



Call for the Financial Support for Third Parties
mechanism



NIVA – NEW IACS VISION IN ACTION

Call Fiche:
Call for pilot validations

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NIVA Call for Pilot Testing and Validation

About NIVA

Paying Agencies (PAs) from nine EU Member States joined forces to realise a new vision on the Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS): “New IACS Vision in Action” (NIVA). The PA’s and their (technical) partners have developed and explored nine innovations. The overall objective of NIVA is to support the modernization of the Common Agriculture Policy, specifically we focus on integrated administration and control system (IACS), making efficient use of digital solutions and e-tools, by creating reliable methodologies and harmonized data sets for monitoring agricultural performance while reducing administrative burden for farmers, paying agencies and other stakeholders.

Aim of the call

With this call NIVA aims to get a better understanding of the level of maturity of the NIVA Use Cases (UCs). Within NIVA the developed tools were tested in two rounds: Single Member State test and Multi Member State test. The aim of this call is to support parties to perform the third round of testing, taking the testing outside the NIVA consortium.

The call aims to identify third parties that can support the NIVA project in designing , deploying, testing and validating highly demanded ICT tools and services for a modern Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) with significant reduction of the socio-economic costs across member states, addressing farmer’s needs, EU demands, and other stakeholders’ requests.

General information

Within NIVA nine Use Cases (UC’s) were developed and tested. The next step is to test and validate the UCs outside the NIVA consortium. The NIVA call for pilot testing and validation aims at selecting 5 -10 “external testers”. Selected consortia will receive up to 120.00 euros, with a maximum of 60.000 euros per organisation. Chosen innovations will go through a 5-month process of testing, validation and reporting. After positive evaluation, each phase is followed by financial support.

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| Launch call: 14 January 2022 | |
| Deadline for proposal submission: 14 March 2022 | |
| Evaluation and selection: 14 March 2022 – 1 April 2022 | |
| Contracting: 1 April 2022 – 29 April 2022 | |
| End Pilot testing and validation phase: 30 September 2022 | |



Innovations to be tested

| Innovation | Use Case | Name |
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| 1 | UC1A | Earth Observation traffic lights for parcel-based administration |
| 2 | UC1B | Models for Soil carbon flux and nitrate leaching |
| 3 | UC1C | Farmer Performance: FMIS data sharing API |
| 4 | UC2 | Automatic parcel boundary delineation |
| 5 | UC3 | Standardize Farm Registry data models across EU |
| 6 | UC4A | Geotagged Photo App |
| 7 | UC4B | Machine Data - "Administration: from field to IACS in 3 steps" |
| 8 | UC5A | Automatic Change detection with Very High Resolution Images (LPIS update) |
| 9 | UC5B | Seamless claim: Click and pay, a Smart Contract application |

Eligibility criteria

This NIVA call is aimed at Paying Agencies, Management bodies or other institutes or companies that work in the field of IACS and CAP payments or technology.

Detailed eligibility criteria are described in Guide for Applicants. Overall eligibility criteria for the NIVA call for Pilot testing and validation are:

- The applicant/applicants is/are a legal entity established and based in one of the EU Member States or an H2020 Associated country as defined in H2020 rules for participation;
- The applicant needs to have a valid VAT number;

Existing partners in NIVA are not eligible for the call.

Submission procedure

The entry point for the submission of all proposals to NIVA calls will be the NIVA general mail address: info@niva4cap.eu.

Submissions received via any other channel will not be accepted. In case multiple versions of an application are submitted, only the last version will be evaluated.



Admission criteria:

- The proposal is delivered before the defined deadline, applying the requested submission procedure;
- Proposals shall only ask for funding for that part of the work that will be actually performed for the purposes of the testing. This does not exclude the usage of e.g. results, IP, infrastructures or approaches already held by the proposers.

Origin of the Funds

The funds provided through the Call-for-Pilot-Validation come directly from the funds of the European Project NIVA funded itself by the European Commission under Grant Agreement Number 842009. In order to receive funding, any selected proposer will sign a dedicated Agreement with the NIVA consortium. More details on obligations of beneficiaries can be found in the Guide for Applicants.

NIVA contacts

The communication channel is email: info@niva4cap.eu