



## Call for expressions of interest to provide services

**EIT Food is looking for an agronomist (hereinafter “Subcontractor”) that would provide external services in the framework of EIT Food CLC North-East sp. z o.o. (hereinafter “EIT Food”) activities,**

**Application deadline:** Wednesday, 31 August 2022, 4 pm CEST.

**Application template:** see Annex (Application Form).

Further details about EIT Food can be found at [www.eitfood.eu](http://www.eitfood.eu). With respect to the present call, **EIT Food will not provide new information that has not already been included in this call document** but can assist potential applicants by explaining the contents of this document (interested applicants are encouraged to contact Ms. Monika Linkowska ([monika.linkowska@eitfood.eu](mailto:monika.linkowska@eitfood.eu))).

### 1. Background information

EIT Food is one of the largest and most impactful food-related initiatives worldwide. As a Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC) of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), EIT Food connects partners from leading businesses, universities and research centres across Europe. It is a people-centric and resource-smart transformer of the European food system, driving consumer confidence and improved global health.

EIT Food’s vision is to put Europe at the centre of a global revolution in food innovation and production, and its value in society. EIT Food will engage consumers in the change process, improve nutrition and make the food system more resource-efficient, secure, transparent, and trusted. EIT Food has six strategic objectives:

- *Overcome low consumer trust:* support Europeans in the transition towards a smart food system that is inclusive and trusted;
- *Create consumer valued food for healthier nutrition:* enable individuals to make informed and affordable personal nutrition choices;
- *Build a consumer-centric connected food system:* develop a digital food supply network with consumers and industry as equal partners;
- *Enhance sustainability:* develop solutions to transform the traditional ‘produce-use-dispose’ model into a circular bioeconomy;
- *Educate to engage, innovate and advance:* Provide ‘food system’ skills for more than 10,000 students, entrepreneurs and professionals through advanced training programmes;
- *Catalyse food entrepreneurship and innovation:* foster innovation at all stages of business creation.

EIT Food boosts the skills and entrepreneurial spirit in the sector and unlocks the potential of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), which in turn will accelerate innovation, create jobs, benefit businesses and increase Europe’s competitiveness.

The pan-European EIT Food is headquartered in Belgium, and its partnership brings together changemakers in all relevant sectors and fields. EIT Food is well-positioned to achieve the maximum impact on the challenges outlined above. The highly committed partnership will conceive, develop, evaluate and adopt new market-oriented approaches to innovation. It is structured around five Co-Location Centres (CLCs), established in Warsaw (with partners from Central-Eastern Europe and Nordic countries), Reading (with partners from the UK, Ireland and Iceland), Madrid (with partners



from Spain, Italy and Israel), Leuven (with partners from Belgium, France and Switzerland) and Freising (with partners from Germany and the Netherlands).

## 2. Scope of subcontractor services (hereinafter “Services”)

The scope of the Services is defined as follows:

- Deliver technical input to the development of publicly funded EIT Food Regenerative Agriculture Programme in the CEE region for at least one of the three sectors of production : horticulture, arable crops or permanent pasture/grassland, by advising and supporting EIT Food subcontractors that implement the Programme in 5 countries: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia,
- Advise, and drive activities around regenerative agriculture in collaboration with EIT Food partners, external corporates and organisations, and regularly develop a market report on the state of regenerative practices implementation in the aforementioned CEE countries,
- Contribute to the development of business methodology and service provision model for EIT Food Regenerative Agriculture Programme for the CEE region,
- Support EIT Food acceleration programmes for agriculture by advising, assessing applications, contributing to the database of latest technological innovations, such as microbiological soil tests, biofertilizers, precision agriculture solutions, etc.

## 3. Additional information

- Services should be provided up to 8 hours a day, 5 days a week, with events also taking place on weekends.
- Services will be provided in English and Polish.
- The remuneration for Services covers all costs such as office, IT equipment, expenses connected with operation of own car, etc. EIT Food, upon prior approval, will reimburse the Subcontractor for the travel and accommodation costs incl. highway and parking costs. Estimated costs of each trip will be pre-approved and reimbursed on the basis of relevant documents (e.g. invoices).
- The Subcontract Agreement may be renewed for a successive period of at least one (1) year if EIT Food confirms fulfilment of the specific criteria, based on objectively measurable indicators. The Agreement shall automatically end when the Grant Agreement ends. EIT Food may at any time terminate this Agreement upon notice if the Grant Agreement is terminated or not concluded for a given year.

## 4. Timeframe of the provision of Services

- From the date of signing the contract until December 31, 2022.
- The deadlines for the provision of individual services will be determined on the basis of the EIT Food project work schedule and the arrangements made each time with the EIT Food.
- The Subcontractor undertakes to confirm the readiness to perform a given service within 3 days of receiving the order.



## 5. Eligible applicants

Companies registered in Poland, irrespective of a legal form of their activity.

## 6. Selection process

Criteria for evaluation and selection of the offers are as follows:

1) When selecting an offer, EIT Food will be guided by the criteria of price (60%) and quality (40%).

2) All proposals will be evaluated taking into account the following criteria:

Previous experience in running commercial projects with corporates (10%)

Previous experience in business development (10%)

Knowledge about the theory and the practice of regenerative agriculture (10%)

A good level of spoken English (10%)

3) When assessing the price criterion, the following formula is used:  $\frac{\text{lowest offered net price}}{\text{net examined price}} \times 60\% \times 100$ .

4) The offer which obtains the highest total number of points in both criteria will be considered the best.

5) If two or more offers contain the same number of points, EIT Food will call the applicants who submitted these offers to submit additional offers. Applicants in additional offers will not be able to offer higher prices than those in the offers already submitted.

6) If the applicant whose offer is selected fails to provide the Services, EIT Food will select the most advantageous offer from among the remaining offers.

The selected Subcontractor will be required to sign a subcontract agreement with EIT Food based on the agreement template published as part of this call documentation. This call does not constitute an obligation of EIT Food to conclude a contract. This call may be cancelled at any time without giving reasons. In any case, no remuneration is provided to the applicants to cover the costs of preparation of the offers. Incomplete applications or applications submitted by ineligible applicants will be rejected. Complete applications received by EIT Food will be evaluated by an expert committee using standardized selection criteria. EIT Food reserves the right to contact the applicants by e-mail asking for additional explanations or supporting documents. All applications will be evaluated using transparent selection criteria, and all applicants will receive feedback, sent to an e-mail account indicated in the application template.

