



REST-COAST

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Project 'Large scale RESToration of COASTal ecosystems through rivers to sea connectivity'
— 'REST-COAST' – H2020-LC-GD-2020 / H2020-LC-GD-2020-3 Restoring biodiversity and
ecosystem services

**GRANT AGREEMENT
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Organization: **MedWet – c/o La Tour du Valat – Le Sambuc – 13200 Arles**

Object: Request of Offer for the position of Technical Coordinator of the project REST-COAST

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1 Background information

MedWet is participating in the H2020 project 'Large scale RESToration of COASTal ecosystems through rivers to sea connectivity' — 'REST-COAST'.

REST-COAST will demonstrate to what extent upscaled coastal restoration can provide a low-carbon adaptation, reducing risks and providing gains in biodiversity for vulnerable coastal ecosystems, such as wetlands or sea grass beds. By overcoming present technical, economic, governance and social barriers to restoration upscaling, REST COAST will develop the large-scale river-coast connectivity and increase the nearshore accommodation space for the resilient delivery of coastal ecosystem services (ESS).

The selected ESS (risk reduction, environmental quality and fish provisioning) touch urgent coastal problems such as the erosion/flooding during recent storms or the accelerating coastal habitat degradation that seriously affects fisheries and aquaculture. By enhancing these ESS under present and future climates at 9 Pilots that represent the main EU regional seas (Baltic, Black, North, Atlantic and Mediterranean) we shall increase the commitment of citizens, stakeholders and policy makers for a long-term maintenance of restoration. Such commitment will go together with a transformation of governance and financial structures, supported by evidence-based results on restoration benefits for the welfare of coastal societies and assets.

This transformation will build upon the results from hands-on restoration at the Pilots, steered by the multidisciplinary project advances. Combining new techniques, risk assessments, innovative financial/governance arrangements and homogeneous metrics for ESS and biodiversity, REST-COAST will develop a systemic approach to coastal restoration based on a scalable coastal adaptation plan. The plan will underpin a transformative change in governance and policies, proving the importance of the coastal dimension in the EU Green Deal for adaptation/mitigation under climate change. The proposed adaptation will facilitate replicating large scale restoration and introducing coastal ESS into national and international policies.

2 The main role of MedWet in REST-COAST

The main role of MedWet in REST-COAST is to initiate innovative policies and management schemes in the Mediterranean region promoting wetland conservation and wise use. Medwet will advocate Mediterranean countries that are members of MedWet to influence national policies and improve the restoration agenda, and support policy and advocacy actions to transfer restoration outcomes in international frameworks e.g. Ramsar and CBD. Medwet will also be involved by transferring the outcomes to the Mediterranean wetlands manager network and organizing online training and collaborating within the General Assembly.

The main objectives of MedWet in REST-COAST will be: 1) bringing together governments and key nongovernmental organizations in the region; 2) raising countries awareness on the need to shared conservation objectives and on implementing the Wetland Contract as a replicable management tool.

More specifically, MedWet will be involved in three different Working Packages (WPs), briefly described below.

WP5 - Transformative governance for restoration upscaling: to create an enabling socioeconomic environment for transformative and restoration-supportive governance that better integrates policies and mechanisms for large scale coastal restoration. Bring an evolution in governance and policies that will promote an ecosystem based adaptation and will ensure that upscaled restoration is actually implemented to face present coastal disasters and future climatic/anthropic pressures circumventing present barriers.

WP6 - Dissemination/exploitation and social transformation tools: dissemination/exploitation tools to ensure that society and relevant public/private parties receive the necessary inputs to be engaged in the Restoration Revolution proposed by the project. The transfer will be tailored to reach all relevant socioeconomic sectors (civil society, stakeholders, policy makers, industry, students, etc.) to trigger a socioeconomic transformation that incorporates digital information, multidisciplinary knowledge and new engagement tools.

WP7 - Management and cooperation at EU/International levels: manage the project development to ensure a convincing demonstration of the feasibility and limits for large scale coastal restoration, generating added value with other EU/international initiatives. Combination of partners from Government, public research, private companies, conservation foundations and financial organisations to underpin a transformative change in governance/policies for a decarbonised coastal adaptation and risk reduction that develops the Green Deal coastal dimension.

3 Tasks to be performed by the technical coordinator

The technical coordinator will be in charge to support MedWet in the following activities:

- Ensure the cross-cutting participation and technical support to the other partners in the work plan and actions related to the following Work Packages:
 - o WP5 - Transformative governance for restoration upscaling
 - o WP6 - Dissemination/exploitation and social transformation tools
 - o WP7 - Management and cooperation at EU/International levels

The technical coordinator will:

- provide essential support to the project, working with the others members of the team
- review progress on a regular basis and discuss future steps of the project
- arrange meetings with project's members, take minutes of the meetings and preparing deliverables, technical and scientific reports
- be responsible for maintaining crucial project documents which track project progress
- identify any potential issues or risks that could affect the implementation of the project and identify potential solutions
- manage the schedule, monitoring deadlines for each project task and report any potential delays.
- draft interim and final reports

The Consultant's mission shall consist of the provision of services according to the grant agreement number 101037097 — REST-COAST.

4 Contractual and Financial Terms

The Consultancy service will be required for 37 months. The expert shall be paid upon successful completion of each milestone the fees for the number of working days, assuming the standard of 7

hours per day, based on work plan/agreed deliverable and satisfactory performance. The consultancy will be Home Based with frequent visit to MedWet premises and other partners of the projects or

relevant stakeholders as needed. The contract commencement date is aimed to be by March 9, 2023 until the end of the project.

The consultant/expert will be directly responsible, for seeking approval/acceptance of output/milestones from the Project Manager and is expected to share progress reports monthly. The selected expert will be coordinating with project team to facilitate his/her activities and meeting. The acceptance of the offer of the successful tender will implicate the acceptance of the conditions detailed in this ToR. A duly-issued invoice will be required for payment at the presentation of the output/milestones under the following conditions:

- the invoice will specify the number of working days
- the payment term will be of 15 days after the invoice date (bank account details should be detailed)
- the tax legislation in force at the date of acceptance of the offer will be applied

The financial offer must include:

-the provision in terms of working days and daily rate for the technical coordination of the activities of the project REST-COAST

-the expenses associated to the participation in 4 project meetings, starting from 09 March 2023. Three annual meetings and a final project event in spring 2026. It is possible that the participation to international forums and/or conferences could be required during the project.

The financial offer for the services must not exceed 65000 euros

5 Deadline and submission of offer

5.1 Application rules

Candidates are invited to send an application via e-mail to perroud@medwet.org no later than **3 March 2023 by 18.00** Central European Time.

The assignment will be awarded to the highest qualified applicant based on the skills, expertise, and the quality of the technical note and the cost-effectiveness of the financial offer.

The application needs to contain the following:

- CV(s) including relevant knowledge and experience;
- **Technical note:**
 - *Brief description of why the individual considers him/herself as the most suitable for the assignment;*
 - *Brief technical note of 2 pages maximum describing: 1) the proposed methodology for the implementation of the WP concerned; 2) how it envisions cooperation with the project coordinator and other partners for the others WPs; 3) a presentation of its flexibility in adapting the methodology, initiatives and approach proposed to meet the changing needs of the project.*
- **Financial offer:** When preparing the financial offer, the applicant should take into account the following: 1) Include the number of proposed working days and daily fee rate for consulting

services broken down by tasks; 2) the fee rates should be broadly consistent with the EU framework rates for these types of professional services; 3) Include travel and accommodation costs for 4 project in-person meetings; 4) Include any other costs to be incurred, as per the methodology and concept note the expert will propose. Incomplete proposals may not be considered.

- the certificate of honour as requested below.

5.2 Certificate of honour

The tenderer must provide a certificate of honour, duly dated and signed, stating that **she/he is not in any of the following cases**:

- she/he is in bankruptcy, liquidation, legal settlement, cessation of activity
- she/he has been convicted by a judgment which has the force of res judicata for any offense affecting their professional character
- she/he has not fulfilled his obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or his obligations relating to the payment of his taxes according to the legal provisions of the country where they are established
- she/he has been the subject of a judgment for fraud, corruption, participation in a criminal organization or any other illegal activity detrimental to the Union's financial interests;
- she/he is in a conflict of interest.

6 Evaluation and selection process

The award of the contract shall be made to the individual consultant whose offer has been evaluated and determined as:

- a) responsive/compliant/acceptable, and
- b) having received the highest score out of a pre-determined set of weighted technical and financial criteria specific to the solicitation.

* Technical Criteria: weight 80%

* Financial Criteria weight 20%

Only candidates obtaining a minimum of 49 points (80% of the total technical points) would be considered for the Financial Evaluation.

Technical Criteria – Maximum 80 points

Technical note (40 points):

- Technical Approach & Methodology (30 points) – Explain the understanding of the objectives of the assignment, approach to the services, methodology for carrying out the activities and obtaining the expected output, and the degree of detail of such output. The Applicant should also explain the methodologies proposed to adopt and highlight the compatibility of those methodologies with the proposed approach.
- Work Plan (10 points) – The Applicant should propose the main activities of the assignment, their content and duration, phasing and milestones. The proposed work plan should be consistent with the technical approach and methodology, showing understanding of the TOR and ability to translate them into a feasible working plan.

Qualification and Experience (40 points) [evaluation of CV]:

- General Qualification (20 points);

- Experience relevant to the assignment (20 points);

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