

## European Forest Institute

### Grant process G-07-2024 Characterization of European forest disturbances

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#	Question	Answer
1.	<p>I would like to ask if it is possible to include in the proposal the use of additional satellites offering hyperspectral imaging capabilities. These satellites could provide valuable complementary information, especially in the analysis of stress indicators and the more detailed characterization of forest disturbances.</p> <p>I would greatly appreciate your guidance regarding the feasibility of this proposal and any additional details that we should consider to technically justify the use of this type of satellites within the framework of the call.</p>	Pre-assessment of an application is not possible.
2.	Firstly, I would like to ask you if there are some obligatory deliverables of the grant (e.g. final report, paper, map, raw compiled data).	All requirements are stated in the Grant submission guidelines. Additional information on reporting is included in Annex 3: Grant Agreement template.
3.	Is there any upper limit (percentage) for personnel costs within the total budget?	No
4.	Finally, I am curious which remote-sensing technique should be used to monitor disturbances? Is LIDAR adequate tool or only satellite-based remote sensing data are allowed?	The scope of the supported projects and activities are outlined in the Grant submission guidelines.
5.	Could you confirm if the call follow the budget rules of Horizon Europe? the costs of permanent staff are financed? Or only the cost of contracted staff is financed?	Budget and cost matters are stated in the Grant submission guidelines, especially its annexes 2 and 3.
6.	Can the database be built with interpreted very fine resolution satellite imagery (e.g. Planet or MAXAR)? Or should it be solely field measurements?	Pre-assessment of an application is not possible.

7.	Should stump diameter and stand tree diameter be included in the metrics measured (in which case field work is necessary)?	Ground reference data should include disturbance types, year, stump diameter, stand tree diameter and height, and canopy cover.
8.	I'm currently working on a proposal for the G-07-2024 call. While this call focuses on the systematic collection of ground data on forest disturbance and recovery, we were looking for a relevant pilot site to extend on the prior art of FORWARDS. However, in addition to the 5 published sites on the website, we can imagine that more areas have already been covered due to previous calls. Is there a way to share what geographical pilot sites have been involved so far, so that we can be complementary to these previous initiatives?	Complementarity to other projects supported by FORWARDS is not evaluated under the award criteria.
9.	Will the project management be done in the EU Funding & Tenders Portal (like in many other EU projects)? If not, how will it be done? What exactly is necessary?	Beneficiaries will not use the EU Funding & Tenders Portal. Reporting and related actions will be undertaken as stated in the grant agreement (annex 3 to the grant submission guidelines).
10.	Many EU projects need a signed DoH or something similar beforehand – is this also need for the EFI call G-07-2024? If yes, is there a template, or should the template from the EU Funding & Tenders Portal be used?	As part of the application, Application form part A (Annex 1 to the Grant submission guidelines) must be signed and submitted.  Applicants will not use the EU Funding & Tenders Portal.