

Market Consultation

EPRM Strategic Action Plan

Organization: The Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO)

The Netherlands Enterprise Agency (**in Dutch: Rijksdienst voor Ondernemend Nederland, RVO**) supports private and public organizations with funding, international business partners, knowledge, and regulations.

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Background

In 2016, the European Partnership for Responsible Minerals (EPRM) was founded to be an accompanying measure to the EU Responsible Minerals Regulation (EURMR). As a multi-stakeholder partnership, the EPRM aims to increase the proportion of responsibly produced minerals from conflict-affected and high-risk areas (CAHRAs) with a focus on the four 'conflict minerals': tin, tantalum, tungsten, and gold (3TG).

Purpose of the notification

The purpose of the market consultation is development of a 3-5 year Strategic Action Plan, including strategic recommendations for future development of EPRM, as well as a road map for implementation.

Extent and duration

The project will start as soon as possible (indication December 2021) and must be completed by 31 December 2022. The external expert (team) will work on a part time basis and deliver the assignment within 6 months after signing the agreement. Necessary follow-up activities take place until the end of 2022.

Budget indication

Maximum budget is € 63,200 excluding DUTCH VAT (and € 80,000 including DUTCH VAT).

Deliverable

Strategic Action Plan with a 3-5 year focus consisting of recommendations and a road map for implementation. Areas to be prioritized in the articulation of the Strategic Action Plan are:

1. Steering on strategy. Updating the EPRM's long term vision, maximizing impacts of EPRM's activities and funded projects in line with its ambitions (building on existing work from WG's and Secretariat) and implementation of methodologies to be forward-looking to new developments affecting the minerals sector and EPRM target groups.
2. Partnership development. Creating value for a growing base of EPRM-members, with a focus on supply chain actor pillar of EPRM.
3. External relations and outreach. Leveraging EPRM's unique role as accompanying measure to the EU RMR, and developing relations with other responsible minerals actors, initiatives and upstream stakeholders.

Required skills/experience

From the expert (team) we require sufficient knowledge and expertise of responsible mineral sourcing and supply chain/due diligence related issues:

- An track record in conflict minerals, due diligence, responsible sourcing agendas, and on-the-ground mining and/or Artisanal Small-Scale Mining expertise.

- Broad network among the key stakeholder groups (industry, Governments, CSO) and organizations related to responsible minerals and supply chain due diligence on minerals specific.
- Experience in managing and shaping multi-stakeholder partnerships

Application

Based on the market consultation, RVO can decide to start a procurement procedure. Interested companies can be invited to this procedure. Your response to this market consultation does not mean you have the right to be invited to this procurement procedure.

When multiple companies respond, there can be a random supplier selection.

If you are interested in this procurement procedure you can send an e-mail to Katia Sayapina, katia.sayapina@rvo.nl, and in CC Michaela Passamani and Sylvia van Buchem, at micaela.passamani@rvo.nl & sylvia.vanbuchem@rvo.nl.

You do not have to send documents; only add you company details, address and possibly your web address.

The deadline for responding to this notification is set at **20 November 2021**.

Yours sincerely,

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