



## PAN-EUROPEAN INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP REQUEST FOR CANDIDACIES (RFC) Q&A

No	Question	Answer
25.	Companies wonder whether it is true that information is not requested about the technical content, but only about the organization?	<p>For the deadline of 4 September 2020, interested parties do not need to present a technical proposal. They only need to submit the information detailed in Annex 1 and Annex 2 of the RFC (TD1). See <a href="https://www.alliedwaters.com/project/alucircles/">https://www.alliedwaters.com/project/alucircles/</a> for all the documentation)</p> <p>Only those selected candidates after the selection phase will be required to present a technical proposal as explained below.</p> <p>As mentioned in PART 1: SCOPE OF THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT, section 2 Award procedure of the Request for Candidacies (TD1):</p> <p><i>“The award procedure consists of a ‘selection phase’ and an ‘award phase’:</i></p> <p><i>1) In the first phase (the selection phase), AquaMinerals (on behalf of the Public Buyers Group) will select suitable Candidates for the performance of the Framework Agreement, by means of grounds for exclusion, and selection criteria. In selecting candidates, criteria concerning the candidates’ capacity in the field of research and development and of developing and implementing innovative solutions will be particularly taken in account. AquaMinerals will limit the number of Candidates meeting the selection criteria that they will invite to the award phase to five.</i></p> <p><i>2) In the second phase (the award phase), AquaMinerals (on behalf of the Public Buyers Group) shall invite the selected Candidates to submit research and innovation projects aimed at meeting the needs identified by the contracting authority that cannot be met by existing solutions.”</i></p>



		<p>We are currently in the first phase of the award procedure for an Innovation Partnership. So the answer is yes, Candidates will be now selected according to information about the organization. In the next phase, the candidates that comply with the selection criteria and are under no ground of exclusion (see PART 1: SCOPE OF THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT, sections 6, 8 and 9 of the Request for Candidacies (TD1). See also question 13 of the Q&amp;A document published on the 28th of August), will be invited, by means of a Request of Proposals (TD2) to submit their offers including the technical content.</p>
26.	It appears that a co-investment is required, can you perhaps explain this briefly?	Regarding the co-investment and the distribution of the budget, see question 17 of the Q&A document above mentioned: <i>“The information related to the total budget and budget distribution (per phase), as well as the invoicing scheme will be included in the Request for Proposals (TD2).”</i>