

**CLARIFICATION No 1****Reference:** EEA/ACC/13/002-ETC/CCA**Title:** Open call for proposals for the award of a framework partnership agreement concerning the European Topic Centre on Climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation 2014-2018 (ETC-CCA)**Question 1**

What are the typical day-rates for an EEA project/ do you have an upper limit of day-rates?

Answer 1

Please note that EEA is not in a position to provide information on the average rates applicable under a framework partnership agreement as these rates vary considerably from partner to partner depending on various factors, including their country of origin.

With respect to the financial contribution that may be granted annually to the consortium upon signature of a specific agreement under the framework partnership agreement, please note that pursuant to the financial regulation applicable to this call for proposals, and in particular Article 125(4) thereof, grants shall not have the purpose or effect of producing a profit. You should also bear in mind the provisions of Articles II.17.1 and II.17.2 (a) of the draft framework partnership agreement (annex 5 to the Terms of Reference), which provide relevant information as to the characteristics and criteria costs have to comply with in order to be eligible for reimbursement.

Question 2

The Terms of reference mention EUR 600 000 as total spending in the topic area – does this figure refer to the annual budget or to the total of the whole 4 year period?

Answer 2

Please refer to the Terms of Reference section 1.1., page 2, where it is specified that the total annual budget for Specific Agreements (SAs) to be concluded on the basis of the Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA) will be subject to available funds from the general budget of the EU and priorities set in the EEA Strategy 2014-18, which will be approved by the EEA Management Board later in 2013. Present spending in the topic area is in the order of: EUR 600'000 for Climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation.

By 'Topic area' is meant what is covered by the current ETC/CCA. Spending for the new ETC will be subject to available funds and should be seen in conjunction with the level of the national subvention, bearing in mind the provisions of the Framework Partnership Agreement which foresees a minimum of 10% co-financing by the consortium concerned.