

1st Memorandum of information European tender 'Policy- and technical advice on the beneficial uses of marine dredged sediments' in Colombia, including nature-based solutions.

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In this memorandum of information, the contracting authority provides answers to the questions asked and remarks posted in the context of the above-mentioned European tender. This memorandum of information forms an integral part of the tender document with reference 202403065.

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1.	Activity 3.4	Are these training sessions expected to be hybrid, in person or virtual? How many people are expected to participate from the counterpart organizations?	These trainings are expected to be virtual or hybrid. Separate intercontinental travel is not expected for these training sessions. The virtual participation of international experts could be considered as an option, while regional/Colombian experts offer an in-person component. Logistics (including interpretation, if necessary) will be organized by the Contractor. A group of between 20 and 25 participants is estimated.
2.	Activity 2.4	Are the training sessions only for the team of Minambiente (as mentioned in the TORs) or for other key counterparts as well? Are these training sessions expected to be hybrid, in person or virtual? How many people are expected to participate from the counterpart organizations?	Minambiente is the main target group for training related to this topic. However, optional participation by other entities should be allowed. A virtual format is expected, for a group of maximum 15 people. For other logistical items, see the answer to question 1.
3.	Activity 3	What is RVO's expectation in regards to the participation of Invemar in the development of the contract? Was Invemar involved in the process of developing the TOR for this assignment?	Invemar did not participate in the preparation of the Tender Document. At this moment, there is no expectation of involving Invemar in the development of this consultancy.
4.	Section 2.4	Can you specify the area or group of Minambiente that will support the consultancy? Did this group participate in the process of building the TOR with RVO for the tender?	Minambiente participated the development of the Tender Document. Minambiente participated in the construction of the Tender Document, and has a group assigned to accompany the consulting, involving DAMCRA and DAASU areas.
5.	Activity 3	"The assessment of the quality of dredged marine sediments in the port area of Barranquilla is needed to generate inputs for the theoretical case study. Will this information be available for the contractor? What if	Colombia will share the available information to conduct this consultancy through the institutions involved in this project. The consultant must work with the available

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		the information is insufficient or not completely available for the contractor?"	information. The contractor may conduct research to obtain additional information that it considers relevant. Activity 3.3 on the data-gap analysis answers the question on insufficient data availability.
6.	Element 3	Will RVO share any additional data and information on the Barranquilla situation or does RVO expect that existing data is gathered by the contractor?	See the answer to question 5.
7.	7.2.17	In case a dredging contractor would be involved in this study, can the client guarantee that this dredging company is not excluded/disqualified in the next phase of the project viz actual dredging contracts in Barranquilla and other Colombian ports?	The assessment of a conflict of interest or insufficient level-playing field is determined by the legal framework that applies to a contracting authority developing further works. RVO, as the Contracting Authority for this assignment cannot provide an assessment of consequences for currently unforeseen and unplanned next phases of this project nor contracts of other entities than RVO.
8.	Element 4	Do we understand correctly that the INVIAS guide does not apply to a) maintenance dredging subject to environmental licensing rule and b) capital dredging? If so, can you confirm that these type of dredging are out of scope in this project?	The INVIAS guide applies only to maintenance dredging. The analysis requested in this consultancy related to the characterization of dredged materials can apply to both types of dredging.
9.	Element 4	We have traced the INVIAS-guide of 2022 (https://www.invias.gov.co/index.php/archivo-y-documentos/documentos-tecnicos/13301-guia-de-manejo-ambiental-de-proyectos-de-infraestructura-modos-maritimo-y-fluvial/file). Is this the INVIAS guide mentioned in the ToR? If the update process of this guide is already / still going on, can you send us the most recent update?	The current INVIAS guide was established by administrative act of 2022. There is no active process to update this guide. As a result of this consultancy, the aim is to develop a complementary section or annex to the INVIAS guide, focusing on the management and use of dredged materials.
10.	VAT	It is not certain yet that non-Colombian firms are not obliged to pay Colombian VAT for their services. To allow for this risk, we would like to make a reservation within the overall budget. Is this all right with you?	No reservation within the overall budget can be made. RVO aims to apply for a <i>Certificado de Utilidad Común (CUC)</i> with the Colombian Presidential Agency on International Cooperation. This will provide the substantiation to not apply Colombian VAT to this project. As this process has not been finalised yet, no

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			certainty can be provided. In case Colombian VAT to non-Colombian organisations will be applicable, because of a rejection of the application for the CUC, RVO will increase the contract amount with that respective amount.
11.	Activity 2.1	Many countries are mentioned to check for parameters applied. We would like to put a maximum number of 5 countries. We will then propose a procedure, in order to select the most relevant countries for making the requested comparison. Can you agree to this?	It is not possible to reduce the list of countries. All countries mentioned in the terms of reference must be included.
12.	Appendix 6	Can the client's signature on the reference form be arranged after awarding?	No, do submit together with the Tender
13.	Draft contract	1.2 the Memorandum of Information is missing. Can you please add this document to the list.	The memorandum of Information is part of the contract, it is not an appendix.
14.	4.2.1	Can you confirm that submitting one of the 3 mentioned evidence documents (a,b and c) is sufficient?	Yes