Invest International

Market sounding

Inception and Feasibility Study of a Water Information System for the Comoé–Bia–Tanoé Basin, Côte d'Ivoire

Invest International Public Programmes (IIPP), as a contracting authority, intends to publish a tender, with the aim of concluding a contract for a multidisciplinary feasibility study concerning the development of a Water Information System (Système d'Information sur l'Eau, SIE) for the Comoé-Bia-Tanoé basin in Côte d'Ivoire.

In what way or form this tender will take place is not yet decided. The market sounding is a preparation for the possible tender. After a written consultation, interviews will be organised with a select number of parties.

We invite you to respond to this market sounding and appreciate your answers to our questions (see annex 1). With this consultation, IIPP wants to get a good understanding of the (im)possibilities within the market, the level of interest and the available experience.

Your answers will be used as input for the tender documents. A market sounding has advantages for both the parties involved and IIPP. Based on the market sounding, we can choose the most suitable procurement strategy, and it gives the parties involved an early impression of our organisation and the goals of this project.

If the results of the market consultation are incorporated in the tender documents, they will not be traceable to the participants of this market consultation.

Who are we

- We are a state-owned financier founded by the Dutch government and Dutch development bank FMO in 2021, who remain our shareholders.
- We currently have a total investment portfolio of €1.4 billion, and a team of 190 people.
- Our mandate is to be additional to the market by making investment decisions which contribute to the Dutch economy and that are guided by the Sustainable Development Goals.



Public Financial Instruments

- We implement public infrastructure with high environmental, social and economic impact, and we provide government-to-government financing for project development and implementation.
- We guide, catalyse and fund project development, support the necessary institutional capacity building, oversee procurement and (tied) tendering processes with and for local authorities, and assess feasibility studies.
- We collaborate with the private and public sector, structure projects (financial and operational), monitor and evaluate impact results.

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Grants for project development

- 100% government grant
- For feasibility studies and ESIA, between ~ €50k and €800k (indicative)
- Leading to infrastructure projects that are ready for tender

DRIVE

Grants for project implementation

- 10-50% grant of total project cost, depending on minimum concessionally requirements and the funding gap
- Matched with: an Invest International loan (100% concessional financing possible), IFI, commercial loan, government's own budget
- Total project value: ~ €20-100 million (indicative)

Project scope (1)

The project is being developed in cooperation with the Direction Générale des Ressources en Eau (DGRE) and aims to strengthen the monitoring and management of water quantity, water quality, floods, droughts and pollution. The envisaged system may combine monitoring networks, hydrological and meteorological data, remote sensing, modelling, digital information systems and mechanisms for forecasting, dissemination and response. The pilot should also provide a scalable basis for possible wider application in Côte d'Ivoire.

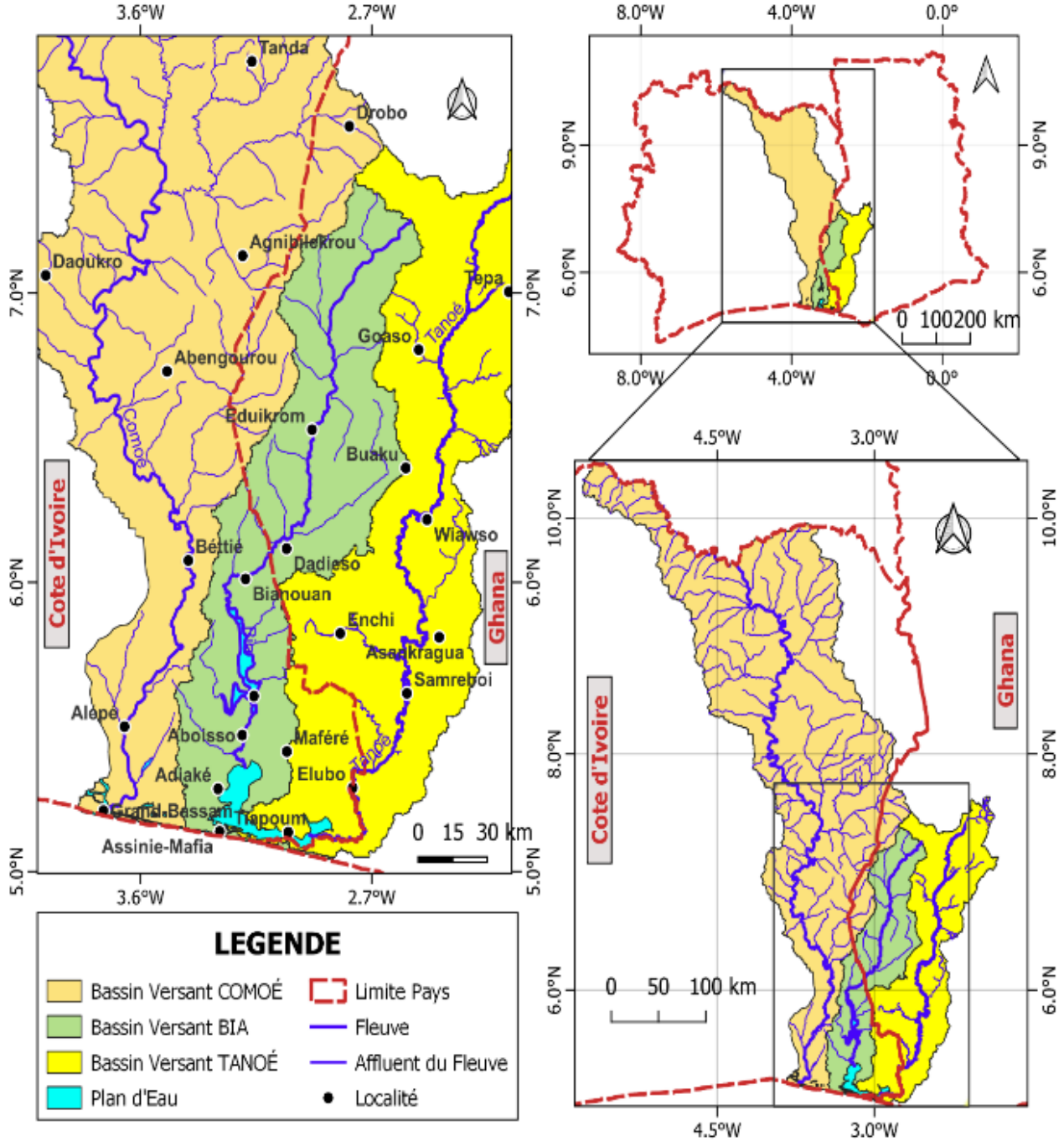
The anticipated assignment consists of an initial inception phase that defines the scope of the project, followed (subject to a Go/No-Go decision) by an integrated feasibility study and preparation of the project to Avant-Projet Sommaire (APS) level. The assignment is expected to address technical design alongside institutional and legal arrangements, data governance, stakeholder engagement, operational sustainability, capacity development, environmental and social considerations, economic and financial feasibility, and preparation of procurement documentation.

Given the complexity of the local context and stakeholder landscape, the Consultant will be required to involve suitably qualified and experienced local partners in the execution of the assignment. At least 35% of the total contract value shall be allocated to activities performed by local partners. Their involvement is expected to include, but is not limited to, data collection, field surveys, stakeholder consultations and the majority of on-site activities, in accordance with the requirements and standards to be further specified in the tender documents.

Project scope (2)

The assignment involves considerable uncertainties relating, among others, to the availability and quality of data, existing monitoring infrastructure, institutional responsibilities, operational capacity, cross-border cooperation and the appropriate technological configuration. For this reason, the inception phase is intended to develop and assess alternative implementation scenarios together with DGRE and relevant stakeholders before proceeding to the full feasibility phase.

Following successful completion of the study, the consultant may, subject to separate decision-making and applicable conditions, be invited to provide supervision services during implementation. The subsequent implementation itself is envisaged as a separate procurement in Côte d'Ivoire, currently expected to involve prequalification followed by a restricted tender for a design-and-build contract based on FIDIC Yellow Book principles.









The project will need:

In country workshops (incl. logistics)

Experience shows:

Local partners (ESIA + communications with DGRE) are essential.

Envision:

Potential assignment extension with Supervision for DRIVE

We hope to:

Connect across stakeholder for a sustainable project that meets needs of water users.

Procedure market sounding

Planning
If you have any questions related to the project, the procedure of the market sounding or the information we provide in this document, please reach out to Ilona van der Kaaij via procurement@investinternational.nl or via a message in TenderNed. For this market consultation, the following schedule applies:

Process steps	Date
Publishing Market sounding	19 November 2026
Deadline for submitting answers to questionnaire market consultation	**7 December 2026, 10.00 AM**
Send invitation to interviews	8 December 2026
Online interviews	14 and 15 December 2026

Contact person
All communication during this process is through Ilona der Kaaij by using the following contact details:

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E: TenderNed or procurement@investinternational.nl.

Please note that it is not allowed to contact other employees within Invest International regarding this project.

Disclaimer

This market consultation is conducted in preparation for a potential procurement procedure that IIPP intends to launch. Participation is voluntary and non-binding. Participation or non-participation will have no bearing on eligibility for, or evaluation in, any subsequent procurement procedure, and no rights may be derived from participation in this consultation or from the information provided.

This consultation does not form part of a formal procurement procedure. Its purpose is to provide the market with preliminary information on the envisaged assignment, gauge market interest, and obtain feedback and recommendations that may be used to further develop the procurement strategy and finalise the tender documents.

The information provided as part of this consultation is preliminary and for information purposes only. It does not constitute a commitment by IIPP to launch a procurement procedure, enter into a contract, or proceed with the assignment as currently envisaged. IIPP reserves the right to amend the scope, requirements, procurement approach and other elements of the envisaged assignment following the market consultation.

