

## Call for tenders' details

Title: Evidence-based improvements in the Birds and Habitat Directives (BHD) implementation: systematic review and meta-analysis

Start date: 16/12/2017

Time limit for receipt of tenders: 06/02/2018

Contracting authority: European Commission, DG for Environment (ENV)

Status: Closed

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#	Submission date	Publication date	Question subject	Question	Answer
1	21/01/2018 23:34	22/01/2018 10:52	Deadline for submission of applications	<p>The call for tenders has been released at 16.12.2017, falling within a period of the year within which everyone is overwhelmed by work (until Xmas) followed by the new-year holidays in which the number of working days is limited. Consequently, I am aware of various organizations, consortia and people who would be very keen to apply for this call, but cannot meet the deadline (6.2.) partly because it's too close to the beginning of the year and partly due to an overwhelming number of other deadlines at this time of the year. This, sadly, is the case for me but I learned that some key European organizations share the same fate.</p> <p>I would like to therefore ask whether DG ENVI ever considers prolonging deadlines for such calls, if anything to increase competition and quality of the proposals? If so, could this option be considered for this call? I believe that such a prolongation may be highly beneficial for everyone, and accordingly also for the success of the potential project.</p>	<p><b>22/01/2018</b></p> <p>From 01/01/2018 the Legal minimum time limits for open calls are set at 37 days from the date on which the contract notice is dispatched (Art. 152 RAP). The limit was 42 days in the previous year. This call was dispatched (launched) on 06/12/2017, published on 16/12/2017 and has a closing date of 06/02/2018. An extra 10 days was already added to allow for the holiday period, therefore will not be adding any further prolongations.</p>

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2	22/01/2018 09:55	24/01/2018 10:26	Tender: Evidence-based improvements in the Birds and Habitat Directives (BHD) implementation (ENV.D.3/SER/2017/0038)	The tender specification state on page 23 "The contractor will provide the linguistically proof-read draft handbooks within 18 months from the signature of the contract to be used in the validation workshops and consultation" and then on page 24 "A first draft outline of the handbooks shall be delivered within 18 months". We understand these two statements to be contradictory and are thus confused by the expected status and of the handbook in month 18. Would for example a draft structure describing the contents of the handbook be sufficient or is it expected to deliver full texts for the different sections of the handbook? Can you please provide further clarification on this point?	<b>24/01/2018</b> The contractor is expected to provide draft versions of the handbooks that don't only outline the structure but also contain first results following from Task 1, as also stated in Task 3, section 3.3.3 of the tender specifications: "These documents should include a summary of the analysis done and the conclusions and recommendations on how to use existing information and databases, streamline methodologies and approaches, improve the quality, use and cost-effectiveness of data use and methodologies and tackle knowledge gaps." After the workshop, the draft text of the handbooks shall be further revised and complemented taking into account stakeholders' feedback.
3	22/01/2018 09:54	24/01/2018 10:27	Tender: Evidence-based improvements in the Birds and Habitat Directives (BHD) implementation (ENV.D.3/SER/2017/0038)	Will a template for the design of the handbooks be provided by the European Commission, or is this to be developed by the winning consortium as part of the contract?	<b>24/01/2018</b> The design of the handbook has to be developed as part of the contract. It should be in line with the Commission's corporate visual identity rules ( <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/resources-partners/european-commission-visual-identity_en">https://ec.europa.eu/info/resources-partners/european-commission-visual-identity_en</a> ).

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