and the Biodiversity Strategy for 2030.
- The current state of investment routes, and what should be changed to support biodiversity and ecosystem restoration.
- Building upon EU sustainable finance taxonomy, monetization of nature, and natural capital accounting in developing new innovative methods and models of capturing the value of natural capital.

Type of contract: Service contract for a maximum period of 7 (seven) months starting from the date of signature.

Estimated value: Maximum EUR 70.000 excluding VAT.

Place of performance: At the contractor's premises.

Description of the services to be procured:

The contractor should provide a report and/or separate articles tailored towards the description of the foreseen services, approximately 60 pages in total, including charts and graphics suitable for use in EEA publications. Furthermore, the contractor should deliver:

- 1) Business cases for biodiversity and ecosystem restoration.
- 2) Suggestions on potential partnerships or joint projects with other relevant stakeholders to support biodiversity and ecosystem restoration.

Scheduled starting date of contract (indicative): 15 April 2021

Registration of interest:

Interested candidates shall register their interest **by email to: procurement@eea.europa.eu by 05/03/2021** 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 five 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.