

**Development of Innovative optical commercial sensors - Call for Proposals
Financial Support to Third Parties - Cascading Grant - Grant Agreement
EUSST2023-26, Subcontract ID S2.2_03
CUP Grant EUSST2023-26GA: F83C23002620006.**

Response to requests provided in the Procedure Platform

<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>
<p>In reference to article 8 of Call for Proposal (Terms of funding and financial reporting) - do You expect each periodic report to be formally audited and certified by external auditor or just the final one (assuming the criteria stated in Article 20 .2 of Template Sub-Grant are met)?</p>	<p>According to what is stated in Article 8. <i>Terms of funding and financial reporting</i> of the Call for Proposals, audited financial statements have to be submitted as part of the periodic technical and financial report by the subgrantees in correspondence with the contractual events identified in the Contract.</p> <p>Furthermore, as indicated in Article 20.2 <i>Periodic reporting: Technical reports and financial statements</i> of the Sub Grant Agreement Template, the financial part of the periodic report includes “<i>the certificates on the financial statements (CFS) for each subgrantee if one of the following conditions is met:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>the cumulative amount of payments the subgrantee requests as reimbursement of actual costs (and for which no certificate has yet been submitted) is > EUR 325 000 or more</i> ○ <i>the maximum grant amount indicated for that subgrantee in the estimated budget as reimbursement of actual costs is EUR 750 000 or more.”</i>
<p>In reference to article 4.3 and 4.4 of Call for Proposal and article 9.1 of Template Sub-Grant (Conditions for participation) - Are</p>	<p>As stated in Article 4.2 Participation conditions of the Call for Proposals, financial support shall be granted only to economic operators, or shall</p>



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<p>the services usually acquired at sensor destination (building services, Insurance, Hosting etc.) covered by definition of non-sensitive activities and therefore despite obtained from non-EU companies - eligible or not?</p>	<p>involve only economic operators (whatever their position in the subcontracting chain) which shall fulfil the eligibility conditions specified in the same article.</p>
<p>In reference to article 4.2 of Call for Proposal - Is it obligatory that Consortium Coordinator is the owner of the equipment at the moment of partial payments or just prior to final payment? At which point of time the ownership of equipment should be past over the Coordinator by other members of Consortium - to ensure direct costs of equipment are eligible?</p>	<p>The Coordinator needs to be the owner of the sensor anytime before the ending date of the project which will be stated in Article 4. Duration and starting date of the Contract</p>
<p>In reference to article 5.2.1 of Call for Proposal (Criteria of eligibility), point vii: what kind of verification or testing is expected to be performed by Subgrantee to justify the costs?</p>	<p>The costs incurred in by the Sub-Grantee in the project are justified through the submission of Certified Financial reports. As mentioned in Article 8. <i>Terms of funding and financial reporting</i> of the Call for proposals, “<i>The method of financial reporting is explicitly set out in Art. 20 of the Subgrant Agreement template.</i>” More specifically, Article 20.2 <i>Periodic reporting: Technical reports and financial statements</i> of the Sub-Grant Agreement Template specifies that: <i>The financial statements must detail the eligible costs and contributions for each budget category and, for the final payment, also the possible revenues for the action. All eligible costs and contributions incurred should be declared.</i></p>
<p>In reference to Article 6.2 point C2 of Template Sub-Grant - Is there feasibility to declare the assets as 'full Capitalised costs' meeting the eligibility criteria and recorded under a fixed assets account at local accounting standards (polish) or it is obligatory to have implemented international accounting standards for purpose of such classification?</p>	<p>International accounting standards have to be respected</p>





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<p>Concerning the co-financing to be contributed by the Beneficiary (either by way of own resources or by financial contribution from third parties), please clarify if the co-financing implemented prior to the kick-off of the EU SST activity, subject to this Call for Proposal, is eligible</p>	<p>The rules to be followed for the eligibility of the cofinancing are the same that apply to incurred costs and that are mentioned in Article 5.2.1 Criteria of costs eligibility of the Call for proposals: <i>The starting date of cost eligibility can not be prior to the date of the contract signature. Costs eligible for (co-)financing may not have been incurred prior to this date.</i></p>
<p>In reference to article 5.2.1 of Call for Proposal: In case of sensor upgrade, are the costs of sensor depreciation eligible - if the sensor capitalisation occurred before the agreement date? Or Just the costs of upgrade of existing sensor are eligible, but not the base depreciation?</p>	<p>For all information on equipment costs eligibility please refer to Article 6.2 of the Template Sub-Grant and to the rules set out in the Annotated Model Grant Agreement published in the European Commission websites.</p>
<p>In reference to article 8 of Call for Proposal: what level of pre-financing is available in the tender?</p>	<p>The amount of pre-financing, schedule and modalities will be set out in Article 21.1 of the Contract. It is expected that the amount will not exceed 20% of the total funding.</p>
<p>Innovative Commercial Sensors, Statement of works, pages 19-21. In DATA-REQ-22 Slant Total Electron Count, TROPO_DYR, TROPO_WET measurements are defined as requested measurements (i.e., could be provided, good to have but not mandatory). In DATA-REQ-26 these measurements are defined as must have (i.e., shall be provided). As the mentioned parameters influence mostly the radio waves and do not impact much the visible light wavelength range, we would like to ask for clarification if they are a hard requirement (i.e., must have) for optical sensors in DATA-REQ-26. We would also like to ask about the acceptable method or required device precision, accuracy for the mentioned measurements, as precise and accurate methods may be expensive.</p>	<p>The requirements are intended relevant only for radars sensors, for optical assets can be ignored.</p>
<p>We already have in our portfolio several software packages, including a FITS to TDM conversion, which we intend to use in the</p>	<p>For all information on equipment costs eligibility please refer to Article 6.2 of the Template Sub-Grant and to the rules set out in</p>





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<p>project. Did the annual license of those SWs can be considered as cofinance? Did the existing IPR on sensor design can be considered co financing?</p>	<p>the Annotated Model Grant Agreement published in the European Commission websites. With reference to the existing IPR on sensor design they cannot be considered as co-funding.</p>
<p>In reference to Sub-Grant agreement template article 21: is it acceptable to accelerate project and organize preFar meeting in less than 6 months from last CIR and schedule payments at CIR#1, CIR#2 and FAR (assuming no payment at preFAR stage)?</p>	<p>The payment plan will be finalized at the contract signature stage and will be included in the final Article 21 of the Sub-Grant Agreement.</p>

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