



**Memorandum of information European tender 'Expert support: Calculations and advice on the (cumulative) impact of Dutch offshore wind farms and (mitigation) measures on ecology'**

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2025

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 202507131).

| Question | Subject of the tender                    | Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Answer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| 1.       | Draft Contract                           | Please provide us the (draft) Contract before the end of the deadline for questions<br><br>The document is not available in Tendered.                                                                                        | This document has been uploaded.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 2.       | Tender document, page 31, section 7.3.20 | Is it correct that input information for calculations and advice will be supplied in English?                                                                                                                                | The input information can be either in Dutch or in English.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 3.       | Tender document, page 31, section 7.3.20 | You indicate that all communication must be conducted in English. At the same time, EIAs of site decisions are in Dutch. Can we assume that translating products into Dutch lies outside the responsibility of the tenderer? | Writing (translating products) in Dutch is not required unless it is necessary for contractor to be able to perform their responsibilities (providing the requested services), the contracting authority will not provide translate products for contractor. However, input information from the KEC or other sources (e.g. MWTL) may be available only in Dutch. Also, knowledge of Dutch legislation and regulations is required. |

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| <b>4.</b> | Tender document, page 21, section 5.2.3 | Is the scope limited to strategic advisory and calculation work, or does it also include the production of formal deliverables (e.g., standalone reports) or ongoing monitoring and updates beyond initial advice? Please specify how “Expert support” is expected to interact with deliverables.                           | The deliverable is dependent on the use of the product, and will be decided by the Contracting Authority. It is possible that delivery of formal reports is required, but not for all assignments.                                                            |
| <b>5.</b> | Tender document, page 21, section 5.2.3 | In table 5.2.3 you request information on how new insights will be incorporated effectively. In what (document/product/role/advice) do these insights need to be incorporated?                                                                                                                                              | The insights need to be incorporated in the new EIA calculations and in the strategic advice. Based on new information, new calculations and advice may be requested by the Contracting Authority to assess the impact of the new information on the results. |
| <b>6.</b> | Tender document, page 21, section 5.2.3 | In the table of 5.2.3. you request detailing the approach to calculation of the impact of offshore windfarms. Do you agree that these calculations are the scope of the site decision EIA process (commissioned by the ministry of KGG/CGG)? If you agree, why are these calculations part of the scope of this RVO tender? | We agree that this is part of the scope of the site decision process for which KGG is responsible. RVO organises this tender on behalf of the Ministry of KGG.                                                                                                |
| <b>7.</b> | Tender document, page 20, section 5.2.1 | Regarding your expectations for CVs and profiles: is there a preferred template or length for each expert’s CV, and should it comprehensively cover education, certifications, relevant projects, and roles in those projects? Please specify any page limits or ordering requirement.                                      | Maximum of 2 pages.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>8.</b> | Tender document, page 19, section 5.2.1 | In the table of 5.2.1 you indicate that Team composition and Expertise strategy should be max 3 pages, while in the first bullet you indicate max 2 pages.                                                                                                                                                                  | This needs to be 3 pages, sorry for the inconsistency.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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|            |                                       | What is the max number of pages for Team Composition and Expertise Strategy?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>9.</b>  | ARVODI-2018                           | In paragraph 4.3.1 it is stipulated that if the Tenderer is a subsidiary, a parent guarantee statement must be submitted, confirming that the parent company accepts joint and several liability. The Tenderer, as a subsidiary within a group, is independently more than capable of meeting the requirements regarding economic/financial standing and technical/organizational competence. Therefore, the requirement for a parent guarantee is unnecessary and disproportionate. Are you willing to waive this requirement? | No, but if the company can show it's independency this is allowed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>10.</b> | Tender document, page 11, section 3.5 | A party involved in the KEC has indicated they cannot contribute to this tender due to a conflict of interest. This may be applicable to all parties involved in the KEC. Do you see a conflict of interest between parties who are involved in developing the KEC and this RVO tender?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | We do not see this as conflict of interest. There is no direct link or influence between this assignment and the KEC.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>11.</b> | Tender document, page 11, section 3.5 | Could there be a conflict of interest if the contractor is involved in the EIA-support as well as the tender bid for the same windfarm site?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | There is no conflict of interest if the Contractor is involved with the EIA. There is a possible conflict of interest if the Contractor provides input for future tender criteria, and the same party is also involved in organising a bid on the same tender. However, it is not certain whether this specific situation will occur. Therefore, if this situation occurs, the Contractor should flag the possible conflict of interest and |

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| <b>12.</b> | Tender document, page 11, section 3.5 | The party drafting the EIA for the site decision (as commissioned by ministry of KGG/CGG) has a direct benefit if they are also awarded this RVO tender. We view this as a conflict of interest. Do you agree with this and how to propose to resolve this?                                                 | We do not see this as conflict of interest. The Contractor will gain experience on the EIA during the Contract period, which will benefit for a future tender for site decisions.                                                                                                                     |
| <b>13.</b> | Tender document, page 10, section 3.1 | You explicitly refer to new information from the KEC. Do you also foresee adjustments of impact assessment based on new publications (e.g. from the Noordzeeloket) with no direct relations to the KEC?                                                                                                     | Yes, if information becomes available - which is not yet incorporated in the KEC - this should be used as well, as long it is scientifically sound and the best available knowledge. Usage of input data and information will need to be coordinated with the Contracting Authority.                  |
| <b>14.</b> | Tender document, page 8, section 2.1  | You indicate the requirement of new calculations to be able to conduct this project. Most KEC models are made public. However, the Aquarius model is not publicly available. How do you foresee calculations with regard to underwater noise propagation and the related harbour porpoise disturbance days? | with regards to the sound propagation model, preference is to use the Aquarius model as used in the KEC. However, it is possible to use another model as long as the Tenderer can proof this model is of equal quality.                                                                               |
| <b>15.</b> | Tender document, page 7, section 1.3  | Would you be open to plan an information session to allow to further exchange information regarding the tender, beyond the MoI?                                                                                                                                                                             | No, due to time constraints this is not possible.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>16.</b> | Tender document, page 6, section 1.2  | Who is responsible for collecting baseline ecological data and proprietary data (e.g., field measurements, site surveys)? Will the Tenderer rely on data provided by the Contracting Authority,                                                                                                             | Data collection is not part of this scope. Site specific data is collected by RVO, and provision of information and data from the KEC is done by Wozep. Other research programs (e.g. MONS) may deliver relevant information as well. Baseline data is provided via MWTL and international databases. |

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|            |                                      | or perform its own data collection and validation?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>17.</b> | Tender document, page 6, section 1.2 | You indicate that this tender aims to support the EIA and AA for site decisions Dutch offshore windfarms. To which party is this support aimed? Either supporting the party who is drafting the EIA and AA for a site decision (commissioned by ministry of KGG/CGG), or is supporting RVO in its review and consultation role (begeleidingsrol) during the EIA process for a site decision?                      | The support is aimed at the Ministry of KGG, who is responsible for drafting the Site Decisions. The Ministry of KGG is represented by RVO for this assignment. The calculations for this assignment may be utilized to support the EIA and AA.                 |
| <b>18.</b> | Project team Section 3.1             | Section 3.1 of the Tender Document notes that we should set up a team that is able to cover all requested fields of expertise. In section 3.2 it is stated that we are “requested to offer at least 1 senior expert and 1 back-up expert per expertise”. Can you specify which fields of expertise should be reflected in Annex 3?                                                                                | 3.1: "The required areas of expertise are protected species and habitats that are impacted by offshore wind development in the North Sea, which include as a minimum: - birds (migratory birds, seabirds, coastal birds and songbirds) - bats - marine mammals" |
| <b>19.</b> | Conflict of interest Paragraph 3.5   | Paragraph 3.5 of the Tender Document states “The Contractor and subcontractors do not perform work with a potential conflict of interest during the lead time of the contractual Agreement”. Can you clarify what kind of work you would consider having a conflict of interest with this assignment? For example, do you consider involvement in (preparing) applications for the permit tenders for future wind | There is a possible conflict of interest if the Contractor provides input for future tender criteria, and the same party is also involved in organising a bid on the same tender. Please see answer to question 11.                                             |

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|            |                                                 | farm developments to be conflicting? Or involvement in studies and surveys related to this assignment?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>20.</b> | Extension of Submission Deadline                | Extension of the deadline: Due to the lack of clarity in the scope, the answers to the questions are essential for the formulation of our proposal. However, there is limited time between receiving the answers and the submission deadline. We therefore request an extension of the submission deadline of three weeks.                   | Deadline has been postponed to 20th of January 2026 16:00.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>21.</b> | 6. Impact of Future KEC Updates section 2.1     | Section 2.1: "It is indicated that models and data change over time and that therefore recalculations may be necessary." The latest version of KEC (5.0) was recently released. Does the Contracting Authority mean that if KEC 6.0 is released during the term of this project, assessments/modeling must be repeated as part of the scope? | This is dependent on the demand from the Contracting Authority at that time. There could be several reasons to conduct new assessments, including the introduction of a new KEC, knowledge base updates, and the availability of new relevant studies.                                                                                                             |
| <b>22.</b> | Flexibility for Additional Requests section 2.1 | Section 2.1: The tender states that the workload may vary based on tender timelines and that the Contractor must remain flexible for additional requests. In relation to scope definition, it seems relevant to delineate this in advance. What kind of requests does the Contracting Authority have in mind?                                | The Contracting Authority could partially see new assignments coming in advance (a yearly Knowledge Base Updates for example). However, not all assignment can be defined in advance, as they are dependent on future developments on ecological knowledge and EIA's. As the timelines for site decisions may change, flexibility is expected from the Contractor. |

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| <b>23.</b> | Additional Calculations for Porpoises and Birds | For porpoises and birds, calculations have been made in KEC 5.0 to quantify cumulative effects. What is the reason that additional calculations are needed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | It is possible that after the release of a KEC knowledge base update, new scientific information will become available, for example, from the Wozep, which isn't yet included in the KEC calculations. This information will then need to be incorporated into the EIA calculations. Additional calculations regarding mitigating measures may also be performed.                                                        |
| <b>24.</b> | Model Development<br>Section 2.1                | Section 2.1: From this text we understand that model development may be part of this assignment: "If no applicable model is available in KEC for a specific situation to calculate ecological effects and assess this in the framework of Dutch legislation, the Contractor must apply a state-of-the-art method with approval from the Contracting Authority." For bats, for example, it is known that a method and preliminary model are being developed within the Wozep program (KEC 5.0, 2025). How does model development within the Wozep program relate to this assignment? | Model development is not part of the assignment, as stated in this question. If a (KEC) model is available for the specific calculation, this should be used. In case there is none available, a state-of-the-art model from outside KEC should be used. This can be an existing model. If no model is available (KEC or not), the Contractor should discuss with the Contracting Authority on how to proceed.           |
| <b>25.</b> | Focus of the Assignment                         | The purpose and elaboration of this assignment can, in our view, be interpreted in several ways, which can influence the scope definition. For example, will calculations mostly expected to be needed to develop strategic advice, or is the request for calculations more aimed at implementing new ecological data/knowledge. Can you indicate                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Both. Cumulative impact assessments will be conducted for several areas and sites. These assessments will occur multiple times as knowledge evolves and site boundaries may change. The results of these assessments can subsequently inform strategic advice on how to address the findings. We anticipate seeking guidance on applicable measures and how to develop new knowledge based on identified knowledge gaps. |

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|            |                            | where the priority lies for calculating (cumulative) effects?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>26.</b> | Scope of Impact Assessment | An assessment is requested of (cumulative) effects of offshore wind farms in the Netherlands, to support EIAs and site decisions as part of the rollout of Offshore Wind. Currently, the (cumulative) assessment of effects is part of EIAs for individual wind farms and part of the Ecological and Cumulative Framework (KEC) for all wind farms. For which wind farms must an effect assessment be carried out and for what reason? | The wind farm sites or zones for which these assessments are to be carried out are not yet defined for this contract. This depends on tender timelines and developments.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>27.</b> | Annex 3:                   | In Annex 3, 10 potential options for experts are included. Is this the maximum number of people allowed in the project team?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | This depends on the number of experts the Tenderer wishes to include. The minimum requirements with regards to the experts are defined in the scope (3.1 - 3.4), it is up to the Tenderer to decide on how to accommodate the request (for example, if you have an expert who is very experienced with bird AND bat research, you may include him/her for both areas, which means less experts. motivation is however required on how to make sure there is enough capacity). |
| <b>28.</b> | Paragraph 5.2.2            | Reference is made to CVs from spare persons. Does this term refer to back-up experts or to replacement experts? Additionally, in an earlier paragraph (3.4), it was stated that the assessment of replacements would occur after contract approval. Could you clarify this procedure?                                                                                                                                                  | This refers to back-up experts as defined in 3.2. In case an expert needs to be replaced during the project (for example, if he/she leaves the organisation), the CV of the new expert should be provided and the Contracting Authority has the right to decline, in case the replacement is not equal or better compared to the previous expert (3.4).                                                                                                                       |
| <b>29.</b> | Paragraph 5.2.1            | It mentions in the top paragraph for the team Composition and Expertise Strategy a maximum of 3 pages is allowed. Below this is the second                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Please see answer to question 8.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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|            |               | paragraph called Team composition and Expertise Strategy a maximum of 2 pages is allowed. This is a little confusing. Could you clarify the difference.                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>30.</b> | Paragraph 3.5 | Could you clarify what constitutes a conflict of interest in this context?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Please see answer to question 11 and 19.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>31.</b> | Paragraph 3.5 | Our organization has previously conducted Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) for cable routes and Offshore Wind Farms (OWFs). Would this be considered a potential conflict of interest?                                                                                                                                 | No, this is not considered conflict of interest.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>32.</b> | Paragraph 3.2 | It is specifically mentioned that the lead expert may also lead a specific area of expertise. Is it permissible for (senior) experts to hold multiple roles, such as leading a specific expertise and simultaneously acting as a back-up expert for another area?                                                             | Yes, this is allowed. As long as the availability of the expert for one of the roles is not compromised.                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>33.</b> | Paragraph 3.1 | Under "Expert knowledge," a minimum of three areas of expertise are specified (birds, bats, and mammals). However, habitats and protected species are also referenced in other paragraphs. Would additional expertise in other relevant fields, beyond the three mentioned, be considered advantageous during the evaluation? | Yes, this is considered advantageous.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>34.</b> | Paragraph 3.1 | Under "State-of-the-art," it is indicated that several models, which are part of the KEC, must be used for the project. Will these models be provided to the                                                                                                                                                                  | Model development is not part of the assignment. The KEC-models are public available in the WOZEP repository. Furthermore, all data used for the KEC calculations are available in the repository. In case there is no KEC-model available, a state-of-the-art model from outside KEC |

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|            |                                   | selected contractor, or is the contractor expected to develop their own models?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | should be used. This can be an existing model. If no model is available (KEC or not), the Contractor should discuss with the Contracting Authority on how to proceed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>35.</b> | Paragraph 2.1                     | In paragraph 2.1, as well as chapters 3 and 5, habitats are repeatedly mentioned as important. However, in paragraph 3.1, where the team composition and required areas of expertise are described, habitats are not included (only marine mammals, birds, and bats are listed). Should we interpret this as an indication that there is no specific focus on certain habitats, but rather on the general offshore/sea habitats as referenced in the Habitat Directive? | A wind farm may deteriorate the quality of natural habitats and the habitats of species within a Natura 2000 area, as specified in the Environmental Protection Act, or may have a significant disturbing effect on the species for which the area has been designated, considering the conservation objectives for that area. Should such effects be possible, they must be assessed. Expertise in conducting assessments for Natura 2000 areas is required. |
| <b>36.</b> | Paragraph 2.1                     | In paragraph 2.1, it is stated that "calculations may need to be performed several times to incorporate new information." Are these potential recalculations accounted for within the 4,150 hours allocated to the project?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Yes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>37.</b> | Paragraph 2.1                     | You mention the inclusion of improved methods. Could you clarify whether these improved methods may involve the use of new models? If there is a possibility that new models will be used, does RvO have an overview or expectation regarding the likelihood that new methods or models may be developed in the coming years?                                                                                                                                           | New models can be developed, for example, by WOZEP, MONS, or KEC, or elsewhere. If these are scientifically superior to the current models, they will have to be used. It is not yet possible to predict exactly which models these will be, as these are new models. However, new models for habitat loss, operational underwater noise, and IBMs for seals are possible.                                                                                    |
| <b>38.</b> | OVK 3.4 Payment will be made once | Neither the ARVODI-2018 nor the draft agreement describes the acceptance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Due to uncertainty in workload and hours and the amount of deliverables, payment can be done on quarterly basis.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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|            | the results of the Services have been accepted       | criteria or the acceptance procedure. To avoid any ambiguity until the moment of acceptance—and also considering that acceptance is a condition for payment—we propose to agree on a balanced acceptance procedure in the agreement (or an annex thereto), including objective acceptance criteria and maximum acceptance periods, in a manner appropriate to the assignment. Can you agree to this? |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>39.</b> | Award criteria and assessment                        | Could you please clarify who participates in the evaluation committee for this tender? Which roles or disciplines are represented within the committee?"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | The evaluation committee will consist of people with knowledge of EIA, site decisions, ecological calculations and offshore wind.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>40.</b> | 5.3 Assessment method for qualitative award criteria | The current assessment descriptions are rather general and subjective. Could you provide more concrete and measurable criteria or examples for each category (Excellent, Good, etc.), so that it is clear to both tenderers and evaluators when a particular score will be awarded?                                                                                                                  | The assessment method is not viewed as general and subjective. To clarify the evaluation committee will assess the assessment basis per award criteria based on the assessment method in 5.3. For example, if every aspect of the assessment basis for the plan of action (5.2.3) excels and goes above and beyond what was requested. This will be awarded with a score of "Excellent". |
| <b>41.</b> | 5.2.1 Award criteria relating to quality of experts  | "In the first paragraph you state: "For the Team Composition and Expertise Strategy you are requested to describe this in a maximum of 3 pages." In the second paragraph you state: "The description may contain a maximum of 2 pages"<br>Question: What is the correct maximum number of pages?<br>"                                                                                                | Please see answer to question 8.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| <b>42.</b> | 3.6.4 - The agreed rates are fixed at least until January 1st 2028 | We propose indexation as of January 1 or at least March 1, 2027, do you agree with this?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | No, this will not change and will remain as it is.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>43.</b> | P8 – §2.1                                                          | <p>The assignment consists of two parts. Part II is “to provide strategic advice on [...] tender criteria.” Can you confirm that the successful contractor of the work at hand will not be excluded from any further involvement in tenders for which its advice might have been used? In other words, if we would win the current tender and during that assignment provide you with advice on tender criteria for future wind farm tenders; are we still allowed to collaborate with a wind farm developer to tender on these wind farms?</p> <p>Similarly, we are currently involved in many programs focused on collecting information and data on the ecology of the North Sea in relation to offshore wind such as KEC, Wozep, MONS, Natuurversterking Noordzee, and others. Can you confirm that the successful contractor of the tender at hand is still allowed to execute projects for these programs in the future?</p> <p>Can you provide a bit more details on one of the mentioned examples: “This could for example be to advice on:</p> | For question one and two please see answers to question 11, 19 and 31. With regards to third question, regarding the cost-effectiveness, this concerns an overview of the costs of a measure versus the expected gains with regards to the specific goal it is designed for. |

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|            |           | (Cost)effectiveness of mitigation and compensation measures for species and/or habitats based on available data". To what level of detail are you expecting this "cost-effectiveness of measures"? Would that involve a simple overview of the costs of certain systems and the implications of f.e. stand-still procedures, or would that involve a societal Cost-Effect analysis where we would have to weigh the benefit of a 'biodiversity positive' against a 'societal negative'?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                           |
| <b>44.</b> | P9 - §2.3 | The successful contractor of the work at hand is expected to be flexible to accomodate new request on a short-term basis. To ensure maximum flexibility and a speedy response, it may be neccesary to allocate "stand-by hours" to a designated expert. Are we allowed to do so? Or will you not pay for stand-by hours whilst this potentially has repercussions for the response time to your questions? At the moment, the actual size of the assignment and the number of questions to be expected is unknown. However, to assure a flexible and speedy response to your questions, we will need to allocate hours in our planning for potential activities. Who bears the risk if those hours are not used? Can we invoice these reservations or is that risk fully ours? | The risk of hours that will not be used are the risk of the Contractor. Please see answer to question 22. |

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| <b>45.</b> | P10 - §3.2            | We need to provide the names of experts with at least 5 years of experience. Is it allowed to provide the names of people with highly relevant, but less than 5 years of experience to execute the work under supervision of the senior expert?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 5 years of experience is required as a minimum, but this does not need to be at the same company. Please also provide why the experience is relevant, if there is doubt.                                                                                        |
| <b>46.</b> | P10 - §3.2            | In the text we've found that we "are requested to offer at least 1 senior expert and 1 back-up expert per expertise". Can you clarify that this 'expertise' mentioned here is the same as under §3.1, in other words the "protected species and habitats that are impacted by offshore wind development in the North Sea". Or does the 'expertise' in 3.2 refer to "State-of-the-art models from the KEC for Dutch offshore wind farms", "(Cumulative) impact assessment of offshore wind on birds/bats/marine mammals and habitats", "Ecological measures" and "Strategic advice" as referred to in §3.1 and §5.2.1? | 3.1: "The required areas of expertise are protected species and habitats that are impacted by offshore wind development in the North Sea, which include as a minimum: - birds (migratory birds, seabirds, coastal birds and songbirds) - bats - marine mammals" |
| <b>47.</b> | P11 §3.3 Requirements | <p>"Contractor guarantees provision of experts with at least the following qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education at EQF level 6 as minimum (find and compare Qualifications Frameworks)</li> <li>• Communication skills (English, oral and written) have at least level C1 in the</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | No degree is required. If the Tenderer is convinced that they can provide convincing evidence that (scientific) publications are proof of a certain education level this is allowed.                                                                            |

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|            |            | <p>common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)."</p> <p>Can this be proven by (scientific) publications or is some sort of degree necessary to prove compliance with this requirement?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                  |
| <b>48.</b> | P20 §5.2.1 | <p>Can you clarify the number of pages that we can use to describe the 'Team Composition and Expertise Strategy'?</p> <p>The text is now: First paragraph: "For the Team Composition and Expertise Strategy you are requested to describe this in a maximum of 3 pages. In case the amount of pages is more than 3 pages, up until the 3 pages will be reviewed. Detailed description of points a paragraph further: Team Composition and Expertise Strategy: Describe the team structure and task distribution, ensuring all necessary skills and knowledge are covered for the project goals. The description may contain a maximum of 2 pages. In case the amount of pages is more than 2 pages, up until the 2 pages will be reviewed."</p> <p>Does the three pages mentioned in the first paragraph include 'Team Composition and Relevant Experience' (2 pages) and 'Expert Profiles and Relevant Experience' (1 page)? Or do you mean something else?</p> | Please see answer to question 8. |

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| <b>49.</b> | P22 §5.2.3                           | You ask for the “ability to adapt to new insights without compromising the overall project timeline”. Inevitably, the incorporation of new knowledge, methods, or information from others in analyses will have an effect on the project timeline and the delivery moment of results to a specific question in this project. Can you elaborate a bit further how your ideal contractor would fill in this requirement? | This is up to the Tenderer to decide. For example, if a new model comes available, we would like to see how the Tenderer would approach this.                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>50.</b> | P 28 - §7.3.10                       | The link to “Protecting information and personal data” is not working.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Please see the following link:<br><a href="https://open.overheid.nl/documenten/ronl-28aca4fd-75db-428b-a770-53cd0a607a1c/pdf">https://open.overheid.nl/documenten/ronl-28aca4fd-75db-428b-a770-53cd0a607a1c/pdf</a>                                                                                                          |
| <b>51.</b> | Tender document, page 8, section 2.1 | If no applicable method is available in KEC for specific situations, the contractor must apply a state of the art method. Does this require the development of new models, adjustment of models or effect studies? Is the tenderer agency aware of that this may require a long path of data collection, model development, model validation before it can be applied?                                                 | See answer to question 34.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>52.</b> | Tender document, page 8, section 2.1 | The document mentions that improved methods or new data become available, the contractor may be required to implement them. However, who is responsible for keeping track of improved methods or new data?                                                                                                                                                                                                             | The Contractor should be up to date on new information and methods in the field. With regards to developments in the KEC, this will be shared by the Contracting Authority. New insights with regards to wind farm site conditions (e.g. site boundaries, minimum turbine capacity) are shared by the Contracting Authority. |
| <b>53.</b> | Tender document, page 8, section 2.1 | If model and data quality, robustness and validity is the responsibility of the tenderer, does model and data quality                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | No, the Contractor will work with the models as they are delivered in the WOZEP repository. No uncertainty analysis, or data enhancement will be done.                                                                                                                                                                       |

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|            |                                      | assessment through code reviews and testing procedures, in addition to possible corrections and enhancements of the methods, fall within the scope of the assignment?                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>54.</b> | Tender document, page 8, section 2.1 | The document mentions that models and data from the latest KEC should be used. The KEC is developed outside of the tenderer and the tenderer agency. Who is responsible for the quality, robustness and validity of KEC models and data?                                                                                                         | The Wozep and KEC team are responsible for the KEC models and data. All information is tested and public available on the WOZEP repository.                                                                             |
| <b>55.</b> | Tender document, page 8, section 2.1 | The KEC is always under active development and typically new documents relating to the upcoming version appear prior to the official release of the new KEC version. Therefore, what does the tenderer agency mean with the 'latest KEC'?                                                                                                        | In this case KEC 5.0. but the contractor will be notified by the Contracting Authority for upcoming developments in the KEC.                                                                                            |
| <b>56.</b> | Tender document, page 8, section 2.1 | This section mentions 'state-of-the-art' methods numerous times. However, this term can refer both to new but experimental methods that are under active development (a 'beta release') as well as new but fully developed and tested methods (a 'full release'). What are the criteria for a model or method to be considered state-of-the-art? | An (almost) full release is considered state-of-the-art. Each model has further development potential, and not every model has been fully tested, validated and calibrated, but a beta version is not state-of-the-art. |
| <b>57.</b> | Tender document, page 7, section 1.3 | In the time schedule you propose you issue the MoI on the 4th of December, with a deadline at the 15th of December. Would you be, given the substantial number of questions, be                                                                                                                                                                  | Please see answer to question 20.                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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|            |                                         | willing to postpone the tender deadline to the 26th of January, accounting for the holidays and end-of-the-year deadlines                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>58.</b> | Tender document, page 21, section 5.2.2 | Under additional internal or external capacity, you also require capacity 'on protected species (groups) or habitats that are not included in the list under 3.1'. To which species (groups) or habitats are you referring?                                                                                            | This requirement is included for the possibility that a species group that is currently not included in the list, but may be relevant for future EIA's. this may for example occur due to updates on the Marine Framework Directive, where additional species and habitats may be included. These species and habitats cannot be identified upfront.                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>59.</b> | assessment                              | Have impact assessment been done for some of the offshore wind farms?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Yes, this has been done for all offshore wind farms. An EIA is a requirement for the development of offshore wind farms.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>60.</b> | KEC                                     | Does the project include recalculation of impact calculated using KEC 5 with KEC 6 methodology? (KEC 6 is expected to be published in 2026-2027)                                                                                                                                                                       | Please see answer to question 21.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>61.</b> | KEC                                     | The KEC methodology requires wind-farm data (such as rotor length and nacelle height) and ecological parameters like population sizes and trends. (Framework A, page 10). Are the data sources defined for all ecological parameters? If there are not defined parameters, is it a part of assignment to define those? | The contractor will not develop models or parameters. Model development and parameter definition is not part of the assignment. The KEC-models and parameters are public available in the Wozep repository. also all the data including the maps used for the KEC calculations are available in the repository. The wind farm related parameters are part of the cumulative wind farm scenario, as stated in the KEC reports. Specific wind farm data is provided by the Contracting Authority. |
| <b>62.</b> | #farms                                  | How many wind farms will have to be assessed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | This question is not clear, does the contractor means in the windfarm scenario, or for how many EIA's? in any case, this is not yet defined for this assignment, as it is dependent on tender timelines and developments.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>63.</b> | Farms                                   | Are only operational wind farms to be considered?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | The cumulation scenario as legally required will be included as a scenario for the calculations. Operational projects including offshore wind farms are also part of this scenario.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| <b>64.</b> | escalation mechanism | What is the escalation mechanism if model results contradict existing EIA baselines?                                                                                                                                                                                 | The model (and therefore the outcomes) with the broadest scientific basis in combination with the precautionary principle is preferred.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>65.</b> | hour cap             | Is the 4150-hour cap strict across 3 years, or can hours be re-allocated across years?                                                                                                                                                                               | These hours are allocated for the 3 year period. The exact division of hours per year cannot be determined in advance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>66.</b> | hour allocation      | Does unused hourly allocation get carried forward?                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | If the amount of hours is not consumed at the end of the Contract period of 3 years, these will not be carried forward.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>67.</b> | scenario modelling   | Do the impact assessment calculations incorporate scenario modelling and analysis? We recognize that ecosystems are dynamic, and their impacts can vary significantly under different scenarios, including those related to climate change and development pathways. | The impact assessments should primarily be focused on the impact of offshore wind on protected species and habitats. However, if a large change occurs in other pressure factors (e.g. a new shipping route close to the wind farm is assigned, or active fishery is allowed in a wind farm), this should be incorporated in the cumulative impact assessment. |