

## European Forest Institute

### Grant process G-05-2023 Pilots of long-term climate impact forest monitoring sites

#### Questions and answers

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#	Question	Answer
1.	Regarding the requirement in Application Form (Part B) to state the European and biogeographic region that is targeted by the project, stating that only one region may be selected, we would like to ask if more regions are allowed in case of consortia. In other words, if there is an organisation appearing as a participant in a consortium from a different region than the coordinating organisation, can it participate actively in the proposal, or participate only in a supporting/counselling role, or isn't eligible for participation?	Only one region must be selected.  The eligibility criteria are listed in section IV of the call for grants and section 3 of the grant submission guidelines.
2.	We are interested in the current grant call for "Pilots of long-term climate impact forest monitoring sites" for a post-wildfire site located in Turkey. As you know, Turkey is not part of the EU, but a strategic partner, would it be possible for us to apply to this grant, more specifically, are we eligible?	Pre-assessment of a potential applicant in respect of meeting the eligibility criteria is not possible. All the eligibility information for this call is available at: <a href="https://efi.int/grants-training/grants/G-05-2023">https://efi.int/grants-training/grants/G-05-2023</a> . The eligibility criteria can be found in section IV of the call for grants and section 3 of the grant submission guidelines.
3.	In the case of a consortium, is it possible for one partner to be a university, and are Universities eligible for funding as part of the 145,000€ grant?	The eligibility information for this call is available at: <a href="https://efi.int/grants-training/grants/G-05-2023">https://efi.int/grants-training/grants/G-05-2023</a> . The eligibility criteria can be found in section IV of the call for grants and section 3 of the grant submission guidelines.
4.	In the Grant Submission guidelines, there is the following text (page 5): <i>"To acquire consistent information the following data collection process is suggested:</i> • <i>Coordinate and support imaging spectroscopy flights to be conducted by an airborne data provider in the frame of the FORWARDS project. Imaging data acquisition and processing should be conducted by the provider according to standardised</i>	FORWARDS has already contacted an airborne data provider (there are only few in Europe) and the aim is to get harmonized (and comparable) data. However, the applicant might choose one that seems most suitable for them. A joint harmonisation effort will be needed among the funded projects and FORWARDS (and the providers) to obtain a harmonized data set.

	<p><i>procedures3 so that different sites and regions can be compared. Successful applicants / projects are recommended to equip their sites with portable radiometric targets before an overflight, needed for data radiometric calibration and validation."</i></p> <p>-Is the airborne data provider an already existing partner of the FORWARDS project, or is it selected by the FORWARDS project?</p>	
5.	<p>Do the <i>"successful applicants / projects"</i> will need to support the costs of the airborne data provider and related imaging spectroscopy flight(s)? or Do the costs of the airborne data provider and related flight(s) will be supported by FORWARDS project and the <i>"successful applicants / projects"</i> will need to support only the costs of coordinating and supporting, equipping their sites with portable radiometric targets, and performing the ground-truthing measurements (including foliar sampling and analysis)?</p>	<p>The costs of the airborne data provider and related imaging spectroscopy flight(s) will be paid by the funded projects.</p>