

## **Call for tender**

### **Study on available funding opportunities for Bioeconomy in the Alpine Region**

#### **1. Background and aim**

The Ministry of Economic Affairs, Labour and Housing Baden-Württemberg is launching a call for tender for a study on available funding opportunities in the Alpine Region on the topic Bioeconomy.

Baden-Württemberg (Ministry of Economic Affairs, Labour and Housing Baden-Württemberg) and Auvergne Rhône-Alpes together chair Action Group 2 of the EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP).

Action Group 2 ("To increase the economic potential of strategic sectors") aims at identifying key Alpine economic sectors which would benefit from action at macro-regional level, and to implement concrete measures to improve their economic and social environment.

Within Action Group 2, the Subgroup "Bioeconomy" addresses the opportunities and challenges of resource efficiency, circular economy and bio based value chains.

Bioeconomy touches a broad range of industrial sectors. Big potentials for the development of the Alpine Region are seen by transnational cooperation in the Bioeconomy field especially regards the closure of so far not connected parts of transnational value chains.

To set free the potentials in the field of Bioeconomy, the identification of funding possibilities is essential.

Therefore, a study should be carried out in order to provide an overview on EU, national/regional and private funding opportunities focusing on relevant fields of Bioeconomy.

The study should collect and analyse information on existing funding schemes as well as fields where funding opportunities are missing. Based on the analysis, recommendations for future fields of funding should be provided and a special overview on existing funding opportunities for SMEs should be presented.

## **2. Approach and expected output of the study**

In a first step, relevant fields in the sector of Bioeconomy should be identified and funding needs within these fields screened and analysed.

In a second step, funding opportunities for the relevant fields in at least three exemplary regions (located in three different countries) of the EUSALP area should be identified and assessed.

In a third step, the identified opportunities should be matched with the needs, showing the possibilities as well as the gaps in funding.

Based on that, recommendations for future fields of funding should be provided.

In order to help SMEs finding funding possibilities in the selected fields of Bioeconomy, a short overview on existing funding opportunities for SMEs should be presented.

The study should include the following elements:

- a. Identification of relevant fields in the sector of Bioeconomy and screening of needs for funding in this fields
- b. Assessment of generally suitable funding opportunities for the identified fields. E.g.:
  - i. EU programmes (Horizon, Interreg A/B/C, etc.)
  - ii. National and regional funding sources
  - iii. Local financial support (microcredits, micro-subsidies)
  - iv. Alternative sources (crowdfunding, bank/private loans, etc.)
- c. Matching analysis
  - i. Matrix matching the needs and the available funding opportunities
  - ii. Gap analysis (in which fields is funding needed but not available?)
  - iii. Recommendations on future fields of funding (in which fields should future funding be directed in order to match the needs?)
- d. Summary
- e. Short overview for SMEs searching for funding

### Additional option:

The costs for presenting the study in the framework of a workshop at the EUSALP Annual Forum on 28.-29. November 2019 in Milan (Italy) or at another event should

be included in the offer as option. The event itself is not part of this call for tender, but all costs linked to the presentation (including travel and accommodation) have to be included in the option.

### **3. Timeline, language and extent**

The study shall be finalised by **22 November 2019** and has to be provided as electronic document (PDF) in English language. The study should consist of not more than 50 pages.

### **4. Publicity**

The EU logo, the EUSALP logo and the logo of the INTERREG AlpGov project, with the statement 'This project is co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund through the Interreg Alpine Space programme', as well as the logo of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Labour and Housing Baden-Württemberg, must be used on all relevant documents (study, presentation, etc.).

### **5. Offers**

The offer should consist of the following documents:

- Detailed description of the service including timeline
- Description of the bidding company, including references in the field of Bioeconomy and EUSALP
- Detailed price stating:
  - price without VAT,
  - percentage of VAT applied
  - price including VAT
  - information if reverse charge is applicable

In addition to that, the following document has to be completed, signed and sent as annex to the offer:

- self-declaration UvgO

### **6. Deadline for submission of the offer**

The offer including annexes has to be signed and submitted in paper form in a closed envelope by **31 October 2019** (date of receipt) to the following address:

Ministry of Economic Affairs, Labour and Housing Baden-Württemberg  
Referat 62  
z.Hd. Herrn Mondon  
Schlossplatz 4 (Neues Schloss)  
70173 Stuttgart  
Germany

The envelope must be labelled with the clear reference "Tender documents - do not open".

### **7. Award criteria and prioritisation**

The most economical offer will be awarded. To identify the most economical offer the following criteria will be considered:

- Quality and coherence of the offered service (weighting factor 60 %)
- Price of the offered service (weighting factor 40 %)

The awarding decision will be done and communicated by **5 November 2019** at the latest.

### **8. Budget**

For the implementation of the above-mentioned service, a maximum budget amounting to 15,000.00 EUR excluding VAT is available.

### **9. Payment modalities**

The final invoice must be submitted to the client after completion of the service, but until **2 December 2019** at the latest, listing the itemised amounts and indicating the total amount.

The subject line of the invoice must state 'Interreg ASP, 379, AlpGov'.

### **10. Publication and rights of use**

The study must be made accessible to the public on the internet free-of-charge. Furthermore, the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Labour and Housing Baden-Württemberg is granted the right to use the study for publication in any way (e.g. print and online media).

## **11. Other provisions**

In case of the award decision, the tender documents, the contractor's bid and the general terms and conditions for the provision of services (VOL/B) shall become an integral part of the agreement. General terms and conditions of the contractor are excluded.

Please note the following provisions:

- **Non-disclosure**

The contractor is obliged to treat all client information and documents which are brought to his or her attention as a result of fulfilment of the agreement as strictly confidential and to safeguard them against unauthorised access and not to make use of them in any other way. He or she must ensure that all those involved in the implementation of the agreement are required to comply with this provision. The contractor is held directly liable to the client for any non-compliance with this regulation. This shall also apply beyond the termination of the agreement.

- **Amendments and supplements to the agreement**

Amendments and supplements to the agreement must be made in writing (cf. § 126 of the German Civil Code) and are to be expressly marked as amendments to the agreement.

- **Place of jurisdiction**

German law applies. The place of jurisdiction for all disputes arising from the agreement is Stuttgart.

- **Severability clause**

Should individual provisions of the agreement violate mandatory law in whole or in part or be void or ineffective for other reasons, the validity of the remaining provisions shall remain unaffected. The ineffective or inapplicable provision shall be replaced by the effective and applicable provision which the parties would have agreed from the outset if they had known or anticipated the invalidity or inapplicability.

## **12. Contact person**

In case of questions in the framework of the preparation of the offer, please contact Daniel Mondon ([Daniel.Mondon@wm.bwl.de](mailto:Daniel.Mondon@wm.bwl.de)).

Communication between the awarding authority and the bidders shall take place exclusively by e-mail. All information on the tendering procedure as well as bidder questions and answers of a fundamental nature are always communicated to all bidders at the same time and become part of the tender documents. A later reference to existing ambiguities in the tender documents is excluded.