



SERVICE ADVERT FOR TWO CONSULTANTS FOR WATER AND LAND PROJECT FIXED LINE TRANSECT EUROPE INVITATION TO TENDER

The European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law (IMPEL) is an international non-profit association of the environmental authorities of the European Union Member States, acceding and candidate countries of the EU, EEA and EFTA countries. The association is registered in Belgium and its legal seat is in Brussels. Currently, IMPEL has 51 members from 36 countries and its working language is English.

The Network's objective is to create the necessary impetus in the European Community to make progress on ensuring a more effective application of environmental legislation. It promotes the exchange of information and experience and the development of environmental legislation. IMPEL has developed into a widely known organisation in the environment field and is mentioned in a number of EU legislative and policy documents.

In order to achieve its objectives, IMPEL funds specific projects. For 2020-2021 the network funded, within the Water & Land topic, also the project "Fixed Line Transect Europe" <https://www.impel.eu/projects/fixed-line-transects-europe/>.

The project aims to start a process ending with European shared guidelines for monitoring cetacean and marine turtles and their threats, such as plastic, within the framework of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive using large vessels as platform of observation.

The Term of Reference of the project includes, as stated in the "Budget projection", consultancy cost for € 4.958,68 + VAT (21%) for a total of € 6.000 euro.

Consequently IMPEL, for the needs of the Water & Land funded project, is looking for two service providers to work, on an expected average of 1,5 day per week from 10 January 2021 to 31 March 2021, in the FLT Europe project doing a study and examination, and delivering an extensive report.

Service providers must be flexible and independent to be able to manage their own workload. Close cooperation with the Project Team, Project Executive,



Expert Team Leads and other IMPEL members involved in the project is required. They will provide the service providers with most of the required information and will also provide general assistance.

The two service providers need to collaborate together delivering two joint reports.

Service deliverables

The two services need to have the following deliverables:

Service 1

An extensive report, in English, of approximately 50 pages on a complete review of ongoing protocols on monitoring large vertebrates such as cetaceans and turtles using large vessels such as ferries and cargos; the study needs to examine data collection and data format used in the protocols evaluating main gaps that need further investigation also in order to develop an APP for data collection.

Service 2

An extensive report, in English, of approximately 50 pages on a complete review of published literature on data analyses of ongoing research on monitoring large vertebrates such as cetaceans and turtles using large vessels such as ferries and cargos; the study needs to examine the protocol on data analysis with regards of what is needed according to the EU environment legislation such as: Marine Strategy Framework Directive: in particular D1-C2 (abundance), D1-C4 (distribution), D1-C5 (habitat); and Habitats Directive: in particular Natura 2000 site surveillance (sites designated for the Annex II species), species assessment (range, abundance and trend, habitat). Need also to report on the required surveillance/assessment for mega and macro fauna in marine sites part of agreements signed by IMPEL states members (e.g. IMMAs Important Marine Mammal Areas, EBSA Biologically Significant Marine Areas, ABNJ Areas located Beyond National Jurisdictions).

Requirements & Skills

PhD in biology with relevant work experience on cetacean-marine surveys/sampling;

Excellent communication and reporting skills including very good level of English, written and oral;



Ability to operate effectively both independently and as a part of a team;
Building effective working relationships with a diverse range of people;
Experienced in data collection using APP tools;
Experience of working internationally;
Experienced collecting marine data from large vessels such a cargos or ferries.

Conditions

A service contract, of 2.479,00 euro, will be awarded to the two successful candidates from 10th of January 2021 to 31st of March 2021. The services should be provided remotely from the applicant's own place of work, liaising with the project leaders, the project team and all the project participants.

Application

It is possible to apply only to one of two services. Send the tender with maximum two pages describing your experience and quoting for which service are you applying (1 or 2).

For more information on the position, please contact Roberto Crosti (roberto.crosti@isprambiente.it).

Please send your proposal for this Service by 6 December 2020 to Marco Falconi (marco.falconi@impel.eu).

Shortlisted candidates will be informed by 10 December 2020. Teleconference interviews with those shortlisted will be conducted in the week commencing 14 December 2020.