

PRIOR INFORMATION NOTICE

Services

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SECTION I: CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

I.1) NAME AND ADDRESSES

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I.2) JOINT PROCUREMENT

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I.3) COMMUNICATION

Additional information can be obtained from

the abovementioned address

I.4) TYPE OF THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.5) MAIN ACTIVITY

Other activity: Research

SECTION II: OBJECT

II.1) SCOPE OF THE PROCUREMENT

II.1.1) Title

Market survey Agrowater-nexus Spain Phase II

Reference number: 1678759

II.1.2) CPV code(s)

Main code:

73000000 - Onderzoek en ontwikkeling, en aanverwante adviezen

Supplementary code:

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II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Spain is one of the European countries which is and will be the most affected by climate change. The concern about how food will be produced, if the climate keeps changing and if the soils keep deteriorating, is growing. The implementation of climate smart soil and water management practices, such as the use of cover crops to protect soil, could improve yields and reduce soil erosion or the loss of biodiversity associated with a poor soil management. Therefore we would like to execute the next phase of the agro water nexus project. In the first phase we already gathered a lot of information about soil and water related practices that farmers can implement in their farms with the aim to protect their soils and enhance water availability.

The objective of phase 2 is to implement and evaluate the effects of the soil-water-management practices earlier identified, the use of cover crops to protect soil and enhance water infiltration.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 80 000,00 Currency: EUR

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2) DESCRIPTION

II.2.1) Title

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Lot No: -

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

Main code:

73110000 - Uitvoeren van onderzoek

Supplementary code:

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Main code:

73100000 - Onderzoek en experimentele ontwikkeling

Supplementary code:

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II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS code:

NL NEDERLAND

Main site or place of performance:

Joint research in the Netherlands AND Spain (region Castilla La Mancha)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement:

(nature and quantity of works, supplies or services or indication of needs and requirements)

By an on-line questionnaire we have made an assessment of farmers behaviors and main barriers for the implementation of cover crops. The questionnaire reflects that most of the farmers manage their soil following a traditional approach, with intensive tillage (2 or more times per year) and the burn of pruning residues as common practices.

From the workshops and surveys carried out, it is clear that the benefits of the use of ground covers are known to most producers in Castilla-La Mancha. Likewise, scientific evidence only confirms their positive effects, both on the soil and on the crop. Despite this, the degree of implementation is very limited. This is why a regional strategy is needed to enable producers in Castilla-La Mancha to go far beyond the requirements of the CAP, generating a conscious and voluntary change in the approach to integrated water and soil management.

This strategy should consider the following elements:

- The creation of a network of producers
- Establish a process of dialogue between the main actors
- To elaborate a guide or manual on the implementation of vegetal covers in Castile-La Mancha
- Train and involve technicians from plant health associations

- Establish a participatory monitoring network
- Support the diversification of several incomes for regional farmers
- Evaluate the possibility of monetising the ecosystem services derived from this type of management as a complement to farmers' income through the sale of carbon rights for the fixation of CO₂ in the soil
- Demonstrate the long-term benefits of the use of vegetal covers
- Identify best practices regarding both the content of the measures but also on the transition and stakeholder process and write a proposal for knowledge sharing between Spanish and Dutch stakeholders.

Requirements:

- The contractor should be fluent in Spanish and have at least C1 level in English.
- The contractor should be willing to travel to and in Spain.
- The contractor should have a degree in hydrology or similar.
- The contractor should have experience with working on soil-water-management practices in rain-fed crops.
- The contractor should have a network in the Spanish and Dutch research institutes working on the implementation of soil-water-management practices in rain-fed crops.
- The contractor should have a network with and must have first-hand experience with cooperation with local farmers and other stakeholders in the region of Castilla La Mancha.
- It is a pre, if the contractor has experience with the process regarding transitions and with social stakeholder engagement.

II.2.14) Additional information:

Phase II of Agro-water nexus project in Spain.

Joint research in The Netherlands AND Spain (region Castilla La Mancha)

Phase I conducted by University of Wageningen, report of phase I can be obtained by emailing to mad-lnv@minbuza.n

II.3) ESTIMATED DATE OF PUBLICATION OF CONTRACT NOTICE

31/05/2023

SECTION IV: PROCEDURE

IV.1) DESCRIPTION

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

SECTION VI: COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

VI.3) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Joint research in The Netherlands and Spain (region Castilla La Mancha

VI.5) DATE OF DISPATCH OF THIS NOTICE

30/05/2023