

## European Forest Institute

### Grant process G-07-2025

Establishing Climate-Smart Forestry and forest restoration pilots in Europe with citizen and stakeholder engagement

#### Questions and answers

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#	Question	Answer
1	I would like to have your suggestion if a Beneficiary still can participate in this proposal based on an in-kind contribution with no allocated budget or we should remove the Beneficiary from the consortium to be eligible for the calls requirements	Beneficiaries and associated partners of the FORWARDS project under the Grant Agreement No. 101084481 are <u>not eligible</u> even if the foreseen participation is based on an in-kind contribution with no allocated budget.
2	The trials must be independent of field trial already supported or established in by the Forward project (e.g., G-03-2024, G-03-2025, G-04-2025)?	There are considerable degrees of freedom in terms of the supporting or establishment of field trials, but activities must fall within the frame of the instructions, information, and all other requirements stated in call and the grant submission guidelines.
3	The trials are dependent on field trial already supported or established by the Forward project (e.g., G-03-2024, G-03-2025, G-04-2025)?	There are considerable degrees of freedom in terms of the supporting or establishment of field trials, but activities must fall within the frame of the instructions, information, and all other requirements stated in call and the grant submission guidelines.
4	Does this call favor the reestablishment of resilient and diverse forests that have died due to climate change?	We cannot pre-evaluate proposals. It is up to the applicant to present a proposal that meets the aims of the call.
5	Do you require a certain quality standard for measuring soil carbon?	There are considerable degrees of scientific freedom in terms of the field measurements approaches, but activities must fall within requirements stated in the call. It is for the Applicant to provide a description of the approach taken.
6	Would you like to explore innovative methods for stakeholder and citizen participation in decision-making on the	We cannot pre-evaluate projects. It is up to the applicant to present a proposal that

	design of the field trial or in the (repeated) implementation of inventories?	meets the aims of the call and grant submission guidelines.
7	In what form should the results of citizen and stakeholder participation be methodically prepared, documented, and evaluated?	All requirements are stated in the Grant submission guidelines. Additional information on reporting is included in Annex 3: Grant Agreement template.
8	Is cross-financing of the project desired?	We cannot pre-evaluate proposal.