

Prior Information in relation to the study and low value contract < €60,000

Services contract on ' Food in Cities – innovation for a sustainable and healthy production, delivery and consumption of food in cities. This publication is made pursuant to Article 124 of the Rules for Applications of the Financial Regulation that provides for ex ante publication on the Institutions' websites of contracts with a value up to €60 000.

Summary of the Study

Building on the outcomes of existing EU projects and initiatives¹, and the recent establishment of the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact signed by more than 100 cities worldwide², this study has the following objectives:

- 1. Mapping of innovative urban strategies aiming at sustainable and healthy food production, delivery and consumption.**
- 2. In-depth cases studies of five cities having benefited from EU projects supporting innovative solutions for a sustainable and healthy production, delivery or consumption of food in cities.**

The overall aim of the study is to get a better overview and understanding of the food innovation dynamics in cities as well as the impact and possible added value of EU projects.

Methodology

The contractor will be required to provide.

- 1. Mapping of innovative urban strategies aiming at sustainable food production, delivery and consumption**

The contractor should focus on the cities having signed the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact. The study should focus on all cities in Europe within this sample as well as one major and relevant city in each of the world continents (the US, Latin America, Africa, and Asia). The cities identified should have elaborated an official urban strategy addressing fully or partially a sustainable and healthy food production, delivery or consumption. This mapping should distinguish the urban transformation strategies where research or innovation is included as explicit components.

An analysis of this mapping should identify systemic synergies and brokerage between all stakeholders in the food-industry.³ It should assess how these initiatives, strategies and policy

¹ Examples of existing studies and initiatives: - Study on Short Food Supply Chains and Local Food Systems in the EU. A State of Play of their Socio-Economic Characteristics.<http://ipts.jrc.ec.europa.eu/publications/pub.cfm?id=6279>

EIP-AGRI focus group: Innovative Short Food Supply Chain management: <http://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/en/content/innovative-short-food-supply-chain-management>

² Milan Urban Food Policy Pact <http://www.foodpolicymilano.org/en/the-cities-of-the-milan-urban-food-policy-pact/>

tools would fit in a comprehensive framework, in particular the extent to which the city works as a Living Lab testing new solutions or to which extent the city uses its instruments to create early markets for innovative products.

2. In-depth cases studies of five cities having benefited from EU projects supporting innovative solutions for a sustainable and healthy production, delivery or consumption of food in cities.

The second work strand of the study should analyse the impact of these food and bio-economy projects co-financed by EU 7th Framework Programme and Horizon 2020 that supported innovative solutions for a sustainable and healthy production, delivery or consumption of food in cities.

Based on the mapping described above and in collaboration with the Commission services, the contractor should identify five European cities among those identified in work package 1, which have most benefitted from EU research and innovation projects in the area of sustainable or healthy production, delivery or consumption of food in cities. The selection of EU projects and cities should include a cross-disciplinary approach, e.g. projects from both the health and the bioeconomy areas, or other areas, and a geographical balance of cities across Europe.

Based on the results of this analysis, recommendations should be made on the potential of applying a systemic innovation approach to other cities, on the potential for systemic food-related innovation for sustainable cities. This should be relevant to those cities signatories of the recent Milan Urban Food Policy Pact⁴.

Selection criteria

A declaration of compliance with the selection criteria is requested (with a CV attached).

The candidate must have the necessary technical, professional, economic and financial capacity to execute the contract. A minimum of 5 years' academic work in the area of innovation in cities is required, as documented by a publications list (to be provided with the proposal).

Estimated amount: Maximum: EUR 60.000

Estimated launching date: September 2016

Economic operators interested in participating in this call for tenders may express their interest by writing RTD-PUBLIC-PROCUREMENT-A6@ec.europa.eu not later than 2 weeks after publication. An acknowledgement of receipt will be sent to interested bodies by the EC services in charge of the procedure.

³ Ex: Quadruple and Quintuple helix approach to innovation: <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1186/2192-5372-1-2>

⁴ <http://www.foodpolicymilano.org/en/urban-food-policy-pact-2/>