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- European Economic Interest Grouping – (EEIG)**



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Réseau des universités et complexes scientifiques agronomiques européens à orientation tropicale et subtropicale en relation avec le développement agricole

PROJECT

Monitoring of CGIAR Projects co-funded by the EC in 2004

in ACP, Asia, Latin America and the Mediterranean Regions

through the “Food Security and Food Aid” budget line

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

I. Background

Further to the successful monitoring of the CGIAR projects co-funded by EC in 2003 for ACP, Asia, Latin America and the Mediterranean Regions (carried out in 2004), the EC has agreed to contract the ECART-EEIG / NATURA consortium to carry out the monitoring of the CGIAR projects co-funded by EC in 2004, according to the terms of reference (ToR) appended.

Concerned Centres and projects:

- **WORLD FISH (ICLARM):** project 1: Conservation of Aquatic Biodiversity.
- **ICRISAT:** project GT1: Harnessing Biotechnology for the Poor;
- **IRRI:** project 1: Germplasm conservation, characterization, documentation and exchange;
- **CIFOR:** project 5: Biodiversity and managed forests;
- **SSA Challenge programme;**
- **WARDA:** project 3.2: policy environment and rice market development;

Details about each project are given in the ToR, Annex 4

The consortium ECART-EEIG / NATURA has to propose, for each selected project, two high level experts:

- One specialised on the scientific area of the project
 - One specialised on the assessment of economic and social impact of agricultural research projects
- Ideally, one of the two experts will have knowledge on environmental issues.

Experts assignments:

Selected experts will have to monitor the projects according to the pattern described in the ToR.

For all Centres except for the Challenge Programme:

For each project to be monitored, a short-term mission (up to a maximum of 20 days) is foreseen, combining:

- a visit to the CGIAR Centre in charge of its implementation and
- a field visit to a characteristic component of the project on the following basis:
 - Outside the country of location of the Centre's headquarters,
 - Preferably in one of the priority countries of intervention of the "Food Security / Food aid" budget line, or
 - Possibly in a country where significant EC funded rural development projects, or projects (co-) funded by Member States or FAO, related to the CGIAR visited project theme, are implemented.

In each country, a visit to the EC Delegations, to the local NARS and when relevant to the above mentioned development projects will be included during the missions.

Specific conditions for the Challenge Programme:

Due to the specificity of the Challenge Programme, the monitoring operation will include:

- a visit to the FARA Executive Secretariat in Ghana
- a visit to the 3 sub-regional organisations and/or Pilot Learning Sites
- a visit to one significant European partner of the Challenge Programme and/or
- a visit of one significant partner of the Challenge Programme outside Europe

Consequently, the number of working days will be raised to 30 for each expert.

NB: The final choice of the field visit countries / components of the Challenge Programme will be submitted to the EC within 1 month after the signature of the contract, further to consultations between experts, FARA and the CGIAR Centres staff involved in the Challenge Programme.

Experts will be requested to attend:

- one briefing meeting at the European Commission in Brussels, before the field mission.
- one debriefing meeting at the European Commission in Brussels, after the field mission and the drafting of the provisional report. The final report will be written further to the debriefing mission, according to the comments formulated by the EC.

II. Applications

Application procedure

Interested experts are invited to apply, through sending a short CV (up to 4 pages) **before the 20th May 2005** to the ECART-EEIG Secretariat.

CVs clearly highlighting the experts specific competence according to the selection criteria below will be given the priority.

Selection criteria:

Criteria for selecting experts are:

- Strong experience in monitoring and evaluation of ARD projects
- Strong background in the socio-economic approaches for assessing the impacts of ARD projects (for the socio-economic expert)
- Significant scientific background in the field of the project to be monitored (for the scientific expert)
- Significant background in management of scientific projects
- Good knowledge of the CGIAR system, without any current commitment in Centres management (e.g. Board member) or projects
- Background in environmental sciences will be an advantage

Selection procedures:

A specific Selection Committee, gathering two representatives of ECART-EEIG and two representatives of NATURA will be set up. The Committee will submit three Curriculum Vitae for each required expert, ranked by order of preference, for a final choice by the European Commission.

III. Administrative, financial and time issues

Contracts

ECART-EEIG will contract the experts, either directly on an individual basis, or through their institution, according to the current rules in those institutions.

The budget includes:

- **Expert fees:** on the basis of a lump sum of € 12, 000 (€ 18, 000 for the SSA Challenge Programme) for each expert
- **Travel costs** (preparatory mission to Brussels, mission to the Centres and field projects, debriefing mission to Brussels), paid on the basis of real costs with a maximum amount defined in the ECART-EEIG / NATURA technical and financial offer to the EC
- **Per diem** (preparatory mission to Brussels, mission to the Centres and field projects, debriefing mission to Brussels), paid on the basis of real number of days spent for the missions (at the official EC rates, according to the country) with a maximum amount defined in the ECART-EEIG / NATURA technical and financial offer to the EC

Indicative timetable

- May 20th : deadline for applications
- Early June: final selection at the ECART-EEIG / NATURA level
- Mid June: final selection of experts at the EC level
- End June/early July: briefing mission to Brussels
- Early July: preliminary contacts with the CGIAR Centres – planning of the missions
- Mid July – Mid October: missions and draft report
- Mid October: debriefing mission to Brussels
- Mid November: final report

This timetable may be modified according to the contracting process between the EC and ECART-EEIG / NATURA.