

Frequently asked Questions

Q: Is each single project expected to cover all the expected outputs?

A: The expected outputs are the expression of where research has to be carried out. In contrary to procured projects, for research projects the list of expected outputs is facultative.

Q: it is not clear whether we, partners from a country outside the DoRN formulating countries (remark: Austria, Belgium-Flanders, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Norway, the Netherlands, Slovenia, Sweden and UK), are eligible.

A: Please refer to the Guide for Applicants, chapter 3.2.

Q: The (financial) size of proposals: Are you aiming for a certain financial size of proposals?

A: Research has to be carried out to achieve outputs. For a research project, it is not predictable who will apply on what and with which approach. Researchers will be free on defining their way, and there is no pre-defined distribution of the budget.

Q: The composition of the consortium. Is there a maximum or a minimum to the number of parties involved in the consortium? Or is there a minimum or maximum to certain types of partners (e.g. universities, consultancy, etcetera)? And are there preconditions with regard to involvement of parties from 'practice' (e.g. governments, developers, infrastructure providers, etcetera)? Should those parties be present in the consortium to be eligible for funding?

A: The consortium has to be collaborative (more than 1 participant) and the consortium leader has to stem from Europe. It is important that the consortium will be able to fulfil what is promised, so it is helpful if the consortium member's contribution is transparent.

Q: Draft Contract for Research and Development Services issued with the CEDR 2017 Tender Documents, clause 8.8: The Guide for Applicants indicates that a Consortium Agreement is required to be in place between project partners. Could you confirm that the terms of the Consortium Agreement in relation to IPR would take precedence over this Clause?

A: Clause 8.8 determines that the project's IPR are shared between the principal and the consortia. The IPR treatment among the consortium members is subject to the consortium agreements.

Q: Draft Contract for Research and Development Services issued with the CEDR 2017 Tender Documents, clause 9.1 – Could you advise under what conditions you see this clause as applicable? As in previous CEDR contracts liability was limited by the contract sum as opposed to unlimited liability?

A: This clause states that the contractor is liable for keeping the contractual regulations and that he is liable for failings of all persons he uses to fulfil his obligations. This applies e.g. to personnel from sub-contractors that carries out work that is necessary to fulfil the contract, but also for his own personnel.

Liability limitations: The contractor's liability for financial damage is limited to EUR 1.000.000,- (EUR one million), the contractor is not liable for lost profit. These limitations are not applicable in the case of deliberate intention, gross negligence and injury of life and health as well as in cases where the product liability acts are applicable.

Q: Draft Contract for Research and Development Services issued with the CEDR 2017 Tender Documents, clause 9.2 – Could you advise under what conditions you see this clause as applicable, particularly in relation to the definition of third parties, which does not appear in the Tender Documents?

A: An example is the license claim due to software used in the projects.

Q: The project results of "New Materials and Techniques" need to be demonstrated on test sites. Participating NRAs will provide demonstration sites. Should the cost associated to the test sites included in the project budget? Or will be the NRA cover the cost?

A: Please agree with the respective NRA on the test site usage and its modalities before submitting the proposal.