

EXPLORATORY NOTICE WITH INVITATION TO EXAMINE INTEREST IN CONDUCTING THE AUDITING SERVICE AS A VOLUNTARY ACCOUNT OF THE **EMSO EUROPEAN RESEARCH CONSORTIUM** – EUROPEAN MULTIDISCIPLINARY SEAFLOOR AND WATER COLUMN OBSERVATORY

The European Multidisciplinary Seafloor and water- column Observatory (EMSO) is a Research Infrastructure at seafloor fixed-point monitoring connecting European marine research facilities: from the Arctic through North Atlantic, to the Mediterranean and the Black Sea. It currently comprises fifteen Regional Facilities including three shallow water test sites (see www.emso.eu for details). EMSO is a European Institution set up as an ERIC (European Research Infrastructure Consortium) by decision of the European Commission, Official Journal of the European Union, October 1st, 2016. Its members are currently States from the European Union although it is open to other external members.

The EMSO ERIC - European Multidisciplinary Seafloor and water column Observatory - European Research Infrastructure Consortium (hereinafter also the "EMSO ERIC"), based in Rome, Via di Vigna Murata 605, Tax registration number: 97908370584 – VAT registration number: IT14062811006, pursuant to the provisions of the corporate by-laws, intends to receive expressions of interest from international auditing companies to proceed with the assignment of the audit service on a voluntary basis to the accounts of the ERIC for the period 2022-2024.

1. SCOPE OF THE SERVICE

The services required is the Voluntary revision of the EMSO ERIC financial statements for the 2022-2024 financial years.

2. EXPECTED REMUNERATION

In consideration of the complexity of the activity carried out by EMSO ERIC, of the volumes of activity, an all-inclusive annual fee not exceeding Euro 7,500.00 is foreseen.

3. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFIC REQUESTS

Those interested in the service must meet the following requirements:

- Registration to the Chamber of Commerce or to the Register of SMEs (small and medium sized enterprises) for activities related to the performance of the activities in question;
- Registration in the "Register of Legal Auditors at the Ministry of Economy and Finance, pursuant to Article 2, paragraph 1 of Legislative Decree no. 39/2010;
- Non-existence of the causes of exclusion pursuant to article 80 of Legislative Decree 50/2016 and pursuant to art. 57 of Directive 2014/24 / EU of 26 February 2014;
- A specific turnover has been achieved for auditing engagements in the last three financial years ended (2016-2017-2018), totaling at least € 5,000,000.00 (five million/00);

- A specific turnover has been achieved for auditing tasks in the last three financial years closed (2016, 2017 and 2018) of auditing services for research consortia or national and / or international public bodies amounting to at least € 1,000,000 (a million /00);
- To have carried out at least one assignment in the last three years (2019, 2020 and 2021) for the activity of auditing services for the accounts of the European Research organizations.

4. OPERATING PROCEDURE

- The interested parties in possession of the requirements referred to in the previous point must send a letter of expression of interest, accompanied by the documentation indicated below and no later than **September 28, 2022**. The expression of interests must be formalized in a letter signed by the legal representative of the interested subject containing an express declaration of interest in the procedure and a declaration certifying the required pre-requisites.
- The letter must be received exclusively by PEC at the address eric.emso@legal.email.it indicating in the subject "Expression of interest for the Legal Audit service of the accounts". The contact person, the reference address, the telephone number and the PEC address to be used for any communication must be specified.

Subjects who meet the requirements must provide the following documentation:

- The list of the main legal audit services of research consortia or national and / or international public bodies provided in the years 2019-2020-2021 and the relative amount of the tasks;
- Present the list of the main legal auditing services performed for other European Research Infrastructure Consortia (ERICs) in the years 2019-2020-2021;
- Provide an indication of the professionals who will be responsible for the performance of the services covered by the assignment with indication of the program of activities and the relative estimated hours for the execution of the service.

This notice is aimed exclusively at receiving expressions of interest to encourage the participation and consultation of the largest number of economic operators in a non-binding way for EMSO ERIC. The expressions of interest have the sole purpose of communicating to EMSO ERIC the willingness to be invited to submit an offer.

EMSO ERIC reserves the right to invite an appropriate number of suitable auditing companies from among those candidates to whom it will be required to present an offer by letter of invitation.

5. OTHER INFORMATIONS

EMSO ERIC in its own independent and unquestionable judgment, reserves the right to withdraw at any moment of the negotiation, without the interested parties being able to exercise any claim, even as compensation. In any case, EMSO ERIC will not be required to

pay anything to the candidates, for any reason, for the expressions of interest presented or for any preliminary investigations carried out.

The publication of this notice and any related and / or consequential activities do not entail any obligation for EMSO ERIC to conclude the negotiation. EMSO ERIC reserves the right in any case:

- Not to proceed with the conclusion of the negotiation in the event that none of the expressions of interest presented are considered suitable;
- To suspend, cancel or remodel the conditions of the procedure without the participants being able to request compensation or compensation;
- To invite other primary international auditing companies which have not presented expressions of interest.

Interested parties may request any clarifications on the provisions of this notice. Requests may only be submitted by e-mail to the e-mail address recruitment@emso-eu.org

Any corrections and clarifications will also be communicated through publication on the EMSO ERIC website only.