**BEST 2.0+ Call for proposals – Concept Note**

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| **Reference number of the proposal:**  *Available on the BEST 2.0+ portal* |  |

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| **Project Description - Instructions**  *The Concept Note focuses on your project description. Explain in the sections below the relevance of your proposal and detail how the project is designed in a* ***maximum of 1,500 words****.*  *In addition, an overall presentation of your project as well as information about your organisation need to be filled-in on the BEST 2.0+ portal.* | | |
| 1. **Context**   *Give the background/context of the project in a concise manner; describe the current situation, the nature of the problem and why it is important to address it.* | | |
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| 1. **Objectives**   *Explain the objectives of the project and how the above-mentioned issue(s) will be addressed.* | | |
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| 1. **Relevance to BEST 2.0+**   *Describe shortly the relevance of the project to the objectives and priorities of the BEST 2.0+ Programme, including the* [*Regional Ecosystem Profile*](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/biodiversity/best/regions/index_en.htm)*.* | | |
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| 1. **Activities**   *Indicate the expected results and the activities proposed. Outline the intervention logic (how the activities will lead to the results and the objective of the project).* | | |
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| 1. **Timeline, risks and resources**   *Indicate the expected timeline and human resources to be mobilised. Specify the main risks (and assumptions) toward the achievement of your project and how these will be mitigated.* | | |
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| 1. **Partnerships and stakeholders**   *Describe the key local actors. Who is targeted by the project? What partnership(s) is being set-up for the project? Which organisation(s) has been consulted?* | | |
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| 1. **Sustainability and added value**   *Indicate how the sustainability of the project will be ensured and how it could be replicated. Describe whether the project includes specific added-value elements and integrate cross-cutting issues (such as gender equality).* | | |
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| **8. Foreseen distribution of the Grant (in % of the total amount):**  *Detail here the overall foreseen distribution among cost categories* | **Cost category** | **Distribution** |
| Human Resources | % |
| Travel | % |
| Equipment and supplies | % |
| Other costs and services | % |

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| **Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS)  Preliminary Questions**  *Projects supported by BEST 2.0+ are screened for environmental and social risks. Please describe how the project will address potential issues regarding ESMS standards and principles by answering the following questions in a maximum of 300 words per question.*  *Please note that if your project is preselected, you will be requested to submit a full ESMS questionnaire in the case of confirmed risks together for a full proposal.* | | |
| 1. Will the project activities be implemented on a territory or area of indigenous peoples? | No | Yes  *Please describe the consultation held with representatives of indigenous communities and share a copy of the report or how you are planning such consultation* |
| 2. Will the project activities include enforcement of protected area regulations or include restricting access to resources? | No | Yes  *Please explain whether assessments have been already conducted to understand potential impacts on the livelihoods of local communities and upload a copy. If impacts have been identified, explain how these will be mitigated* |
| 3. Will the project activities avoid risks of exacerbating existing gender-related inequalities, including gender-based violence, and seize opportunities to address gender gaps or support women empowerment? | No | Yes  *Please explain* |
| 4. Will the project activities include any light infrastructure construction or rehabilitation (trails, access roads, towers, visitor centres etc.)? | No | Yes  *Please describe* |
| 5. Will the project activities use pesticides, include translocation of species, or undertake forestry activities (for example: forest restoration and plantation, including the use of non-native species)? | No | Yes  *Please provide detailed justification and clarify how the project will manage any risks associated with these activities* |

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| **Checklist**  *Please make sure that you have carefully completed all the steps below and submitted all documents together with your proposal.* | |
|  | **Check if complete and uploaded on the portal** |
| Concept note signed by an authorised person (*electronic or scanned signature are accepted*) | ☐ |
| Applicant Declaration duly signed (*electronic or scanned signature are accepted*) | ☐ |
| Co-applicant mandate if applicable (*electronic or scanned signature are accepted*) | ☐ |
| Due Diligence and Financial Capacity Questionnaire *(including relevant supporting documents)* | ☐ |
| ESMS preliminary questions and supporting documents *(if applicable)* | ☐ |
| CV of the project leader | ☐ |

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