

Call for expression of interest for experts to participate in the Evaluation Panel – PRIMA Annual Work Plan - AWP2020

1. Objective of the call for expression of interest

PRIMA is seeking expressions of interest from qualified experts to conduct the independent evaluation of proposals that will be submitted in response to the calls 2020. The qualifications required are as follows according to the PRIMA-Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda, SRIA priorities and keywords:

Thematic Area Water management

- Water governance and water-related socio-economic issues
- Irrigation and smallholder farming
- Integrated Water Resources Management under climate change scenarios
- Use of non-conventional waters

Thematic Area Farming systems

- Animal genetic-genomic resources, livestock management, husbandry, breeders
- Animal nutrition
- Adaptation of agriculture to climate change, use of biodiversity
- Farming systems specialist
- Agricultural socio-Economist

Thematic Area Agro-food value chain

- Valorising food products from traditional Mediterranean diet
- Innovation models for agro-food value chain
- Implication of dietary shifts and sustainable diets for the Mediterranean populations and food industry

Nexus theme

- Water-ecosystems-Food Nexus
- Water allocation
- Socio-economic and environmental specialist

The candidates shall not have been involved in the design or implementation of PRIMA activities 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 2020 (Section 1 and/or Section 2) cannot apply to be evaluators of the same cycle.

2. Tasks and responsibilities

Experts will contribute to the evaluation according to their areas 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 criteria of evaluation, before attending a panel review meeting.

The evaluation will be carried out in two-stage evaluation process, in which experts may be asked to evaluate the First Stage “pre-proposals” and/or 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, preferably EU ones, 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

- Applications should be submitted by 15 February 2020.
- PRIMA Secretariat will contact potential candidates and establish a database of available experts by end of February 2020.
- The final selection will be taken in February-March 2020. Selected experts will be contacted directly by PRIMA Secretariat.

5. Remuneration

As an expert, you will be remunerated according to PRIMA rules. All travels and subsistence costs accompanied to the evaluation process will be covered as well.

6. How to apply

The PRIMA website features a section called [“Register as an expert”](#): for those interested in applying, it is mandatory to register and create a profile in the PRIMA *Database of Experts*. Interested experts will need to fill in the online template, in which personal, administrative and scientific data will be requested. A detailed *Curriculum Vitae* in English has to be uploaded (using Europass format).

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.