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Question 1

Can a project proposal include costs for the procurement of equipment?

Answer

Yes, a project proposal can also include the procurement of equipment if needed. Please include the expected amount in the proposal application form in section 2.2. '*direct costs*' and attach the offers, should any be available.

Question 2

Approximately how much of the total available budget can a project apply for?

Answer

The current Call for Proposals is intended to support 2-4 projects with an overall indicative budget of 3.3 million CHF. The financial share per project will not only depend on the final number of approved projects but also on the scope of each approved project.

Question 3

In the case of a consortium, does the in-kind contribution have to come in equal parts from all consortium member institutions or is it considered as a whole for the project?

Answer

The in-kind contribution is considered for the whole project, not for the individual consortium member institutions.

Question 4

What would be an indicative range (in percentage) for a significant in-kind contribution of the overall project volume?

Answer

Given that the GCOS Switzerland and GAW-CH financial contributions are a subsidy, certain conditions must be met. The institution receiving the subsidy is required to make a reasonable in-kind contribution of its own (e.g., the supervision work of the project manager or data generated within the framework of other activities) and exhaust any other financing possibilities. As a consequence, only part of the total costs incurred in the project may be claimed. Please note that the provision of office space, computing hardware a.s.o. cannot be considered as in-kind contributions.

Question 5

Could you specify the term '*legal representative*'?

Answer

The legal representative is similar to a project principal investigator. This person will be the main point of contact for MeteoSwiss. Provided that the project is selected for implementation, the legal representative's institution will be the agreement partner of MeteoSwiss (also in the case of a project consortium). The names of the signatories will be determined during the drafting of the agreement.

The deputy of the legal representative acts as a substitute point of contact for MeteoSwiss. This person does not necessarily have to be affiliated to the same institution as the legal representative.

Question 6

Can a consortium include partner institutions from non-Swiss institutions?

Answer

Yes, according to section 5 of the Joint GAW-CH/GCOS Switzerland Call for Proposal document, non-Swiss institutions can be part of a consortium. Please note that the legal representative has to be based at a Swiss institution in Switzerland. In addition, please note that according to section 8 of the Joint GAW-CH/GCOS Switzerland Call for Proposal document, the benefit for the Swiss GAW and/or GCOS programmes is a general evaluation criteria of all proposals.

Question 7

Can the same institution submit more than one proposal?

Answer

Yes, it is possible for more than one proposal to be submitted within the same organisation, provided the proposals have different legal representatives.

Question 8

May private companies based in Switzerland also submit projects as legal representatives?

Answer

Here too we refer to Sect. 5 of the Joint GAW-CH/GCOS Switzerland Call for Proposal document. While the legal representative has to be affiliated/employed to a Swiss institution (including private companies) in Switzerland, institutions/companies abroad can be part of the consortium.

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