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Call for Tender

Preparation Project Application PROWAD LINK

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1. Background

The Common Wadden Sea Secretariat (CWSS) prepared an Expression of Interest (EoI) to the Interreg North Sea Region Programme (www.northsearegion.eu) under the project title: "Protect and Prosper: The Wadden Sea World Heritage Link" (PROWAD-LINK). The EoI was submitted in March 2016 under Programme Priority 1 "Thinking Growth" and the Specific Objective 1.1. "Develop new or improved partnerships between businesses, knowledge institutions, public administrations and end users with a view to long-term cooperation (post project) on developing products and services."

The project PROWAD LINK builds on the previous PROWAD project (www.prowad.org), but extends the partnerships and work themes beyond the tourism sectors. It aims to provide innovative tools and strategies for a variety of SMEs to engage with nature protection areas like World Heritage Sites, and unlock economic benefits whilst contributing to protecting these sites (nature protection as a driver for sustainable growth and innovation), with the Wadden Sea as an example.

Lead partner of PROWAD LINK is the Common Wadden Sea Secretariat (CWSS). The project consortium consists of 10 further project partners (ministries, provinces, counties, municipalities, national parks, research organisations, universities) in five countries (Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, as well as Norway and the UK).

The project approach covers three work themes

1. Development of a transnational partnership scheme for SMEs which (i) supports development of competencies and capacities, (ii) pools resources and knowledge, and (iii) enables SMEs to share innovation facilities and resources, overcome lack of funding and fragmented approaches, and address common challenges,
2. Economic research on integration of nature values and economic developments, with natural World Heritage Sites as an example,
3. Brand activation and sustainable product development through co-creation.

The total budget of the envisaged project is 3.1 Million Euros over three years. A decision on the PROWAD LINK EoI will be taken by the Interreg Steering Committee by end of September 2016. In case of a positive decision of the EoI, a full application has to be submitted by 1 February 2017.

With this Call for Tender, CWSS is seeking support to prepare the full application of PROWAD LINK in the period from October 2016 to January 2017.

2. Tasks

The consultant is expected to carry out the following tasks:

1. Preparation of and support for the entire procurement process,
2. Support to the lead partner in preparing and carrying out at least four partner meetings,
3. Preparation of the full application including detailed description and fine-tuning of work packages (contents, objectives, deliverables, results, indicators), as well as role and responsibilities of each project partner in implementing the work packages, including the organizational structure,
4. Preparation of a detailed work plan and financial plan for each project partner and for the entire project period (July 2017 - June 2020).

The estimated work timer (partner meetings, work plan and financial plan, project application) is about 25 – 30 work days.

The working language in the Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation is English. All meetings, work documents, and the full project application are in English language.

All tasks must be carried out by 20 January 2017.

3. Tender

The decision whether the EoI will be approved in order to prepare a full application (to be submitted by 1 February 2017) will be taken by the North Sea Region Steering Committee by 28 September 2016.

The tender should be submitted by email (marencic@waddensea-secretariat.org) with the following information:

- Summary of experience with regard to preparation of projects under the Interreg North Sea programme (including references of previous projects),
- Information on expertise,
- Short description of services offered with regard to the tasks listed in 2.1 – 2.4 above,
- Budget and cost volume,
- Overview of proposed timeframe.

4. Time schedule

1. Publication Call for Tender by **24 August 2016**,
2. Deadline for delivery of tenders: **30 September 2016**,
3. Decision by CWSS and selection of an agency by **10 October 2016**, in case of a positive decision on the EoI by the Interreg Steering Committee in September 2016.

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