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### **CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

(For submission of proposals for the conclusion of a project lease contract)

The Research Committee (Special Account for Research Funds) of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (ELKE AUTH), in the framework of the project "DEVELOPING INTERCROPPING FOR AGRIFOOD VALUE CHAINS AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES DELIVERY IN EUROPE AND SOUTHERN COUNTRIES, IntercropValuES" funded under HORIZON 2021-2027, with Academic Head Prof. Christos Dordas, invites candidates to submit proposals for one (1) position as described below, through the award of a project contract, starting from the signing of the contract until 31/10/2026 end date of the project and with a total anticipated remuneration 15.000 € (VAT and taxes included).

The contract can be extended/The contracts can be extended in case of extension of the project, until the new end date and within the approved limits of its budget and up to the amount of 5.000€.

**One person Agronomist, Graduate student or holder of MSc degree until 31/10/2026 up to 15.000.00 € (in case of extension, up to 5000€)**

#### **1. Project Description**

The objective of the project will be to find the main barriers and possible levers at food system level – for the transition to co-farming practices. The above object will be carried out within the work package 6 (WP6): Unleashing intercrop potential: from lock-ins to opportunities of new markets. Also, the object of the project will be conducting experiments and taking measurements of morphological, physiological and agricultural characteristics from intercropping experiments that will take place on the University Farm and also in other areas and the statistical analysis of the data, in the framework of work package 2 (WP2) :Intercrop productivity and ecosystem services delivery: meta-experiments

#### **2. Required Qualifications**

- Bachelor's degree from the School of Agriculture
- Graduate student of master's degree or holder of MSc degree in Sustainable agricultural systems and climate change.
- Six (6) months of research\* experience in obtaining measurements of agronomical and physiological characteristics in field experiments.
- One (1) paper in international and national conferences on field experiments and the use of morphological, physiological and agronomical characteristics of field crops.
- Knowledge of software packages for data analysis (SPSS or/and SAS or/and JMP).

*Note: The knowledge is documented with a relevant certificate or with a relevant bachelor's / master's dissertation / doctoral thesis or with relevant courses of the study cycle (detailed grade and if the correlation does not immediately result from the title of the course, the detailed course score must be accompanied by description of the course in the Study Guide) or with teaching of relevant courses (certificate of institution and / or contract).*

- Knowledge of English language (level B2).
- Knowledge of computer handling in objects of a) editing texts, b) spreadsheet and c) internet services

### 3. Additional Qualifications

- Professional\* experience in the cultivation of cereals, legumes and oilseed crops.
- Additional research experience in obtaining measurements of agronomical and physiological characteristics in field experiments.
- Additional papers in international and national conferences on field experiments and the use of morphological, physiological and agronomical characteristics of field crops.
- Interview

### 4. Qualifications Assessment

	Qualifications criteria	Credits (Researchers)
1	Bachelor's degree mark	mark * 40
2	Experience (per month) - 78 months max <i>Note: only months beyond the Required Experience are graded</i>	7 (per month)
3	Papers in international and national conferences (up to 5 papers)	15 (per paper)
4	Interview	≤ 150

**All the qualifications listed above are in relevance with the project requirements and objectives.**

### 5. Required Documents:

1. Submission of Proposal – Statement (see appendix)
2. Detailed Curriculum Vitae
3. Copies of the Degrees  
Special cases:
  - a) In cases where the degree grade is a qualification/criterion and is not indicated on the relevant copy of the degree, the transcript of records should be submitted in addition, otherwise the specific qualification requested will not be marked.
  - b) Postgraduate and PhD students should submit a recent certificate (within the last three months) from the relevant University Department, showing that they have the relevant status (postgraduate/PhD student) at the time of submission of the proposal,
  - c) If the scientific field/ specialisation is not evident from the degree:
    - For bachelor's and master's degrees, the transcript of records should be submitted,
4. Copies of certificates and certifications of previous experience, as well as any other document that will certify the information mentioned in the CV and which are related to the Required or Additional qualifications-criteria of this call for expression of interest.
5. In order to prove that the criterion of publications in journals and/or conference announcements has been fulfilled, the candidate should include the required minimum information in the detailed CV, for journals, the title of the journal, the issue, the date of publication, the title of the publication, the authors, and for conferences, the title, the date and venue and a copy of the programme.

### 6. Interview

Candidates who meet all the conditions and required qualifications of the call will be invited for an interview (after written information by e-mail), except for those whose proposals will score at least 135 points (score range) lower than the first ranked proposal. Candidates who do not attend the interview will be rejected (optional). It is not necessary to hold an interview if all the conditions and required qualifications of the call (optional) are met by a single proposal (optional).

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The topics of the questions and the marking system to be used are shown in the following table:

(Below are some indicative topics that you can use in the interview and the corresponding scoring system):

Nr.	Interview topic	Level of Knowledge Units for Grading	Scoring range
1	Communication skills	Partially Satisfactory 5-15 Satisfactory 16-29 Excellent 30-40	5-40
2	Ability to deal with crises	Partially Satisfactory 5-15 Satisfactory 16-29 Excellent 30-40	5-40
3	Understanding project objective position requirements and critical success factors	Partially Satisfactory 5-15 Satisfactory 16-29 Excellent 30-40	5-70

## 6. Submission of proposals

Proposals and required documents should be submitted either via e-mail [chdordas@agro.auth.gr](mailto:chdordas@agro.auth.gr) in person or by post to the following address School of Agriculture, Laboratory of Agronomy, Department of Field Crops and Ecology, University Campus, 54124 Thessaloniki, Greece within hours 9:00-12:00 **no later than 25/11/2024 at 12:00**. Proposals will be attributed a reference number from the Secretariat of the Department of the Academic Head of the project.

## 7. Publication – Information

This Call will be published on the website of ELKE AUTH <https://rc.auth.gr/proskliseis-gia-apasholisi-se-erga> and on the website of "Diavgeia".

For more information and questions regarding the position, candidates may refer to **00302310998602**. For information on the proposal submission process candidates may contact ELKE AUTH at **00302310-994082, 994052, 994053, 994055**.

## 8. Evaluation

Submitted proposals will be evaluated by a three-member Evaluation Committee in accordance with the procedure provided for in article 244 of Law 4957/2022 and in article 20 of the Funding and Project Management Guide of ELKE AUTH as applicable.

## 9. Objection

Candidates are informed of the results through the website of the ELKE AUTH (<https://rc.auth.gr/proskliseis-gia-apasholisi-se-erga>) in the online posting of this call, as well as through the program Diavgeia. The candidate has the right to submit an objection against the results of this call (Decision of acceptance of results) within an exclusive period of five (5) calendar days from the day following the posting of the decision of acceptance of results on the website of the ELKE AUTH. The objection must be in writing and legally signed, accompanied by a photocopy of the objector's identity card and must be submitted either electronically at [prosk@rc.auth.gr](mailto:prosk@rc.auth.gr), or in person, or by post to the Special Account for Research Funds (ELKE) of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (KEDEA Building, 3rd September - University Campus, Thessaloniki, P.O. Box 54636, 1st floor, Office 101). No objections may be raised on the grounds of interview or skill test.

The procedure for objections is defined by article 245 of Law 4957/2022 and article 20A of the Funding and Project Management Guide of the ELKE AUTH as applicable.

If the objection concerns the qualifications of one or more candidates, it is communicated to the latter by e-mail, at the discretion of MODY. Each of them has the right to submit their opinion by electronic or paper submission to the MODY within three (3) calendar days of the notification. All the above shall be forwarded to the Objections Committee. Candidates who will not submit any opinion in accordance with the procedure as described above, may not submit an objection to the new Decision on the acceptance of results of the Research Committee, which will be issued after the approval of the recommendation of the Objections Committee on the acceptance of the objection.

For the effective exercise of the right to submit an objection, candidates have the right to access the data of their individual candidature file and the evaluation-scoring documents, both of themselves and of their other candidates, upon written request within the objection submission deadline and under the conditions of articles 5 of

Law 2690/1999, 42 of Law 4624/2019 and 6 par. 1(f) of the GDPR (EU 2016/679). The application shall be submitted in the same way as the objection.

Taking into account that the data of the candidates' individual files submitted for participation in this Call for Expression of Interest constitute personal data within the meaning of Article 4 of the General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679, the access of the other candidates to these data is possible under the terms of the legislation on personal data and Article 5 of the Code of Administrative Procedure, as well as in accordance with the conditions consistently accepted by the Hellenic Data Protection Authority (decision 28/2018). In any event, by submitting their application, candidates accept that the documents and supporting documents they submit may be issued to their fellow candidates, subject to the above conditions.

Both objections and requests for access to candidate file data must be legally signed, i.e. either with an electronic-digital signature (gov.gr or other legally granted digital signature), or with a handwritten signature. A photocopy of a document with a handwritten signature (scanned pdf file) will be given a same-day incoming file number but will be examined only if the original document will be submitted within five (5) calendar days.

Requests for access to data and objections that do not meet the above requirements will not be examined.

#### **10. Personal data**

ELKE AUTH takes all appropriate measures for the protection of personal data during the evaluation process and it is strongly recommended that you read about the data protection policy and your rights on the AUTH website <https://www.auth.gr/gdpr>.

## **EVALUATION PROCEDURE – OTHER CONDITIONS**

1. From all the proposals submitted according to the above specifications, the one that best meets the project's requirements will be selected and awarded a work contract on the basis of contractual freedom.
2. Only proposals / objections that will be received by the set date and time will be considered. In the case of postal submission, the deadline is judged on the basis of the date mentioned in the shipping file, provided that it will be received by ELKE AUTH no later than the announcement of the results. ELKE AUTH bears no responsibility for the content of the candidacy files that will be sent.
3. Changes to the proposals (replacements, corrections or submission of additional documents) are not allowed after the expiration of the deadline.
4. Any diplomas of higher education (undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral) which are included in the Required or Additional Qualification and have been awarded by institutions abroad, must be accompanied by certificates of recognition by the Hellenic National Academic Recognition and Information Center (Hellenic NARIC). In case the diplomas mentioned above have not been recognized during the submission of the proposal, the relevant application for recognition by NARIC can be submitted. It is pointed out, however, that a contract cannot be concluded without the submission of the recognition of the academic titles by NARIC. In any case, ELKE AUTH reserves the right and discretion, depending on the needs of each research project and especially the time of its implementation, to finally contract with the next candidate that holds such certificates. In addition, when the call for expression of interest stipulates a grading/points scale of the degree, it is required to submit a certificate of the equivalent degree grade issued by NARIC. In the case that, all certificates for the recognition of a degree are provided but the certificate of the equivalent degree grade by NARIC is not submitted, the candidate's proposal will be accepted but no points for the degree will be awarded.
5. In case the diplomas of higher education have been awarded by institutions in Greece and the call requires a grading /points scale of the degree, it is required that the grade is indicated in the presented degree. If the grade is not indicated in the degree, then the detailed course score is presented. In case the degree does not indicate the grade and a detailed course score has not been submitted, the proposal of the interested person is not rejected, but the specific required qualification is not graded.
6. It is pointed out that the procedure for submitting proposals for the conclusion of a project lease contract is not competitive, while the selection of a contractor has the character of accepting the proposal and not "recruitment". The evaluation process will be completed by compiling a ranking list and / or a list of excluded, while those selected will be notified individually. In case of a tie, the proposal of the interested person is selected in order a) with the longest experience, b) with the highest bachelor's degree mark, c) with the highest master's degree mark.
7. The proposal that is first in the ranking table and has the highest score in all the scoring criteria will be the one that will be selected. In case of obstruction of the person who submitted it, the next proposal is selected until the ranking order is exhausted.
8. Any submitted proposal that does not meet the criteria of the call of the expression of interest will not be examined any further and will be automatically rejected.
9. Throughout the duration of the project, it is possible that the selected candidate(s) may be replaced, if necessary, by other candidate(s) of the present call and in accordance with the ranking list.
10. The contract may be extended without restriction, following a decision of the competent body of ELKE AUTH and if the required budget of the project allows it, without a new invitation, until the end date of the project (and in case of extension of the project until its new end date).
11. ELKE AUTH does not undertake any commitment to conclude a contract, as it is left to its full discretion to conclude or not contracts, as well as their number, excluding any claim of the interested parties.
12. The project assignment will take place in accordance with the provisions of the Program Implementation Guide.
13. The knowledge of foreign languages is certified in accordance with the provisions of the Presidential Decree 85/2022 "Determining the qualifications for appointment to positions of public sector" (A' 232/17.12.2022), especially according to the articles 10, 14 par. 3 and 15 par. 7.
14. Foreign documents must be accompanied by photocopies of their official translation into the Greek language except for English, French, German, Italian and Spanish language certificates which, if they meet the conditions of the P.D. 85/2022, are accepted without requiring their translation.
15. For candidates, computer skills shall be certified according to the Presidential Decree 85/2022 "Determining the qualifications for appointment to positions of public sector" (A' 232/17.12.2022), especially according to the article 9.
16. It should be noted that the project assignment to candidates employed in the Public Sector, in Public and Private Bodies, etc. is subject to the provisions of paragraph 14 of Article 12 of YAKED 110427/EYTHY1020/01.11.2016

The Legal Representative

Kyriakos Yakinthos  
Vice-Rector for Research & Innovation of AUTH  
Professor, School of Mechanical Engineering

**SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL - STATEMENT\***  
(with consequences of law on false/inaccurate statement)

Mobile phone: ..... E-mail: ..... VAT number: .....

**Please note in this proposal - statement and outside of the postal file the following**

**(To be completed by the candidate):**

The protocol number of this call

I affirm that the information given in  
this proposal - statement is accurate and true

**SIGNATURE**

Date : \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Find attached : 1.  
2.

***\*Incomplete filling of the proposal – statement constitutes a criterion for exclusion***

**DETAILED TABLE DATA FOR PROOF OF EXPERIENCE**

(The person concerned records all relevant experience to the subject of the call **if required**)

a/ a	From	To	(a)	(b)	Institution of Employment - Employer	Employer Category <sup>(1)</sup>	Task of Employment
			Months of Employment	Days of Employment			

**TOTAL** ..... **GENERAL TOTAL MONTHS OF EXPERIENCE** <sup>(2)</sup>

**(1)** Complete as appropriate with 'PR' or 'PU' depending on the category of the Employment Office, where PR: Private sector, individuals or private legal entities (corporations, etc.) • PU: Public sector, government agencies or public entities or local authorities of first and second degree or private entities in the public sector of par. 1 of Art. 14 of Law. 2190/1994 as in force or bodies of par. 3 of Art. 1 of Law. 2527/1997. In the case of self-employed, complete with the indication "SE".

**(2)** Complete the GENERAL TOTAL MONTHS OF EXPERIENCE. When, in Column (b) shows experience, the total days of employment divided by 25 (if the experience has been calculated as the number of wages) or by 30 (if the experience has been calculated as the period from the start day until the expiration date of employment) and the resulting integer is added to the total months of employment of the column (a).