



LIFE AQPOM LIFE13 NAT/LV/001078

Request for expert services for producing a report on socio-economic impact of the project, project action D.3

Project “Conservation arrangements for Lesser Spotted Eagle in Latvia” focuses on establishment of protected areas in forested territories around nesting sites and restoration of feeding grounds. Thus a significant amount of forest is being excluded from commercial use, and forest associated businesses in rural areas are being affected. Although the compensation mechanism for this type of restrictions is already in place, it is advisable to create a more balanced and straightforward compensation system. In order to continue discussions with stakeholders, it is essential to evaluate the socio-economic impact of project activities related to nest protection. In addition, habitat restoration on Lesser Spotted Eagle (LSE) feeding grounds allow these areas of semi-natural grasslands to be used not only for grazing and hay production, but to gain other grassland-related products as well. As these territories will qualify for future funding from Common Agricultural Policy, it is of a great importance to include habitat restoration benefits in the socio-economic evaluation of this project.

The expert should deliver the following:

A report on socio-economic impact of the project, including:

1. Estimate of private land owner loss of income due to management restrictions on forested lands around LSE nesting territories
2. Evaluation of ecosystem services provided by forest habitat conservation and grassland restoration
3. Assessment of economic potential and direct benefits of grassland restoration

Deadline for completing the report: 31 July 2021

Requirements for the expert:

- At least 5 year experience in the tasks related to socio-economic issue evaluations;
- Citizen or a permanent resident in one of the EU countries;
- Track record of scientific publications related to the topic of this report

Experts are asked to provide the following documentation when applying with the bid:

- CV confirming the experience of the expert in the field;
- Short description of the proposed methodology to undertake the study;
- Price offer.

The most cost-efficient bid will be selected, based on the following criteria, with the maximum of 100 points to be granted:

The proven experience of the expert in the field of socio-economic issue evaluation (based on the assessment of the submitted CVs) = 20 points

The quality of the proposed methodology = 40 points

The price = 40 points

Deadline for submitting the bids for providing services: 26 March 2021

Please apply by e-mail to janis.kuze@ldf.lv. In case of any questions and clarifications, please contact project manager Jānis Kuze at janis.kuze@ldf.lv or +371 29192799. When applying, please include the subject "LIFE AQPOM: expert application for D.3 report" in the e-mail.