A consortium may be a permanent, legally-established grouping or a grouping which has been constituted informally for a specific tender procedure. All partners of a consortium (i.e., the leader and all other partners) are jointly and severally liable to the contracting authority.

The participation of an ineligible natural or legal person will result in the automatic exclusion of that person. In particular, if that ineligible person belongs to a consortium, the whole consortium will be excluded.

## 6. Number of applications or tenders

No more than one application or tender can be submitted by a natural or legal person whatever the form of participation (as an individual legal entity or as leader or partner of a consortium submitting an application/tender). In the event that a natural or legal person submits more than one application or tender, all applications or tenders in which that person has participated will be excluded.

In case of lots, the candidates or tenderers may submit only one application or tender per lot. Contracts will be awarded lot by lot and each lot will form a separate contract.

Tenders for parts of a lot will not be considered. Tenderers may not submit a tender for a variant solution in addition to their tender for the supplies required in the tender dossier.

Any tenderer may state in its tender that it would offer a discount in the event that its tender is accepted for more than one lot.

## 7. Tender guarantee

Tenderers must provide a tender guarantee of EUR

- Lot 1, Ion Chromatograph; EUR 1,500.00
- Lot 2, Groundwater borehole observation equipment; EUR 1,540.00
- Lot 3, Groundwater monitoring equipment; EUR 1,070.00
- Lot 4, IT equipment; EUR 140.00
- Lot 5, Gas Chromatograph Triple Quadrapole Mass Spectrometer; EUR 1,800.00
- Lot 6, Chemical Standards and Reference Materials; EUR 500.00
- Lot 7, Flow Cytometer; EUR 1,500.00
- Lot 8, Hydrographic multi-parameter probe; EUR 1,000.00
- Lot 9, Autonomous Passive Acoustic Recording System; EUR 700.00
- Lot 10, Wave Buoy with Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler; EUR 1,300.00
- Lot 11, Tide Gauges equipment; EUR 700.00
- Lot 12, Underwater camera with movement sensor; EUR 240.00
- Lot 13, Apochromatic Stereo Microscope and ancillary Equipment; EUR 450.00
- Lot 14, Carbon Fiber Mounting Pole; EUR 170.00
- Lot 15, Titanium /Stainless Steel / multiparameter probe; EUR 170.00

when submitting their tender. This guarantee will be released to unsuccessful tenderers once the tender procedure has been completed and to the successful tenderer[s] upon signature of the contract by all parties. This guarantee will be called upon if the tenderer does not fulfil all obligations stated in its tender.

## 8. Performance guarantee

The successful tenderer will be asked to provide a performance guarantee of 10% of the amount of the contract at the signing of the contract. This guarantee must be provided together with the return of the countersigned contract no later than 30 days after the tenderer receives the contract signed by the contracting authority. If the selected tenderer fails to provide such a guarantee within this period, the contract will be void and a new contract may be drawn up and sent to the tenderer which has submitted the next cheapest compliant tender.