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**Quality Standards and Accreditation Frameworks and
Quality Assurance Services for EIT Community Education
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1. Overview of EIT Food & EIT Community Education

EIT Food

EIT Food is Europe's leading food innovation initiative, working to make the food system more sustainable, healthy and trusted.

The initiative is made up of a consortium of key industry players, startups, research centres and universities from across Europe. It is one of nine Innovation Communities established by the European Institute for Innovation & Technology (EIT), an independent EU body set up in 2008 to drive innovation and entrepreneurship across Europe.

EIT Food aims to collaborate closely with consumers to develop new knowledge and technology-based products and services that will ultimately deliver a healthier and more sustainable lifestyle for all European citizens.

For more information about our company please visit the following website: www.eitfood.eu

EIT Community Education

The EIT Community education portfolio, **composed of 4 transversal upskilling and reskilling initiatives that are supported by the nine EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities' (KICs), collectively opens unprecedented opportunities for students, scholars, and professionals working and studying in Europe (see 2.1. General Objectives for more details on the work packages).** Through fostering alignment between KICs' educational activities, the EIT Community education portfolio creates cross-cutting opportunities, fosters peer-learning, and embeds learning into every partner interaction. As a result, EIT partners and learners are equipped to innovate solutions to global challenges tackled by European policies, most notably the Union of Skills, the STEM education strategic plan, and the Draghi report on EU Competitiveness.

2. Scope of work

2.1. General objectives

As part of the **2026-2028 EIT Community Education Business Plan**, EIT Food holds specific responsibilities within three work packages — Girls Go STEM, EIT STEM Tech Talent Induction, and EIT Campus — that include tasks related to quality assurance, accreditation, and skills recognition.

A central component of EIT Food's contribution across these work packages is the development and application of **quality standards and certification frameworks** that support EIT Label certification for non-degree education and enable the delivery of **micro-credential-compatible education offers**, where relevant. While each work package retains distinct objectives, target groups, governance structures, and content ownership, EIT Food seeks to ensure that its quality assurance activities across the three

work packages are underpinned by coherent, interoperable standards, enabling consistency and mutual recognition without centralising responsibility or overriding the distributed governance arrangements set out in the Business Plan.

The objective of this Request for Proposals is to procure external professional services to support EIT Community Education in the design and implementation of quality standards and certification frameworks, as well as the application of quality assurance processes, during the period 2026–2028. The services cover three distinct work packages, each with its own objectives, target groups, and deliverables:

WP1 - Girls Go STEM (GGS) aims to equip 100,000 girls in secondary and iVET education across Europe with digital, green, and entrepreneurial skills. The programme's courses are developed following an established learning methodology aligned with EntreComp, DigComp, and GreenComp, designed to meet the needs of secondary and iVET schools and ensuring a minimum average of six hours of learning per course. EIT Food co-leads the development of recognition pathways for the programme's learning content, including research into EIT Label feasibility, development of a micro-credential framework aligned with the Union of Skills and the Skills Portability Initiative, and, from 2027 onwards, the launch, embedding, and scaling of validated credentials across participating countries.

WP2 - EIT STEM Tech Talent Induction targets 700,000 learners across secondary, VET, tertiary, and adult education in STEM, entrepreneurship, innovation, and intellectual property. EIT Food leads the quality check and accreditation work within this initiative, covering the design and implementation of quality check processes and accreditation criteria for learning modules, courses, trainings, and Pledger trainings, with education levels referenced to the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) and International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED). This work builds on existing minimum quality criteria from the EIT STEM's predecessor initiative, namely EIT Deep Tech Talent Initiative, to develop more specific accreditation standards, and pursues EIT Label accreditation and micro-credential options across the expanded STEM scope.

WP3 - EIT Campus is being developed as the EIT Innovation Campus joint portal, integrating all EIT education initiatives into a unified access point for professionals, students, startup founders, and corporate partners. EIT Food contributes to the micro-credentials coordination strand, which involves a phased pilot at EIT Campus level, including credential architecture design, a skills badge framework, a light QA framework for learning pathways, credential-ready guides, and a Skills Passport prototype, while KICs retain full responsibility for content, credentialing standards, and data provision.

The services shall support the consistent application of quality assurance processes across the three work packages, adapted to their distinct contexts, target groups, and delivery formats.

The overall objective is to ensure a high, consistent, and interoperable level of quality assurance across EIT Community Education activities, while adapting this into each work package's context and needs.

In parallel, other EIT Community initiatives, including the EIT Higher Education Initiative (HEI), are undertaking complementary activities related to the improvement of the quality and impact of the entrepreneurship and innovation trainings developed under funded projects. The work includes the development of a pathway to ensure that, where feasible, all training activities developed by the initiative and its partners are aligned with and assessed against the European Entrepreneurship Competence Framework

(EntreComp). While such activities fall outside the scope of this Request for Proposals, technical alignment and interoperability at standards level are considered desirable, without creating dependencies or constraints on governance or timelines.

Important note: The providers must ensure their services adhere to the latest version of the EIT Community Education's Business Plan and should always align with EIT Food and work package leaders accordingly for potential changes.

2.2. Detailed work scope

The scope of work is structured around two complementary services, reflecting a clear separation between:

- the design of quality standards and accreditation frameworks, and
- the implementation and application of those standards and frameworks in specific educational contexts.

Tenderers may submit proposals for one service or for both services.

Service 1 – Quality Standards and Accreditation Framework Design

Service 1 covers the design, consolidation, and documentation of a common quality assurance backbone, including quality standards and accreditation frameworks, applicable across EIT Community Education activities. The work under this service is structured in two sequential phases: the development of overarching, cross-WP standards first, followed by the contextualisation of those standards to the specific educational contexts of each work package.

Phase 1 – Overarching framework design

This phase establishes the common quality assurance backbone that will underpin all subsequent work. It includes:

- the definition of overarching quality standards and accreditation frameworks supporting EIT Label accreditation for non-degree education;
- the development of criteria, minimum requirements, evidence and documentation requirements, and assessment logic applicable across all work packages;
- alignment with relevant European and EIT reference frameworks, including the European Qualifications Framework (EQF), entrepreneurship and competence frameworks (including EntreComp, where relevant), the European Digital Credentials for Learning, and Union of Skills and Skills Portability Initiative principles;
- the design of reusable artefacts such as frameworks, templates, and guidance materials.

The outputs of Phase 1 shall be sector-agnostic and designed to ensure interoperability and reuse across all three work packages.

Phase 2 – WP-specific contextualisation

Building directly on the overarching standards developed in Phase 1, the provider shall contextualise the frameworks to the specific educational contexts, target groups, and delivery formats of each work package. This includes:

- for WP1 – Girls Go STEM: research into EIT Label feasibility for the GGS programme and development of a micro-credential framework calibrated to secondary and iVET education, aligned with the Union of Skills and the Skills

Portability Initiative, including compatibility with the European Digital Credentials Infrastructure (EDCI);

- for WP2 – EIT STEM Tech Talent Induction: development of more specific accreditation criteria building on existing minimum quality criteria, and EQF-referenced learning outcome standards calibrated across secondary, VET, tertiary, and adult education levels within the STEM scope;
- for WP3 – EIT Campus: design, coordination, piloting, and validation of EIT Campus approaches to skills recognition and microcredentials. Activities may include analysis of existing KIC practices, stakeholder consultation, credential architecture design, development of credential-ready learning pathway models, skills badge frameworks, Skills Passport requirements, quality assurance approaches, pilot implementation support, Europass and European Digital Credentials feasibility assessments, and recommendations for future scale-up and governance.

Phase 2 contextualisation shall be carried out in close coordination with EIT Food and the relevant work package leads, to ensure the calibrated standards accurately reflect each initiative's operational reality before they are handed over for implementation under Service 2.

Service 1 does not include operational quality assurance activities, assessment of individual courses or applications, or the implementation and embedding of credentials within work package programmes.

Service 2 – Quality Assurance Implementation and WP-Specific Application

Service 2 covers the implementation and application of the quality standards and accreditation frameworks delivered under Service 1 within the three EIT Community Education work packages. The provider shall work from the Phase 1 and Phase 2 handover packages delivered by the Service 1 provider, and shall not redesign, reinterpret, or recalibrate the quality standards, criteria, or assessment logic established therein.

This service includes:

- the application of the overarching and contextualised quality standards and accreditation frameworks to the specific educational contexts of each work package, in accordance with the handover packages received from Service 1;
- operational accreditation activities adapted to each work package, including accreditation support for the GGS learning programme with reviews of learning content and methodology against the contextualised framework, and monitoring of compliance with predefined quality requirements (WP1); quality check processes applied to learning modules, courses, trainings, and Pledger trainings, verification of compliance with the accreditation criteria, and support to EIT Label accreditation and micro-credential processes across the STEM scope (WP2); and support the development and piloting of two live credential pathways, associated Campus badges, and a Skills Passport prototype with participating KICs, building on the credential-readiness framework and checklist delivered under Service 1 (WP3)

While implementation under Service 2 shall be adapted to work package-specific characteristics, including learner profiles, scale, and delivery formats, all activities must be carried out in strict accordance with the predefined quality standards and accreditation frameworks. Service 2 does not include the redesign or reinterpretation of quality standards, criteria, or assessment logic.

2.3. Deliverables

Indicative deliverables under the services include:

Service 1:

- Overarching
 - o Deliverable(s):
 - Overarching Quality Standards and Accreditation Framework: documented quality standards, accreditation frameworks, assessment methodologies, decision logic, and reusable templates and guidance materials applicable across all three work packages. To be delivered before Phase 2 contextualisation begins, indicatively 3 months after the contract signature, to be confirmed with EIT Food.
 - Phase 1 Handover Package: a structured handover document consolidating the outputs of the overarching framework into an actionable baseline for the Service 2 provider, including a summary of the overarching standards, key criteria, and minimum requirements to be applied across all work packages. To be delivered alongside the overarching framework, indicatively 3 months after the contract signature, to be confirmed with EIT Food.
 - Phase 2 Handover Package: a consolidated handover document presenting the contextualised frameworks for all three work packages, confirming that WP-specific calibration has been completed and providing the Service 2 provider with the operational basis for implementation per WP. To be delivered upon completion of Phase 2, indicatively by 28/02/2027, to be confirmed with EIT Food.
 - Handover plan: a document displaying in detail how the provider for Service 2 will be onboarded beyond the written handover packages, indicatively 5 months after contract signature, to be confirmed with EIT Food.
- WP1 Girls Go STEM
 - o Deliverable(s):
 - Accreditation Mechanism Roadmap and Implementation 2026: Explore potential recognition and certification pathways for the Girls Go STEM learning programme, including researching the feasibility of applying for the EIT Label and developing a micro-credential framework aligned with the Union of Skills and the Skills Portability Initiative. Deliver a detailed roadmap for the pilot and implementation of micro-credentials within the Girls Go STEM programme, including key steps, timelines, and risk mitigation measures. Due 31/12/2026.
- WP2 EIT STEM Tech Talent Induction
 - o Deliverable(s):
 - Report on Defining Learning Outcomes, Securing EIT Label, Issuing Micro-Credentials, and Ensuring Alignment with European Frameworks 2026, covering insights on defining learning outcomes and aligning with European standards including EuroPass and the European Digital Credentials for Learning within the EIT STEM scope. Due 31/01/2027.
- WP3 EIT Campus
 - o Deliverable(s):
 - EIT Campus Pathways for Skills Recognition and Credentialing Report 2026, a full report on the approach for the development of

credential-ready learning pathways and a practical credential-readiness checklist, serving as a basis for the Skills Passport and formal credentialing framework. Due 31/12/2026.

Service 2:

- WP1 Girls Go STEM
 - o Deliverable(s):
 - Accreditation Mechanism Roadmap and Implementation 2027: Launch the validated framework, embedding micro-credentials into the GGS programme and issuing credentials to learners across participating countries. Due 31/12/2027
 - Accreditation Mechanism Roadmap and Implementation 2028.: Scale the validated and tested framework, revise the roadmap and produce a final report on implementation of accreditation mechanisms. Due 31/10/2028
 - o Output(s):
 - micro-credentials framework launched, embedded, and scaled across participating countries from 2027 onwards, subject to feasibility confirmed under Service 1.
- WP2 EIT STEM Tech Talent Induction
 - o Deliverable(s):
 - Report on Defining Learning Outcomes, Securing EIT Label, Issuing Micro-Credentials, and Ensuring Alignment with European Frameworks 2027. Due 31/01/2027.
 - Report on Defining Learning Outcomes, Securing EIT Label, Issuing Micro-Credentials, and Ensuring Alignment with European Frameworks 2028. Due 31/12/2027.
 - o Output(s):
 - micro-credentials and EIT Label frameworks applied across the STEM scope.
 - o Milestone(s):
 - Micro-credentials and EIT Label frameworks designed and validated, due 30/11/2027.
- WP3 EIT Campus
 - o Deliverable(s):
 - EIT Campus Pathways for Skills Recognition and Credentialing Report 2027: Report and implementation of the credentialing approach and Skills Passport pilot activities. Due 31/12/2027
 - EIT Campus Pathways for Skills Recognition and Credentialing Report 2028: Report on further implementation and final conclusions on Skills Passport and credentialing approach. Due 31/12/2028
 - o Output(s):
 - Two pilot credential pathways with Campus badges and Skills Passport prototype developed and tested with two KICs. Due 31/12/2027
 - o Milestone(s):
 - Skills Passport concept and requirements agreed (not “strategy”). Due 30/06/2027
 - Skills Passport prototype integrated and tested through pilot activities (not “launched”). Due 31/12/2027

2.4. Methodology and organisation of work

The contractor(s) shall apply a structured, transparent and initiative-specific methodology reflecting the distinct nature, objectives and target audiences of the three EIT Community Education initiatives (EIT Campus, Girls Go STEM, and STEM-related activities).

The methodology shall be organised around separate but coordinated workstreams per initiative, ensuring that approaches, tools and outputs are adapted to the specific requirements of each initiative rather than applying a uniform implementation model.

For EIT Campus, the methodology shall support framework development, coordination of KIC inputs, design of credentialing and skills recognition approaches, and piloting of microcredential-related elements, including Skills Passport components where applicable.

For Girls Go STEM- and EIT STEM-related activities, the methodology shall focus on implementation support, consistency of educational delivery, and application of defined standards appropriate to their target audiences and programme logic.

The contractor(s) shall ensure continuous coordination with EIT Community Education to align outputs with the Business Plan objectives, timelines, and reporting requirements, while respecting the distinct scope and operational logic of each initiative.

The contractor(s) shall also participate in structured coordination and validation activities with relevant stakeholders, including KICs where applicable, to ensure coherence, usability and feasibility of outputs across the ecosystem.

2.5. Timing and planning

The contract(s) resulting from this Request for Proposals shall cover the period from contract signature until 31 December 2028, unless terminated earlier in accordance with contractual provisions.

3. Proposal Process

3.1. Participation

Participation in this proposal procedure is open to all tenderers.

3.2. Eligibility & selection criteria

To be eligible for evaluation, the tenderer, or consortium collectively where applicable, must demonstrate the following minimum requirements:

- Demonstrated professional experience in the design and/or implementation of accreditation frameworks, quality-assurance frameworks, or comparable education and skills-recognition systems.
- Adequate staffing, expertise, resources, and operational capacity to deliver the proposed Service by 31 December 2028.
- Relevant experience with European education, qualifications, accreditation, credentialling or competence frameworks, or equivalent international frameworks.
- The legal and professional capacity necessary to enter into and perform the resulting contract.

Evidence must be provided through references to comparable assignments, including the client, scope, delivery period, contract value or scale where disclosure is permitted, and a contact person who may be approached for verification.

Where a proposal is submitted by a consortium, the criteria may be met collectively unless a requirement expressly applies to each consortium member individually. The proposal must identify the lead organisation and the respective roles of all consortium members.

3.3. Submission of proposal

Milestone	Date
Publication of the RfP	24.09.2026
Deadline for clarification questions	16.10.2026
Deadline for submission of proposals	26.10.2026 / Proposals must be received by 26.10.2026 at 23.59 CET. Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered.
Intended notification of award	11.11.2026
Intended contract signature	23.11.2026

All deadlines refer to Central European Summer Time or Central European Time, as applicable on the stated date. EIT Food may amend the timetable before the submission deadline. Any amendment will be communicated to all tenderers through the same channel used for the procurement.

Proposals must be emailed in English to the following address to:

Contact name: for the attention of Ms. Selen Gülgün

E-mail: selen.gulgun@eitfood.eu

The total amount of the contract **for Service 1** will be a **maximum of EUR 151,520**. The total amount of the contract **for Service 2 will be a maximum of EUR 281,395**. The service period runs from the contract signature until 31 December 2028.

The proposal shall contain:

- **Background and experience:**
Demonstrated experience and relevant expertise in the design and/or implementation of quality standards and accreditation frameworks, quality assurance in education and skills initiatives, and experience with EIT Community Education or equivalent European accreditation, quality-assurance, credentialling, qualifications or education frameworks. Experience gained within and outside the EIT Community will be considered equally where it is comparable in relevance, scope and complexity.
- **Approach and methodology:**
A clear description of the proposed approach and methodology for the service(s) applied for, including key steps, organisation of work, and indicative milestones, in line with the scope of work described in Section 2.
- **Team composition:**
Description of the proposed team, including roles, responsibilities, and relevant experience of key experts involved in the delivery of the service(s).
- **Financial offer:**
The financial offer shall be expressed in Euros. VAT shall be indicated separately. Where proposals are submitted for more than one service, a separate financial offer shall be provided per service.
- **Feasibility:**
Confirmation of the tenderer's ability to deliver the proposed service(s) within the contractual timeframe and in accordance with the requirements set out in this Request for Proposals.

Responses should be concise and clear. The tenderer's proposal will be incorporated into any contract that results from this procedure. Tenderers are, therefore, cautioned not to make claims or statements that they are not prepared to commit to contractually. Subsequent modifications and counter-proposals, if applicable, shall also become an integral part of any resulting contract.

The tenderer confirms that the individual submitting the natural or legal entity's proposal is duly authorized to bind its entity to the proposal as submitted. The tenderer also confirms that it has read the instructions to tenderers and has the experience, skills and resources to perform, according to conditions set forth in this proposal and the tenderers' proposal.

3.4. Validity of the proposals

Tenderers are bound by their proposals for 90 days after the deadline for submitting proposals or until they have been notified of non-award.

The selected winner must maintain its proposal for a further 60 days to close the contract.

Proposals not following the instructions of this Request for Proposal can be rejected by EIT Food.

3.5. Requests for additional information or clarification

In case the tenderers require additional information or clarifications, these should be addressed to the person indicated below. All communication between EIT Food and tenderers is only possible in writing, all requests will be done and answered by e-mail only. Requests for clarification must be submitted by email to the contact person by the deadline set out in the procurement timetable in **Section 3.3**. In case of complex or high value procurements, EIT Food may arrange a clarification session of which it will inform all tenderers.

Contact name: for the attention of Ms. Selen Gülgün

| **E-mail:** selen.gulgun@eitfood.eu

EIT Food has no obligation to provide clarification.

3.6. Costs for preparing proposals

No costs incurred by the tenderer in preparing and submitting the proposal are reimbursable. All such costs must be borne by the tenderer.

3.7. Clarification related to the submitted proposals

After submission of the proposals, they shall be checked if they satisfy all the formal requirements set out in the proposal dossier. Where information or documentation submitted by the tenderers are or appears to be incomplete or erroneous or where specific documents are missing, EIT Food may request the tenderer concerned to submit, supplement, clarify or complete the relevant information or documentation within an appropriate time limit. All communication between EIT Food and tenderers is only possible in writing, all requests will be done and answered by e-mail only.

3.8. Negotiation about the submitted proposal

After checking the administrative compliance of the tenderers, EIT Food reserves the right to negotiate the contract terms with the tenderers. In this negotiation EIT Food may ask all tenderers to adjust the proposal or specific sections of the proposal within an appropriate time limit. In case of negotiation, EIT Food shall provide further information about the proceedings and timing.

3.9. Evaluation of proposals

Previous experience with EIT Food or EIT Community Education is not required. Experience obtained through comparable European or international accreditation, quality-assurance, credentialling, qualifications or education initiatives will be assessed equally on the basis of its relevance, scope and complexity.

Service 1 – Quality Standards and Accreditation Framework Design

Technical quality – 7 points

The technical proposal for Service 1 will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- Understanding of the assignment and objectives (1.5 points)
- Demonstrated understanding of the role of quality standards and accreditation frameworks within EIT Community Education, including the two-phase structure of the assignment: first, the development of overarching cross-WP standards, and second, their contextualisation to the distinct educational contexts, target groups, and delivery formats of WP1 Girls Go STEM, WP2 EIT STEM Tech Talent Induction, and WP3 EIT Campus.
- Quality and robustness of the proposed design approach (2.5 points)
- Quality and robustness of the proposed methodology for designing interoperable quality standards and accreditation frameworks, including the definition of criteria, evidence requirements, assessment logic, and decision thresholds.
- *Interoperability and alignment (2 points)*
 - o Extent to which the proposed quality standards and accreditation frameworks are designed to:
 - be reusable and interoperable across all three work packages;
 - align with relevant European and EIT reference frameworks, including the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) and International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED), entrepreneurship and competence frameworks (including EntreComp, DigiComp, and GreenComp where relevant), and the European Digital Credentials for Learning;
 - enable technical compatibility with other EIT Community initiatives, without creating dependencies or constraints.
- *Expertise and experience of the proposed team (1 point)*
 - o Relevance and adequacy of the proposed team's expertise and experience in quality assurance systems, accreditation framework design, and comparable education and skills initiatives.

Financial offer – 3 points

The financial proposal will be evaluated based on price competitiveness and value for money in relation to the proposed operational capacity and delivery approach.

The financial proposal must:

- state the total price for the Service applied for, excluding VAT;
- show VAT separately, where applicable;
- provide a price breakdown by work package and deliverable;
- identify the proposed daily or unit rates by personnel category;
- state the estimated number of days or units corresponding to each rate;
- identify any travel, accommodation or other reimbursable expenses;
- confirm whether all expenses are included in the total proposed price; and
- remain valid for the proposal-validity period specified in this RfP.

All costs necessary for the complete delivery of the proposed Service must be included in the financial proposal. Costs not included in the accepted proposal may not subsequently be charged unless expressly agreed through the applicable contract-amendment procedure.

Total maximum score for Service 1: 10 points

Service 2 – Quality Assurance Implementation and WP Specific Application

Technical quality – 6 points

The technical proposal for Service 2 will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- *Understanding of implementation requirements (1.5 points)*
 - o Demonstrated understanding of the application of pre-defined quality standards and accreditation frameworks delivered via handover packages from the Service 1 provider, and of the distinct implementation requirements across WP1 Girls Go STEM, WP2 EIT STEM Tech Talent Induction, and WP3 EIT Campus, without redesigning or reinterpreting the agreed criteria or assessment logic.
- *Quality and feasibility of the WP-specific implementation approach (2 points)*
 - o Quality, coherence, and feasibility of the proposed approach to implementing the quality standards and accreditation frameworks across each of the three work packages, demonstrating how the provider would adapt operational activities to the distinct contexts, target groups, and delivery formats of WP1 Girls Go STEM, WP2 EIT STEM Tech Talent Induction, and WP3 EIT Campus, without redefining quality criteria or assessment logic.
- *Coordination and stakeholder engagement (1 point)*
 - o Clarity and adequacy of the proposed approach to receiving and working within the Service 1 handover packages, coordinating with EIT Food and the relevant work package leads across the three initiatives, and reporting on implementation progress.
- *Operational capacity and resource allocation (1 point)*
 - o Adequacy of the proposed operational capacity, including team composition, resource allocation, and ability to deliver accreditation activities across three work packages over the contract duration.
- *Experience with comparable operational accreditation assignments (0.5 points)*
 - o Demonstrated experience with operational accreditation activities such as course or programme reviews, accreditation or labelling support, and quality monitoring in education or skills development contexts.

Financial offer – 4 points

The financial proposal will be evaluated based on price competitiveness and value for money in relation to the proposed operational capacity and delivery approach.

The financial proposal must:

- state the total price for the Service applied for, excluding VAT;
- show VAT separately, where applicable;
- provide a price breakdown by work package and deliverable;
- identify the proposed daily or unit rates by personnel category;
- state the estimated number of days or units corresponding to each rate;
- identify any travel, accommodation or other reimbursable expenses;
- confirm whether all expenses are included in the total proposed price; and
- remain valid for the proposal-validity period specified in this RfP.

All costs necessary for the complete delivery of the proposed Service must be included in the financial proposal. Costs not included in the accepted proposal may not subsequently be charged unless expressly agreed through the applicable contract-amendment procedure.

Total maximum score for Service 2: 10 points

Calculation of the scores

Technical evaluation

Each technical subcriterion will be rated on a scale from 0 to 10. The rating will be converted into a weighted score using the following formula:

Weighted score = rating awarded ÷ 10 × maximum points available for the subcriterion.

A subcriterion that is not addressed will receive a rating of 0. Weighted scores will be calculated to two decimal places.

Score	Description
0	Not addressed
1-2 Poor	The criterion is inadequately addressed, or there are serious inherent weaknesses
3-4 Fair	Application broadly addresses the criterion but there are significant weaknesses
5-6 Good	Application addresses the criterion well, but several shortcomings are present.
7-8 Very good	Application addresses the criterion very well, but a small number of shortcomings are present
9-10 Excellent	Application successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor.

Financial evaluation

The financial proposal will be evaluated on the basis of the total proposed price excluding VAT for the relevant Service.

The eligible proposal with the lowest total price will receive the maximum financial score available for that Service. The other eligible proposals will receive a proportionate score calculated using the following formula:

Financial score = lowest eligible total price ÷ total price of the proposal being evaluated × maximum financial points available.

Financial scores will be calculated to two decimal places.

For Service 1, the maximum financial score is **3 points**.
For Service 2, the maximum financial score is **4 points**.

Where a tenderer submits a proposal for both Services, the financial proposal and financial score will be assessed separately for each Service.

The maximum available contract value is:

- **Service 1: €151,520 excluding VAT**
- **Service 2: €281,395 excluding VAT**

These amounts constitute maximum financial ceilings. A proposal exceeding the applicable ceiling will be considered ineligible for the relevant Service and will not proceed to technical and financial evaluation.

Tenderers applying for both Services must provide a separate standalone price for each Service. Any discount conditional upon being awarded both Services must be shown separately. The evaluation will be based on the standalone price for each Service unless EIT Food expressly evaluates a combined award in accordance with the methodology stated in this RfP.

Please note:

The contract will not necessarily be awarded to the tenderer offering the lowest price. Award will be made to the eligible tenderer achieving the highest combined technical and financial score for the relevant Service.

Communication of results

The results of the award procedure will be communicated in writing (via e-mail) to the successful and unsuccessful tenderers.

Evaluation Committee independence and conflicts of interest

EIT Food shall ensure that all members of the Evaluation Committee act independently, impartially and objectively throughout the procurement procedure. Prior to the evaluation of proposals, each Evaluation Committee member shall declare the absence of any actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest in relation to the tenderers.

Where a conflict of interest exists or arises during the evaluation process, the affected individual shall immediately disclose it and withdraw from the evaluation, and an appropriate replacement may be appointed. This process shall be documented in the procurement file. Compliance with these requirements shall be evidenced through the Tender Evaluation Report and related procurement documentation.

3.10. Appeals/complaints

Tenderers believing that they have been harmed by an error or irregularity during the award process may file a complaint. Appeals should be addressed to EIT Food. The tenderers have 10 calendar days to file their complaints from the dispatch of the award notification e-mail.

3.11. Signature of contract

Please refer to Annex 1 for the template contract that shall apply to this procedure. Any changes desired by the tenderer in the provisions contained in the body of the Extended Service Agreement must be communicated to EIT Food as part of the proposal of such tenderer. Any such changes will be considered as part of the evaluation of the proposal of each tenderer

Note: Should the tenderer insist on using their own template, a draft contract needs to be submitted along with the tender proposal. Use of supplier template is

only possible after review and approval from EIT Food's Procurement and Contracts Officer.

Within 5 working days of receipt of the contract from EIT Food, the winning tenderer shall sign and date the contract and return it to EIT Food. Upon receipt, EIT Food shall countersign and return one signed copy of the contract to the winning tenderer.

3.12. Cancellation of the proposal procedure

In the event of cancellation of the procurement procedure, EIT Food will notify tenderers of the cancellation. In no event shall EIT Food be liable for any damages whatsoever including, without limitation, damages for loss of profits, in any way connected with the cancellation of a proposal procedure, even if EIT Food has been advised of the possibility of damages.

3.13. Ethics clauses / Corruptive practices

EIT Food reserves the right to suspend or cancel the procedure, where the award procedure proves to have been subject to substantial errors, irregularities or fraud. If substantial errors, irregularities or fraud are discovered after the award of the Contract, EIT Food may refrain from concluding the Contract.

The supplier shall take all measures to prevent any situation where the impartial and objective implementation of the contract is compromised for reasons involving economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional ties or any other shared interest ('conflict of interests'). The supplier shall immediately inform EIT Food if there is any change in the above circumstances at any stage during the implementation of the tasks.

Tenderers must disclose any actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest that could affect their participation in the procurement procedure. Any such situation must be notified to EIT Food without delay. Where the conflict cannot be effectively mitigated, EIT Food reserves the right to exclude the tenderer from the procurement procedure.

3.14. Annexes

Annex I: Contract Template. The Contract Template is provided for information purposes only and might be subject to considerable modifications.

Annex II: Declaration of Honour

Annex I – Contract Template

Extended Service Agreement

The undersigned

1. **EIT FOOD IVZW** (hereinafter EIT Food), an international non for-profit association under Belgium law with registered address at Ubicenter A, Philipssite 5 (bus 34), 3001 Heverlee with enterprise number 0672.423.992 herein represented by [...] acting as [...] and [...] acting as [...]

And

2. _____, with registered address at _____ and registered under the number Vat Nr: _____ herein represented by Mr. _____ (hereinafter referred to as the “Contractor” and/or the Party)

(Hereinafter EIT Food and Contractor collectively referred to as "the Parties")

Consider the following:

- EIT Food is Europe’s leading food innovation initiative, working to make the food system more sustainable, healthy, and trusted.
- To obtain the following services and/or products, EIT Food has conducted a procurement procedure in accordance with its own procurement policy, in which it launched a request for proposals (RFP) for Quality Standards and Accreditation Frameworks and Quality Assurance Services for EIT Community Education (2026–2028), hereinafter referred to as the “Assignment”.
- Contractor specializes in _____. The Contractor is in mentioned capacity, able and willing to provide services and/or deliveries according to the RFP Documents.
- Contractor has submitted his Offer on [...] (hereafter referred to as the Tender).
- The Tender of Contractor was scored as the offer which is expected to obtain the Best Value for Money.
- EIT Food intends to enter into the Agreement for the full duration of the initial contract duration, it being understood that EIT Food only undertakes legally binding commitments for the initial contract term of the current year, due to the annual cycle of its business plan according to the PA and GA;
- Contractor agrees to perform the services all upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement.
- Terms defined in the RFP shall have the same meaning in this Agreement unless otherwise provided for.

The following are agreed as follows:

Article 1 – General provisions / Definitions

Agreement – This service agreement and/or agreement to delivery on which the Assignment is executed in accordance with the RFP Documents.

Annex(es) – Integrated part of this Agreement as documented in an attachment to this Agreement.

Assignment – The complete services and/or products that the Contractor will deliver in accordance to the Agreement. The Assignment is explicitly described in article 2 and in the Annexes (for the details).

Confidential Information - Any information disclosed by one Party (“Disclosing Party”) to the other Party (“Receiving Party”) under this Agreement (i) that is clearly marked as proprietary and/or confidential when disclosed or, (ii) from which the confidentiality and proprietary nature can be reasonably interfered under the circumstances. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the terms and conditions of this Agreement, including prices, are Confidential Information of both Parties.

Consortium – A combination of legal entities in the capacity of Contractor who are individually jointly and severally liable for the performance of the Assignment.

Contractor – The legal entity (or entities in a Consortium) that submitted the proposal in accordance to the Assignment and corresponding requirements as discussed with EIT Food IVZW.

PA (Partnership Agreement) - T shall mean the agreement laying down the general terms and conditions under which the KIC EIT Food must operate as an Institutionalised European Partnership, entered into by and between the EIT and KIC LE, for a duration of 4 years, with an effective date of January 1, 2026.

Legal representative – The natural person who, according to the extract of the Chamber of Commerce (in the member state of the Contractor), is entitled to bind the Contractor legally.

RFP (Request for Proposals) – Underlying document which Contractor was asked to submit its Tender provided that it was fulfilling the minimum requirements.

RFP Documents – All documents that are provided by EIT Food during the procurement procedure.

Service(s) and/or Products – Requested services and/or products as defined this Agreement and its Annexes which will lead to achieving the defined goals.

GA – (Grant Agreement) The Agreement that sets out specific terms and conditions and rights and obligations that are applicable to the specific grants awarded to EIT Food.

Tender /Proposal – The offer of the Contractor including all Annexes on which EIT Food determined this offer to be the Tender which provides the best value for money.

Third parties – All parties except: EIT Food, the Contractor and all their legally affiliated parties.

Article 2 – Object of the agreement

1. Contractor undertakes to provide the services and/or deliveries for EIT Food as provided for in this Agreement, as further described in the Tender and the RFP Documents. The Services/Deliveries/Main objectives of the Assignment are described in the Detail of Final Services to be provided and Budget : **Annex I**

The following documents are an integral part of this Agreement. To the extent there is a conflict between them the first mentioned document prevails above the latter:

- a. The Agreement;
 - b. RFP (Annex I);
 - c. Proposal (Annex II);
 - d. Declaration of Honour (Annex III)
2. All provisions on Contractor's forms including terms and conditions are deemed deleted.
 3. If any of the provisions of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, this Agreement will be construed as if it did not contain the invalid or unenforceable provision(s).
 4. This Agreement and all documents referenced herein or attached hereto, including the documents mentioned in article 2.1 constitute the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to its subject matter, there being no other promises, terms, conditions, or obligations, referring to the subject matter not contained herein.
 5. Modifications or amendments to this Agreement shall be valid only if there is written prior consent of both parties to the modifications and/or amendments

Article 3 – Duration of the Agreement

1. This agreement starts at the date of signature (hereinafter: “the Effective Date”) and terminates in 31 December 2028. unless terminated earlier in accordance with its provisions. The Parties may agree on an additional renewal of the contract before the termination date, upon written agreement 15 days prior to the current termination date.
2. The execution and/or terms of the Assignment shall be completed 31 December 2028.

Article 4 – Execution of the work/delivery

1. Contractor warrants that the Assignment will be performed in a diligent and professional manner, in compliance with industry and legal standards, and in accordance with all specifications, instructions and/or documentation described in the RFP Documents, the Tender or as otherwise agreed.
2. Contractor guarantees that all services and/or deliveries that are carried out, are in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement.
3. Contractor is obliged to give due timely and responsible indication of the outcome of the Assignment. For the remainder Contractor will, when carrying out the Assignment, take reasonable wishes of EIT Food into account where possible.
4. It is the responsibility of Contractor to further adjust the execution of the Assignment to changing conditions. Contractor will discuss impending relevant changes in statutory regulations impacting the execution of this Agreement with EIT Food in a timely matter.
5. Contractor shall immediately notify EIT Food of the (partial)completion of the Assignment, if EIT Food would otherwise not be aware of it.
6. Contractor reports on a weekly basis to which extent issues have occurred during the execution that influence the execution of the Assignment, and which are outside its control and responsibility.

7. Neither Party shall be liable for delays in performance or non-performance, in whole or in part - except for payments due - resulting from causes beyond its reasonable control, such as acts of God, fire, strikes, embargo, pandemics and epidemics declared as such by the competent international or domestic health authorities, acts of the government, or other similar causes. In such event, the Party delayed shall promptly give notice to the other party. The Party affected by the delay may: (a) extend the time for performance for the duration of the event, or (b) cancel all or any part of the unperformed part if such delay exceeds ninety (90) days.
8. Contractor will ensure that the assigned services and/or deliveries continue in an undisturbed manner and are carried out properly and completely. Contractor shall always ensure that continuation and execution is not interrupted due to illness, holidays, or other reasons for the absence of personnel engaged for the services. Contractor will immediately take the necessary measures to make the required facilities and/ or the deployment of replacement personnel.
9. Contractor shall refrain from changing key personnel during the execution of this Agreement. In the event that key personnel will have to be replaced, Contractor shall consult with EIT Food regarding such replacements. It being understood that the final decisions regarding allocation of personnel always remains with Contractor. Contractor shall in any event be liable for any costs and expenses pertaining to the replacement of key personnel.
10. The relationship of Parties is that of independent contractors, and nothing in this Agreement or otherwise shall be deemed to create any other relationship, including employment, partnership, agency or joint venture, between Parties. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed or construed by the Parties or any third party as creating the relationship of principal and agent, franchisor and franchisee, partnership or of a joint venture, it being understood and agreed that no provision contained herein, and no act of the Parties, shall be deemed to create any relationship between the Parties other than the relationship of independent contractor.
11. EIT Food expressly agrees that Contractor also performs services and/or deliveries for other clients, if this doesn't interfere with the proper execution of the Assignment between EIT Food and Contractor and/or it doesn't harm (other) interests of EIT Food.
12. Neither Party to this Agreement shall have any authority to bind the other to any obligation with any third party.
13. The failure of either Party to strictly enforce any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement shall not be considered a waiver of any right hereunder. If any term or provision of this Agreement is declared invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement will not be affected thereby, and each term and provision of this Agreement will continue to be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.
14. Contractor may not transfer its rights and obligations ensuing from this Agreement to third parties in whole or in part without prior written permission from the EIT Food. Conditions can be attached to the permission.

Article 5 – Remuneration and terms of payment

1. Fees The total price for the assignment amounts to _____Euro €
(_____) as indicated in the Proposal : Annex II.
2. The price specified by the Contractor is in euros and excluding VAT.

3. The price remains unchanged during the term of this Agreement. Any additional third-party costs for products and services not described in this contract will only be executed with the prior written consent of EIT Food

Article 6 – Taxes and invoicing

1. The remuneration mentioned in article 5.1 will be invoiced by Contractor as follows:

The remuneration will be charged by Contractor to EIT Food via a digital invoice addressed to invoices@eitfood.eu and selen.gulgun@eitfood.eu.

2. Failure to comply with the requirements set out in this Agreement may result in non-timely payment without Contractor being able to derive any right therefrom and will not lead to any obligations of EIT Food.
3. EIT Food shall make payment of a correct and undisputed invoice within thirty (30) days after receipt of the invoice. A “correct” invoice is an invoice that meets EIT Foods invoicing requirements including, but not limited to, correctly reflecting the fee as agreed upon by the Parties as well as the description of the Services ordered and provided. In the event that the payment period defined herein differs from the maximum period permitted by the applicable law, the payment period shall be the maximum payment period permitted by such law.
4. EIT Food will, without prejudice to its obligation to pay, pay Contractor an interest equal to the statutory interest over the period after expiry of the said term that the invoice is stayed unpaid for invoices that remain unpaid for more than 30 days from the date of receipt of the invoice.
5. EIT Food is entitled to suspend payment of invoices or to automatically repay the amount collected by Contractor in case of alleged material misstatement of the facts. EIT Food objects to Contractor’s invoice before expiry of the payment period or within 30 days of direct debit. In that case Contractor will remain liable for the execution of the Agreement.
6. Invoices shall be paid electronically by EIT Food to the banking institution/account number provided by Contractor, namely _____. In the event of a change of banking institutions and/or account numbers, Contractor shall provide the applicable account numbers to EIT Food thirty (30) days prior written notice.
7. Contractor shall take all necessary measures to comply with tax laws and regulations of each country in which it operates for the performance of this Agreement.
8. The specified fees do not include any VAT or sales tax or any other analogous tax in any relevant jurisdiction (“Transfer Taxes”) and are inclusive of any other taxes, custom duties, levies and similar charges.
9. EIT Food shall be responsible for any applicable sales taxes (“Transfer Taxes”) with respect to the prices paid for the services and/or deliveries and shall reimburse Contractor for any such Transfer Taxes paid by Contractor on EIT Food behalf. Contractor will not charge an otherwise applicable Transfer Tax if the services and/or deliveries are exempt from Transfer Tax.
10. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, all duties, taxes and social insurance contributions (“Taxes”) arising out of or relating to Contractor’s performance under this Agreement will be paid by Contractor. If the EIT Food so requests, payment receipts from the Tax and/or other Authorities concerning the Contractor and its subcontractors will be provided within one month.

Article 7 – Confidentiality

1. The Receiving Party shall (a) only use Confidential Information to exercise its rights and fulfil its obligations under this Agreement; and (b) maintain the confidentiality of Confidential Information and not disclose Confidential Information to any third party.
2. Parties are required to secrecy against third parties regarding confidential information obtained from the (pre-) contractual relationship and/or obtained during and/or after termination of this Agreement that regards one or both parties.
3. Contractor is not permitted to reproduce, disclose, or exploit any correspondence produced by EIT Food, contracts and/or other proprietary products with or without third party involvement, without EIT Foods prior written consent.
4. Where the Receiving Party is obliged to disclose the Confidential Information, in whole or in part, in order to comply with a court order, a verdict, an administrative act or a statutory requirement, the Receiving Party shall notify the Disclosing Party thereof without delay and in advance of such disclosure and shall support the Disclosing Party in defending against the requirement for disclosure or seeking further protection of such confidential information.
5. In accordance with EIT Foods written instructions, Contractor will, at its own expense, destroy (and certify in writing such destruction) or return the original and any copies of Confidential Information to EIT Food.
6. Breaching/violating these obligations are penalized by a direct payment of 10.000,- Euro per offense.

Article 8 – Intellectual property

1. All (intellectual) property rights and related rights, including but not limited to copyright and patent rights, on all results of Contractor's activities under this Agreement, as well as on the materials used and/or developed thereunder shall be vest with EIT Food. EIT Food shall maintain the full and unrestricted ownership of the information and materials it delivers to Contractor in the execution of this Agreement.
2. Contractor shall waive all rights relating to such results and shall not reproduce, publish, or supply any such results to any third party without EIT Foods prior written approval.
3. Contractor is not permitted to use the word / figurative mark or other intellectual property rights of EIT Food in any way or for advertising, promotional and/or acquisition purposes, unless with prior written consent of EIT Food.
4. Breaching/violating these obligations are penalized by a direct payment of 10.000,- Euro per offense.

Article 9 – Indemnity, liability and insurance

1. The services provided by Contractor shall always comply with the (local and international) regulations in force at the time of delivery. Contractor will discuss impending relevant changes in statutory regulations with EIT Food on time. Contractor indemnifies, hold harmless and defend the EIT Food against all claims in this regard.
2. To the maximum extent permitted by law, and except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, under no circumstances and under no legal theory, whether in tort (including negligence) contract or otherwise, shall EIT Food be liable to Contractor for any special

indirect, punitive, incidental or consequential damages resulting from or arising out of or relating to this Agreement, even if EIT Food has been informed of the possibility of those damages.

3. Contractor will indemnify, defend and hold harmless EIT Food, its employees, agents, and the KIC Partners ("indemnitees") from any losses, damages, claims and expenses (including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees) that arise out of or result from: (1) injuries or death to persons or damage to property, including theft, in any way arising out of or relating to the services and/or deliveries, or any person or deliverable furnished by Contractor except to the extent directly caused by the negligence or wilful misconduct of EIT Food or Indemnitees; (2) assertions under workers' compensation or similar social insurance claims made by persons furnished by Contractor; or (3) Contractor's breach of any obligations under the following clauses: Taxes, Intellectual Property Rights, e and compliance with law.
4. Contractor will provide EIT Food, upon request, certificates or proof of insurance that are sufficient to cover the obligations of Contractor under this Agreement. Contractor is in this regard insured by a professional liability insurance with a minimum coverage of _____ per year.

Article 10 - Special conditions

1. Contractor acknowledges the obligations of EIT Food under the PA and the GA, that EIT Food receives grants from the European Institute of Innovation and Technology and that EIT Food has the obligation to comply with controls, checks and audits and investigations (hereinafter "Audits") that may be carried out by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology, the European Court of Auditors and/or the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF). Contractor shall do everything that is necessary to enable EIT Food to comply with these obligations.
2. More in particular, Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the European Institute of Innovation and Technology, the Commission, the European Court of Auditors (ECA) and the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) can exercise their rights under the Model Grant Agreement (GA) also towards Contractor. Contractor agrees in this regard to comply with any requests (including but not limited to providing any information and/or documents at first request) made by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology, the European Court of Auditors and/or the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) in the context of such audits as to the Agreement and the results of the Agreement by Contractor.

Article 11 - Termination of the agreement

1. EIT Food is allowed to terminate this Agreement in the event Contractor breaches any material term or condition that relates to or arises from this Agreement (including all documents mentioned in article 2.1) and where such breach remains uncured for more than thirty (30) days after Contractor is provided with written (e-mail) notice of such breach. However, in the event that the breach cannot be cured, EIT Food is entitled to terminate this Agreement up on written notice with immediate effect.
2. EIT Food is allowed to terminate this Agreement by written (e-mail) notice to Contractor if a proceeding is commenced against Contractor under any bankruptcy code and such proceeding has not been discharged, dismissed or terminated within sixty (60) days of its commencement.

3. If EIT Food enters a provisional termination of the Agreement, EIT Food will immediately pay the invoices that are approved by it for services and/or deliveries already rendered.
4. If EIT Food and/or Contractor is no longer able to comply with the Agreement by law of government and/or supranational institutions and/or by the development of the law and/or changes in the PA and/or GA, EIT Food has the right to terminate the Agreement in a whole or partly, without any liability. The resulting situation will be reviewed by parties in good consultation.
5. Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement, Contractor shall cease performance of all services. Notwithstanding the aforementioned, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall remain in effect for any services not cancelled at such time and any services still to be provided shall continue until such services are completed unless otherwise requested by EIT Food. EIT Foods liability shall be limited to payment of the amount due for services provided up to and including the date of expiration, termination or cancellation.
6. The termination or expiration of this Agreement will not affect the survival and continuing validity of any provision that expressly or by implication is intended to continue in force after such termination or expiration of this Agreement.

Article 12 – Applicable law and competent court

1. This Agreement, any subsequent agreements and/or any out of this Agreement forthcoming legal relationships between EIT Food and Contractor is governed by Belgium law, excluding its choice of law principles and the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods.
2. Unless the law diverges compulsively, the court in Leuven (Belgium) is authorized to settle disputes between Parties.
3. EIT Food and Contractor will however only appeal to the court after they have made every effort to settle the dispute by mutual understanding.

Article 13 – Final Provisions

1. This Agreement shall apply to, inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Parties hereto and upon their respective successors and permitted assigns. Neither Party may assign this Agreement without the other's written consent which shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any attempted assignment not in compliance with this subsection will be null and void.
2. The Parties acknowledge that the terms and conditions of this Agreement are written in the English language and that it is the intent of the Parties that the English translation shall always apply. Contractor confirms that Contractor understands English.
3. Parties agree to waive the obligations resulting from article 1325 of the Belgian civil code, and agree that the signed copies, as provided for in electronic manner, shall be deemed to have the same evidential value as an original (signed) document.

Thus, agreed and signed per Esigning

To Leuven dated [.]

Annex II – Declaration of Honour

Tenderers must complete, sign and submit the Declaration of Honour with their proposal.

Declaration of Honour

REFERENCE: Quality Standards and Accreditation Frameworks and Quality Assurance Services for EIT Community Education (2026–2028)

I, the undersigned, _____, acting as _____, tenderer in the aforementioned contract hereby confirm:

- that on the date of the submission of the proposal for this request for services, the organization that I represent and the staff proposed for this tender are not subject to a conflict of interest in the context of this specific contract. A conflict of interest could arise in particular as a result of economic interests, political or national affinities, family or emotional ties, or any other relevant connection or shared interest;
- that I will inform EIT Food iVZW without delay of any situation constituting a conflict of interest or which could give rise to a conflict of interest;
- that the organization that I represent and the staff proposed have not made and undertake not to make any offer of any type whatsoever, from which an advantage could be derived in connection with this contract;
- that the organization that I represent and the staff proposed have not sought and will not seek, have not attempted and will not attempt to obtain, and have not accepted and will not accept, any advantage, financial or in kind, from any party whatsoever, where such advantage constitutes an illegal practice or involves corruption, either directly or indirectly, inasmuch as it is an incentive or reward relating to the performance of the contract;
- that neither the organisation that I represent, nor its directors, officers, employees or proposed staff are subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, winding-up, liquidation, suspension of business activities or any analogous proceedings, and that the organisation has fulfilled its obligations relating to the payment of taxes and social security contributions in accordance with the applicable laws of the country in which it is established;
- that neither the organisation that I represent, nor its directors, officers, employees or proposed staff have been convicted of, or are currently subject to proceedings relating to, fraud, corruption, money laundering, participation in a criminal organisation, grave professional misconduct or any other offence affecting their professional integrity or the financial interests of the European Union, and that no false declarations have been made in connection with this procurement procedure.

- that I am aware that EIT Food iVZW reserves the right to check this information, and I realize the possible consequences that may arise from any false declaration in providing the information required by EIT Food iVZW in order to participate in the specific contract.

Date:

Full name:

Role or position:

Signature: