



Questions and answers to the tender procedure *Loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change* (a project under the auspices of the Nordic working group of Climate and Air/NKL).

The Ministry of Environment has anonymised and shortened some of the questions.

The invitation to submit a tender was published at www.ubud.dk 22.03.2022.

Question no.	Date	Question (anonymized)	Answer
1	08.04.2022	To what extent is the theme of the call pre-defined? For example: are we talking about loss and damage to agriculture, to forestry, the aquatics or to biodiversity?	The theme related to loss and damage is not pre-defined. However, the tender specifications include under section 1.3.3 <i>Tasks</i> guidance on main issues and thematic elements to focus on.
2	10.04.2022	Are educational institutes eligible to apply for grants supported by your institute?	As referred to in section 1. <i>Introduction</i> , the research study could be conducted by both policy and research institutions working with climate policy and loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change. The tender procedure is not related to project grants but regards a public procurement procedure. A contract will be signed between the winning provider and the Ministry of Environment of Denmark on behalf of the Nordic Working Group on Climate and Air.
3	10.04.2022	Are non-Nordic institutes eligible to apply?	Suitable providers from all geographical regions can send in proposals. As referred to in section 1.3.4 <i>Output and communication of project results</i> , the language of all the publications as well as communication with the steering group is English, however, the final published report shall have a summary both in English and in a Scandinavian language. The steering group meetings are to be arranged within office hours in the Nordic countries.
4	12.04.22	Does the requirement of the	As referred to in section 1.6.2.5 <i>The tenderer's financial and economic suitability</i> of the tender specifications, the minimum requirement is a

		<p>tenderer's business turnover of latest financial year need to be complied with? Is it possible to demonstrate financial and economic suitability by presenting a bank guarantee for twice the amount of the contract budget? If a bank guarantee is acceptable, can the Ministry of Environment of Denmark provide a standard guarantee formula?</p>	<p>turnover of minimum twice the amount of the budget of this contract. If the tenderer is unable to present the required proof for financial and economic suitability, the tenderer shall seek to otherwise prove its economic and financial suitability by submitting appropriate documents, as referred to in the Public Procurement Act § 154. In such case, the tenderer shall refer to the circumstance relied on by the tenderer as valid grounds for not presenting the required documents. The contracting authority cannot assess beforehand which kind of documentation will be accepted, as this assessment may also depend on the statement submitted by the tenderer. The Ministry of Environment cannot provide a standard guarantee formula for the used document.</p> <p>The purpose of the set minimum requirement for turnover is to ensure that the contract will be entered into with a supplier who has sufficient economic ballast or financial security to be able to perform the task.</p> <p>The tenderer can seek further guidance in the Danish Public Procurement Act with accompanying commentaries (in Danish). English version: https://www.kfst.dk/media/54435/the-public-procurement-act.pdf Danish version (with commentaries): https://www.retsinformation.dk/eli/ft/201512L00019</p>
5	19.04.2022	<p>Why is the Nordic Council of Ministers interested in the Santiago Network and Warsaw mechanism? Which perspective is of interest here?</p>	<p>The Nordic prime ministers adopted a vision for the Nordic co-operation in August 2019. One objective of the Nordic vision is that the Nordic Council of Ministers should contribute to a positive development of international co-operation on climate.</p> <p>At COP26, two important decisions were taken in relation to loss and damage, namely on the functions of the Santiago Network and on the launch of the Glasgow Dialogue to be organized in cooperation with the Warsaw International Mechanism. Follow up on the two decisions is important to ensure further progress in the efforts to avert, minimize and address loss and damage. Through the project, the Nordic Council of Ministers shows its interest in contributing to progress.</p>

6.	19.04.2022	Regarding international contacts to be interviewed (listed under 1.6.4.2 c) in the tender proposal, should we only list organisations to be interviewed, or do we need to specify individuals to be interviewed?	It is sufficient to list organisations to be interviewed, but the tenderer is welcome to list suitable informants.
7.	19.04.2022	Regarding the developing countries covered in the project, are there some specific regions of the world which are of more interest than others to the Nordic Council of Ministries?	Specific regions or countries have not been identified for the project, although it could be relevant to include regions/countries which are particularly vulnerable to climate induced loss and damage.