



Consultants Service Requests for 4PRIMA Project¹ [Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area]

Terms of Reference (ToRs) [Tunis, 19th September 2017]

1. Introduction

The Programme Management Unit of H2020 (at the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research), 4PRIMA National Project leader, is seeking 2 Senior Individual Consultants to provide consultancies for a fixed period of eight months.

The 4PRIMA Coordination and Support Action is creating the bases and developing a set of activities aimed at supporting the establishment of a long-term, well-structured and integrated partnership for Research and Innovation (R&I) on food systems and water resources, among countries from both sides of the Mediterranean Sea ('PRIMA Initiative'). In order to enable a sustainable development in this area, 4PRIMA is facilitating the establishment of favorable and stable conditions for a reinforced international cooperation on food systems and water research, based on a better coordination, collective ownership of R&I programmes and, consequently, clear and tangible mutual benefits.

4PRIMA is currently developing a Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) and an associated implementation plan, as a result of an extensive participatory process that will target a critical mass of key players at international level and all relevant stakeholders of the food and water sectors. To achieve this main objective, 4PRIMA is taking advantage of a wide portfolio of results and relationship generated in previous and on-going EU projects, as well as it is seeking cooperation between EU and Mediterranean Partner Countries (MPCs), in coherence with the activities of the Strategic Forum for International Cooperation. Given the strategic relevance of an appropriate development and uptake of the SRIA to establish a long lasting partnership in the region, 4PRIMA science diplomacy actions is being essential to ensure the support to R&I policy dialogue addressing sensitive challenges between EU and MPCs.

Moreover, in order to maximize its expected impact, 4PRIMA project will explore avenues for awareness raising and development of strategic alliances with key stakeholders, including EU, AC and MPCs countries that did not take part to the PRIMA joint programming process, with the goal to enlarge the participation to the 'PRIMA Initiative'.

2. Objectives of these Service Requests (SR)

The main objective of this SR is to select 2 Senior Individual Consultants to carry out some activities assigned to the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (partner n. 19 in the project) in 4PRIMA Project, which will be detailed hereinafter.

¹ EU Project GA n. 724060 – The project is funded by European Commission under Horizon 2020.

3. Tasks to be ensured

Within the frame of Work Package 5 (WP5) of 4PRIMA Project, both Consultants will have to perform the following tasks:

- Prepare a report on the guidelines for ensuring the impact of the SRIA objectives into the national policies: This report is the 4th deliverable of WP5 which is aimed, on the basis of the activities of WP2 and WP3, at ensuring the creation of the framework conditions for reinforced cooperation and coordination of food systems and water research programmes within a long term partnership involving research funding bodies, universities, ministries or any other stakeholders from the two sides of the Mediterranean area. This will be instrumental to enabling the conditions for a future implementation of those legislative and funding instruments that govern the relationship between the European Union and Members (non-EU) and are needed in order to achieve the expected impact of 4PRIMA Project.
- Organize a 4PRIMA stakeholder forum in Tunis during the 1st week of November 2017. Logistics including included travels and subsistence of the external people invited to the event will be ensured by the Ministry: This event will summarize and disseminate 4PRIMA efforts and findings, particularly in relation to the SRIA, international alliances and, particularly, activities (both pilot and joint activities).
- Developing evaluation tools able to provide efficient assessment of Tunisian participation in EU Programmes/Initiatives.
- Ensure any other task that will be assigned to both Consultants by the Programme Management Unit of H2020 (at the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research) during their contracts period.

4. Resources

The Programme Management Unit of H2020 (at the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research) will put at the disposal of both consultants all requested documents (Grant agreement n. 724060 of 4PRIMA Project, Project deliverables ...).

5. Main deliverables

1. Report on the guidelines for ensuring the impact of the SRIA objectives into the national policies.
2. Report on evaluation of Tunisian participation in PRIMA Initiative, recommendations to improve it.
3. Contribution to the drafting of the calls for proposals to be launched by PRIMA Foundation after consultation with the different national stakeholders operating in the field of Food, Water and environment.
4. End of mission report which will gather all activities performed during the contracts period of the Consultants.

6. Payment terms

Payment for services rendered in compliance with the contracts and the terms of reference will be initiated upon the acceptance of the mission's deliverables by the Head of the Programme Management Unit of H2020 (at the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research).

7. Duration and amount of the contracts

The work of both Senior Consultants must be realized and approved within the fixed working months (eight) from the contracts' signature. The total amount of both contracts will be aligned to the man-month fixed in the Grant Agreement of 4PRIMA Project.

8. Qualifications, skills and capacity

- Full Professor with at least 10 years' experience.
- Experience confirmed in the thematics of Water, Food and Environment.
- Strong experience and participation in EU Programmes/Projects.
- Experience in moderation of workshops and panels discussions.
- Excellent stakeholder's network of the Research & Innovation Ecosystem.
- Proven experience in innovation management and policies at international level.

9. Application process

Potential candidates are requested to submit their full applications (composed of a detailed CV, Letter of Presentation and a short methodology & timeline 'max. 2 pages' for the implementation of the requested activities) NO LATER than 4.00 p.m. on 28 September 2017 at: candidature.h2020.tn@gmail.com

The expected start of these contracts is: 2nd October 2017.