

European Forest Institute

Grant process G-03-2024

Establishing Climate-Smart Forestry and forest restoration pilots in Europe

Questions and answers

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#	Question	Answer
1.	Is there a specific expectation of whether an application must establish one pilot site or rather a multi-site pilot study?	There is no specific expectation whether to establish one pilot site or multiple. The call aims to support the setting up of field trials across Europe for testing forest management and restoration practices, as a basis for developing an evidence-based understanding of effective CSF and restoration management practices in supporting climate change mitigation, adaptation, and biodiversity
2.	The submission guidelines state that the maximum grant amount is set at 140,000€ but the total project budget may exceed this amount. Does this mean, for instance, that the fieldwork must not exceed 140,000 but the coordination of a multi-site study can be added on top of that cost? Or does the limit of 140,000 refer to the maximum per participant?	The maximum grant value is EUR 140,000 and is paid in fixed lumpsum instalments.
3.	We would like to inquire whether Albania is eligible to apply for this grant.	Pre-assessment of a potential applicant meeting the eligibility criteria is not possible.
4.	Regarding the Grant G-03-2024 “Establishing Climate-Smart Forestry and forest restoration pilots in Europe”, I haven’t seen mention of overheads. Is there any percentage of indirect costs imposed, or is it 25%, as in Horizon Europe projects?	Overhead costs cannot be included in the budget.
5.	We are facing the following situation: Our company is accomplished in monitoring forest areas and corresponding advice, a feature applicable for this grant in multiple ways. We are asked in the role of	Yes, it is possible to be applicant in one application and subcontractor in another application, or subcontractor in two separate applications.

	<p>subcontractor to contribute to a project regarding grant G-03-2024, however, we also have the ambition to apply for the grant ourselves. This will be another topic and in the applicant role instead of the subcontractor role. Your guideline states clearly that it is not allowed for an applicant to apply for the grant twice, but is it allowed to contribute to the grant twice in two different roles or, for example, twice as subcontractor?</p> <p>Resume: is it allowed to contribute to the grant twice, as both the applicant and the subcontractor (or twice as subcontractor)?</p>	
6.	What is the minimum required size for field trials?	There is no minimum size.
7.	What are the minimum requirements for planning and funding post-project field trials and measurements to ensure a minimum duration of three years?	We cannot pre-assess the planning and funding required.
8.	What are the methodology requirements or references for conducting field measurements?	Measurements should be according to good scientific standards.
9.	What are the minimal requirements for ongoing activities under the project - expected frequency of monitoring, the number of samples per hectare, and the number of monitoring visits per year?	Measurements and activities should be according to good scientific standards depending on the aim of the trials.
10.	Should post-project monitoring be equivalent in frequency and scale to the ongoing monitoring, or can it be reduced?	We cannot pre-assess whether post-project monitoring should be equivalent in frequency and scale to the ongoing monitoring.
11.	Are chemical treatments acceptable for transforming alien species into native-species forest stands?	Trials must adhere to applicable laws and standards.
12.	Is the landowner and manager needed to be involved in the project as a partner, or is it sufficient if a contract between the applicant and the owner secures a cooperation agreement?	The Applicant must ensure that the field trials and measurements can be implemented as required.

13.	<p>Could you please provide us with further information regarding the ForestwardObservatory indicators? There is a statement in the call description that highlights the importance of these indicators, but we have not been able to find what these indicators are and how exactly you expect the project proposals to contribute to them.</p>	<p>The minimum list of indicators is given in the call text:</p> <p>Quantify impacts of management practices on multiple CSF and restoration indicators including at least carbon stocks and sequestration in forest biomass and soil, forest damage and health, tree species composition, forest productivity, and dead wood</p> <p>Additional indicators may be proposed.</p>
14.	<p>I would like to clarify how overhead costs should be included in the budget. Specifically, does the 25% flat rate typically applied to EU-funded projects apply in this case?</p>	<p>Overhead costs cannot be included in the budget.</p>