



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

ECMWF/RFP/2023/361

FOR

STUDY ON THE SOCIETAL BENEFITS OF ECMWF

Clarifications issued on 20 October 2023

ISSUED BY:
ECMWF
Administration Department
Procurement Section

We are pleased to provide the following clarification responses to questions received:

1 Ref: C1_RFP_361

Question:

Can you please advise on the budget available for the work.

Answer:

ECMWF did not advertise the budget available for this contract. We believe the specification of requirements should give a fair estimate of the volume of work or effort required to successfully implement the contract. Nevertheless, we can confirm that, as per ECMWF procurement rules and procedures, the chosen procurement method (i.e. Request for Proposal) is applied for requirements which are estimated not to exceed the value of £180,000.

2 Ref: C2_RFP_361

Question:

On page 12 one of the study elements says "Data aggregation of costs and benefits of ECMWF together with comparable organisations such as ESA and EUMETSAT, **drawing on previous relevant studies.**" Can you provide these documents, or contacts/links where these can be obtained?

Answer:

Links and/or references to the relevant publicly available studies are provided below:

- Higgins, P. A. T., 2021: Societal Benefits in Weather, Water, and Climate: Understanding, Communication, and Enhancement. An AMS Policy Program Study. The American Meteorological Society, Washington, D.C.
- Sentinels Benefit Study for ESA carried out by EARSC. Methodology here: <https://earsc.org/sebs/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/SeBS-Methodology-2020.pdf>. Results here: <https://indd.adobe.com/view/24d8629f-54da-4ce9-a5ec-5e9d26e2cb20>
- EUMETSAT. EPS/METOP cost-benefit analysis: https://www-cdn.eumetsat.int/files/2020-04/pdf_report_eps-sg_cost-benefit.pdf
- Kull, Daniel; Riishojgaard, Lars Peter; Eyre, John; Varley, Robert A.. 2021. The Value of Surface-based Meteorological Observation Data. © World Bank, Washington, DC. <http://hdl.handle.net/10986/35178> License: [CC BY-NC-ND 3.0 IGO](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/3.0/).
- An approach to classifying the impacts of weather events and whether phenomena on people's health and lifestyles, the economy, society, and the environment is presented in the following paper: DEFINING THE IMPACT OF WEATHER, Patrick McCarthy, Prairie and Arctic Storm Prediction Centre, Meteorological Service of Canada. <https://ams.confex.com/ams/pdfpapers/123441.pdf>
- The document by ESFRI about the Impact Assessment of Research Infrastructures (RIs) is available here: https://www.esfri.eu/sites/default/files/ESFRI_Impact_Policy_Brief_23052023.pdf.

3 Ref: C3_RFP_361

Extension of deadline for submission of responses:

ECMWF is hereby amending the Timetable for this RFP. The table in section 1.5 of the RFP document is hereby amended as follows (changes are marked in red):

RFP issuance date	11 October 2023
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Final date for receipt of clarification questions	25 October 2023 1 November 2023
Closing date/time for submission of responses	8 November 2023, 15:00 (UK local time) 15 November 2023, 15:00 (UK local time)
Evaluation of proposals by ECMWF	By end of November 2023
Negotiations with one or more Proposers	By mid-December 2023
Award of contract	By end of December 2023
Start of work under contract	1 January 2024