Policy activity at the European Parliament to promote the influence and sustainability of the EU-ToxRisk project

Deadline: 7 June 2019 - 23:59
Procedure reference: CAATEU/2019/01
Contract period: 15/06/2019- 15/02/2020

Background: EU-ToxRisk (grant agreement No 681002 from the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation program) is an Integrated European ‘Flagship’ Programme Driving Mechanism-based Toxicity Testing and Risk Assessment for the 21st century (http://www.eu-toxrisk.eu/).

Within the programme, Steinbeis CAAT-Europe leads the crucial task to develop a strategy for pro-active involvement of stakeholders and external partners in communication and dissemination loops choosing specific targeting strategies for various stakeholder groups. This process is crucial to create awareness of EU-ToxRisk, and to communicate its findings, targeting all different kind of audiences (public, industry, regulators and health policy makers) and use appropriate communication channels. Policy makers are a sensitive target group of extremely high importance for the further funding and development of the 3Rs field, and such interactions require specific skills, experience and existing networks to be activated/recruited.

An important goal of the project is to develop a sustainability strategy to maintain the knowledge, technology and skills within follow-up projects – hopefully to be decided by policy makers. The contract resulting from the present call should therefore support Steinbeis CAAT-Europe in the implementation of actions to successfully reach-out crucial groups at the European Parliament, to promote the influence and sustainability of the EU-ToxRisk project.

Objectives: The overall objective of the contract resulting from this procurement procedure is to build a network between policymakers and EU-ToxRisk partners, and to develop actions in order to:

(i) bring awareness regarding the EU-ToxRisk’s vision and goals to the stakeholders;
(ii) facilitate the acceptance of the developed NAMs (new approach methods) among regulators and policymakers;
(iii) support development of new policies/strategies for the performance evaluation and application of the developed NAMs for safety assessment.

These actions will include:

- scheduling face-to-face meetings with Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) and EU-ToxRisk consortium members;
- lobbying activities regarding issues such as transparency and data access for safety testing as well as advocating adverse outcome pathways and NAMs to the policymakers as cornerstone for better EU citizen consumer protection;
- participation to ad-hoc basis meetings at the intergroup on animal welfare;
- organization of tailored events for increasing EU-ToxRisk visibility;
- recruitment of MEP to EU-ToxRisk’s events.

Selection criteria - technical and professional capacity:

The tenderer must have the following minimum professional capacity to perform the contract.

- Track-record (> 5 years) of lobbying with respect to activities linked with alternatives to animal testing;
- Minimum of 10 years of experience in the relevant field and qualified by a PhD in Life Sciences;
- Strong expertise on EU institutions’ functioning; having worked for one of them is a plus;
- Being familiar with new approach methods (REACH terminology; NAM) and in particular concepts such as adverse outcome pathways (AOP) and regulatory toxicity testing;
- Excellent knowledge of science and policy making mechanisms;
- Excellent knowledge of key stakeholders on alternatives to animal testing;
- Excellent communication and writing skills;
- Ability to prioritize, adapt and being creative;
- Have a record of scientific publications (> 10) linked with toxicology and/or policy.
The principal place of work will be ideally located in Brussels, Belgium.

Working language is English.

**Financial obligations:**

The total budget will not exceed 35,000 € (thirty-five thousand Euros). This amount is considered the total overall sum, including all deliverables, as well as travel, material, potential taxes and other administrative dues. Meeting costs to attend EU-ToxRisk events (inclusive of travel, subsistence, accommodation etc.) will be borne by the subcontractor. The payment will be staggered in two allotments.

If you are interested in this procedure please send an email within the deadline to caat-eu-2@uni-konstanz.de quoting the reference of the procedure and specifying the following:

- your name/organisation’s name and address;
- whether you would like participate as a physical person or an organisation/private company;
- description of your professional profile (and CV);
- detailed offer description, including detailed work-load per each action and exhaustive description of the foreseen timeline for their execution.