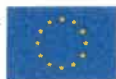


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Terms of References for

Data analysis services

required within the project ForestConnect - Towards a climate-smart forest connectivity for large carnivores in the Balkan-Carpathian-Dinaric region, DRP0200359, project funded by the Interreg Danube Regional Programme and co-funded by the European Union through the European Regional Development Fund

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Procurement requirements

General data

Subject of the project: ForestConnect - Towards a climate-smart forest connectivity for large carnivores in the Balkan-Carpathian-Dinaric region, DRP0200359

Subject of the procurement procedure: Data analysis services realized within the ForestConnect project

CPV Code: 72222300 Information technology services

Beneficiary: The Association WWF-Romania, 36 Delea Noua Street, sector 3, postal code 030925, tel. 021 317 49 49 96, fax 021 317 49 97 e-mail: office@wwf.ro, Bucharest, Romania.

Specific data

Data analysis services are needed to perform the work assumed on the Specific Objective 1, "New tools and technologies integrated in transnational monitoring of large carnivores 'forests'; joint and harmonised development of transnational tools and technologies for monitoring of key large carnivore forest habitats and identification of populations movement patterns in response to climate change. Development of an online viewer on "human-wildlife conflict hotspots" due to climate-induced

changes. All PPs will contribute to it via their updated GIS databases. The viewer will extract information from the PPs GIS databases and will visualise the potential hotspot zones of human-wildlife conflicts. It will be tested first in Romania and after adjusting its functionalities, then it will be applied in all project pilot countries.

The data gathered will be adapted or processed and uploaded in the Data Catalogue and the Geoportal of the Carpathian Countries Integrated Biodiversity Information System – CCIBIS (<https://ccibis.org/data-catalogue-3/>), in order to exchange information with the Dinaric and Balkan ecoregions further on; CCIBIS collaborative platform facilitate a comprehensive analysis and data visualisation.

The proposed term of services - validity of the contract is for the period October 2025 – June 2026.

Information technology services in ForestConnect

1. Adapt and upload on the CCIBS the maps of critical connectivity sectors from at least 6 pilot sites

Task Description:

- The maps are developed within the project and shared with the data analysis service provider in order to be adapted/processed for web upload in the CCIBS (<https://ccibis.org/data-catalogue-3/>).
- The maps are highlighting critical ecological connectivity sectors in Romania, Bulgaria, Montenegro, Slovakia, Ukraine based on spatial data provided by the project partners.

Expected deliverables:

✓ The set maps uploaded in CCIBS; Project Code D1.1.1 "Map of critical connectivity sectors in at least 6 pilot sites site; uploaded into the CCIBIS Data GIS Layer Catalog".
Expected delivery date: 15.12.2025.

2. Update of the CCIBIS platform and creation of online viewer for the hotspots of conflict

Task Description:

- Analyzing the platform's current status and gaps, Operational feedback, and recommendations for improving the system's architecture and data functionalities.
- Conducting technical (security) and interface improvements
- Verification of the quality of data collected by the partners, guidance to partners for choice of data to be uploaded into CCIBIS (on access rights) and for metadata creation; Upload of data and metadata (connection with CCIBIS and GIS database);

- Creation/integration of new online map viewer on CCIBIS platform with a focus “human-wildlife conflict hotspots”, but also allowing visualization of the other data in the database
- Testing of the platform's functionalities for visualizing human-wildlife conflict zones;

Status: Connection in place with with Spectra Centre of Excellence, Institute of Management, Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava; Mirror of the current CCIBIS created for testing of the online map viewer, The Terms of References (ToR) for the online viewer for human-wildlife hotspot zones (project Deliverable D.1.2.5) are attached to this document.

Expected outputs:

- ✓ A technical report on the pilot testing of the Map Viewer for one pilot site – Romania (Project code O1.1.3 online viewer of “human-wildlife conflict hotspots” in 1 pilot site (RO))
Expected delivery date: 15.12.2025.
- ✓ Online viewer (Project code O1.2.3 The online viewer “human-wildlife conflict hotspots” visualizes potential conflict areas along transnational forest corridors.);
Expected delivery date for the final viewer: 15.06.2026

3. Other tasks

- ✓ Maintaining the relation with the ForestConnect project's experts by participating in relevant meetings in order to collect and structure the data needed for the data analysis tasks. Provide feedback and information to the Partner's questions in regards to the needs for developing the online viewer.
If data is missing in some countries, the service provider will identify other data sources in order to develop the online viewer.
- ✓ The deliverables/reports (as they are mentioned above by the Project codes) are delivered in an editable format by the service provider at the specified deadlines mentioned above; WWF RO will take care of the layout, according to project rules of visibility.

Contract value

Maximum value of the contract excluding VAT is 3571.42 euro (no taxes included)/ 4250 euro (all taxes included).

Applied procedure: simplified competitive procurement.

Applicable law: The requirements imposed by the project implementation manual and Romanian law.

Award criterion: In order to comply with the principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness, the beneficiary will choose as the successful bid the most advantageous offer from a technical point of view and not exceeding the estimated value according to the budget.

Presentation of the offer

The offer shall be submitted to the headquarters of WWF-Romania, 36 Delea Noua Street, sector 3, postal code 030925, tel. 021 317 49 49 96, fax 021 317 49 97 or will be sent to the email address: lismail@wwf.ro, until the **deadline, the 13th of October 2025**.

Further information can be obtained at WWF-Romania headquarters or email: zszabo@wwf.ro.

Contact person: Zoltán D. Szabó - Project Technical Expert.

The offer shall be submitted in English and shall contain:

1. Qualification documents

- ✓ Registration Certificate,
- ✓ Certificate of Status issued by the Trade Register (or similar) that states the activities the company is authorised to execute,
- ✓ Tax residence certificate,
- ✓ Declaration of own responsibility (please find the template attached).

2. The financial offer

The price offer shall comply with the requirements specified below:

The price offer must cover the entire contract, as stipulated in the tender documentation.

Prices and the total amount shall be expressed in EURO excluding VAT, shall be firm, shall not be subsequently increased and shall be valid until the contract has been fully performed. In order to evaluate and compare the tenders submitted as accurately as possible, the beneficiary may ask the tenderer for clarifications to its tender.

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Financial offers exceeding the total estimated threshold will be rejected.
The financial offer must be signed by the tenderer.

3. Technical offer

The technical offer shall be presented in such a way that it fully complies with the requirements set out above in the tender documentation for the data analyzing services.

Please provide relevant expertise within data analyse for the last 3 years of activity together with the CVs of the experts that will be involved in the required services.

Payment terms and conditions

Payment for the contracted services will be made according to the contract. Payment will be made in EURO. WWF RO is intra-community VAT registered, code 37375450, so the invoice will be issued without VAT.

Final clarifications

WWF Romania, as the procuring entity, reserves the right to reject any or all tenders, if:

1. do not comply with the mandatory conditions for participation in the procurement,
2. are subject to a conflict of interest,
3. do not comply with the provisions of this tender documentation,
4. the amounts presented by the tenderers in their tenders exceed the amounts previously estimated and budgeted,
5. the values presented by the tenderers in their tenders are underestimated due to a desire to win the contract at any price,
6. are guilty of misrepresentation in supplying the information required by the purchaser as a condition of participation in the procurement procedure or fail to supply the information required,
7. have submitted the documentation after the deadline specified in the call for participation.