

Call for expression of interest for experts to participate in the Evaluation Panel – PRIMA Annual Work Plan - AWP2019

1. Objective of the call for expression of interest

On 17th December 2018, PRIMA launched five Calls for Proposals (four calls for Section 1 and one call for Section 2) under its Annual Work Plan 2019 (AWP2019). Details of the calls are available on the PRIMA website www.prima-med.org.

PRIMA is seeking expressions of interest from qualified experts to conduct the independent evaluation of proposals on the following topics:

Topics for PRIMA Section 1 Calls 2019

Thematic Area Water management

- Topic 1.1.1 RIA Sustainable groundwater management in water-stressed Mediterranean areas

Thematic Area Farming systems

- Topic 1.2.1 RIA Conserving water and soil in Mediterranean dry-farming, smallholder agriculture.
- Topic 1.2.2 IA Sustainability and competitiveness of Mediterranean greenhouse and intensive horticulture

Thematic Area Agro-food value chain

- Topic 1.3.1 IA Implementation of analytical tools and digital technology to achieve traceability and authenticity control of traditional Mediterranean foods.

Nexus theme

- Topic 1.4.1 RIA Assessing social, technical and economic benefits of a cross-sectoral governance of the Water-Ecosystems-Food Nexus.
- Topic 1.4.2 CSA Platform for mapping and capitalisation of best practices from on-going and past experiences related to Farming system, Water management and Food Value chain in the Med area

Topics for PRIMA Section 2 Call – Multi-topic 2019

Thematic Area Water management

- Topic 2.1.1 RIA Bridging the gap between potential and actual irrigation performance in the Mediterranean
- Topic 2.1.2 RIA Management of low quality waters under water scarcity and climate change conditions

Thematic Area Farming systems

- Topic 2.2.1 RIA Small scale farming systems innovation.
- Topic 2.2.2 RIA Use and management of biodiversity as a major lever of sustainability in farming systems

Thematic Area Agro-food value chain

- Topic 2.3.1 RIA Extending shelf-life of perishable Mediterranean food products
- Topic 2.3.2 RIA Enhancing horizontal and vertical integration in Mediterranean agro-food value-chains

The candidates shall not have been involved in the design or implementation of PRIMA activities being assessed by the evaluation and will be required to sign a conflict of interest declaration.

Individuals who participate in proposals (as coordinator, partner or by any other role) submitted against any of the PRIMA Calls for Proposals 2019 (Section 1 and/or Section 2) cannot apply to be selected as evaluators.

2. Tasks and responsibilities

Experts will contribute to the evaluation for their area of specialisation. They will receive a portfolio of proposals to be evaluated. They will perform a remote evaluation of the proposals, which implies giving scores and written comments for each criterion of evaluation, before attending a panel review meeting.

Depending on the type of call for proposals, the evaluation might be carried out in a single-stage or two-stage evaluation process (in the latter case, experts may be asked to evaluate First Stage “pre-proposals” and Second Stage “full proposals”).

Experts will be supported by the PRIMA Project Officers during the evaluation process and will be provided with all necessary materials and documents to perform their tasks.

3. Requirements

The minimum requirements are:

- Postgraduate degree in relevant discipline (preferably a PhD or equivalent in one of the areas addressed by the PRIMA Programme);
- At least 5 years of professional experience;
- Solid Expertise in the topics as highlighted above;
- Solid Evaluation experience in international research and innovation programs;
- Fluency in English, both written and spoken;
- Excellent writing skills;

The desirable requirements are:

- Previous experience with coordination of and cross-linkages between programmes and policies at regional and national level;
- Previous Work experience in the Mediterranean area and knowledge of regional issues.

Additional Information

PRIMA strives to achieve gender and geographical balance in the composition of the Evaluation Panels.

4. Indicative timeline for the selection of experts

- Interested parties shall register themselves in the “PRIMA Database of Experts” by **31st January 2019 EOB**¹. The PRIMA website features a section called [“Register as an expert”](#) where interested parties will need to fill in the online template, in which personal, administrative and scientific data will be requested. A detailed *Curriculum Vitae* has to be uploaded (preferably Europass format).
- The PRIMA Secretariat will contact suitable candidates in **January/February 2019**.
- The final selection will take place in **March 2019**.

5. Remuneration

Experts will be remunerated according to PRIMA rules, including travel and subsistence costs.

DISCLAIMER: This is by no means a job offer. Also, to apply does not mean that you will be selected as an expert evaluator. Only selected experts will be contacted in due time.

¹ Parties interested in participating in the *Evaluation Panels 2019* should register before the deadline indicated. Registration is however possible all year round, as suitable candidates may also be contacted by PRIMA in the future.