



ASSOITTICA ITALIA

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO DEVELOP PROJECT PROPOSALS IN THE CONTEXT OF EUROPEAN AND NATIONAL CALLS

Keywords: *fish supply chain, fish products, fishing, aquaculture, enterprises, business management, certification, sustainability, innovation, circular economy, food safety, food waste, plastics and microplastics, etc.*

1. PURPOSE

This procedure is aimed at soliciting expressions of interest from private or public entities with legal personality to identify, formulate and, eventually, manage European projects relevant to the fishing industry. Following the expressions of interest, to be submitted according to the Point 4 here below, Assoittica Italia will select the Applicant to entrust the assignment by means of a specific collaboration agreement.

2. ASSOITTICA ITALIA

Since May 1986, Assoittica Italia (National Association of Fish Companies) has been gathering over 120 companies operating, in whole or in part, in the fishing sector with a total turnover exceeding 6 billion EUR and over 9,000 employees.

The activities of Assoittica Italia range from the analysis and evaluation of EU provisions in the fields of food safety, commercial transactions and processing to inform its associates on the regulatory scenarios in the pipeline. These activities are carried out also thanks to several strategic partnerships established with national and international industry associations, Universities, Research Centers, both public and private experimental laboratories, etc.

Furthermore, Assoittica Italia is: i) the sole shareholder of the service company *Assoittica Research & Development srl*, which, among other activities, organizes and coordinates the first and only virtual event in the world on seafood, the *Digital Seafood Trade Show*; ii) the founding member of the public/private consortium, the *National Network of Hotel Management Schools for the Fishing Industry*; iii) the founding member of the *Interprofessional Organization of the Fishing Industry and Aquaculture* in Italy, the only one recognized by Ministerial decree (January 2004).

Finally, Assoittica Italia has its own "Project Department for European Calls".

3. SERVICES REQUIRED

The fish supply chain represents the most versatile and lively supply chain in the agro-food sector in terms of innovation. The growing attention towards a healthy and balanced diet has increasingly brought consumers closer to seafood products, and sustainability is crucial for the effective management of the entire fish supply chain apart from being an increasingly relevant issue to the general public.



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With respect to calls for proposals relevant to the fishing industry launched by European and/or national programs, a specific expression of interest from Applicants is required for the following activities:

- *Identify financing opportunities for which Assoittica Italia is eligible;*
- *Once selected the best opportunity, formulate a project proposal (technical document and budget) according to the requirements of the call;*
- *Identify potential partners, according to the criterion of excellence, to set up competitive Consortia;*
- *Facilitate the inclusion of Assoittica Italia, as a Partner, in Consortia under establishment;*
- *Propose my own organization as a Partner in the framework of a call for proposals.*

Here below a non-exhaustive lists of topics on which Assoittica Italia would like the selected Applicant to develop project proposals:

Supply chain sustainability

- Cold chain closed to landing sites to ensure quality
- Improvement of seafood operators knowledge and skills
- Setting up and management of aquaculture businesses
- Farming practices

Circular economy

- Organic waste for fishmeal, fish oil fertilizers as well as biomedical and cosmetic uses
- Transformation of mussel shell into calcium carbonate (95-99% component of the valves)
- Use of oyster shells for accessories, construction, and reef restoration
- Sustainable packaging

Innovative seafood processing

- Technological innovation in the production, marketing and processing of products
- Adoption of international standards and strengthening of control systems
- Certification for seafood processing

Public awareness /education

- Creation of a Mediterranean repository of seafood-related scientific publications Partnerships with elementary, medium and high schools for sensibilization campaign

Capacity building

- Training programs, leadership programs, collection and sharing of quality data tailored to the needs (and understanding) of the operators
- Networking and good practices exchange among operators
- Establishment of operational links between academia and seafood industry

Gender

- Social justice, inclusion, employability opportunities



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4. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

Participation is reserved for economic operators specialized in design services, management and reporting of European and national projects.

Applicants in possession of the following minimum requirements can apply:

- a) be registered at a Chamber of Commerce with an activity consistent with this procedure;
- b) possess the general requirements envisaged by art. 38 of Legislative Decree 163/2006 and subsequent amendments and additions;
- c) be up to date as regards the payment of insurance and/or social security contributions of shareholders and/or employees;
- d) have been established for at least five years and operate in the field of project development and management;
- e) in the last five years, having conducted support services for submitting projects funded by European Programmes (e.g., EMFF, INTERREG, COSME, HORIZON, LIFE)

The above requirements must be documented as part of the expression of interest by means of a self-declaration.

5. SUBMISSION OF THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Expressions of interest must be sent by e-mail to the address: info@assoitticano later than **20 June 2022**.

The legal representative of the Applicant must sign the Annex A.

The expressions of interest arriving after the deadline or not in line with Annex A will be rejected.

6. ASSIGNMENT OF THE SERVICE

On the basis of the applications received and the information provided in Annex A, Assoittica Italia will inform the selected Applicant. Afterwards, a contract will be drawn up on the technical and financial aspects of the collaboration.

7. CLARIFICATIONS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information, you can write to the following e-mail address: info@assoittica.it

8. PRIVACY POLICY

Personal data related to this notice will be stored by Assoittica Italia. According to the provisions of the Italian Legislative Decree 196/2003, such data will be treated according to the principles of correctness, lawfulness and transparency. The person in charge of data processing is Mr. Giuseppe Palma, Secretary General.



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9. MISCELLANEOUS

It is understood that:

- The relationship between the Applicant and Assoittica Italia will only arise only through the stipulation of a contract;
- Assoittica Italia reserves the right to modify, suspend and/or revoke this procedure at any moment, also ;
- No rights whatsoever will arise from the participation in this procedure.

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its interest in identifying, formulating and eventually managing European or national projects relevant to the fish industry.

With respect the activities aforementioned, the undersigned Applicant is particularly interested in the following ones (please, select as many as you wish):

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AUTHORIZE

- sending communications relating to this procedure to the following address: _____
- the collection of personal data according to the Legislative Decree n. 196/2003 in order to conduct this procedure

Attached:

- photocopy of the identity document of the Applicant;
- self-declaration about owning the minimum requirements aforementioned

Place and date

Signature