

TENDER ANNOUNCEMENT

Procurement of Research Expert Services

Preparation of a Research Paper

"Technological Innovation and AI Readiness in Aquaculture: Armenia in the Context of the Black Sea Basin"

The International Center for Agribusiness Research and Education (ICARE) Foundation hereby invites eligible applicants to submit proposals for the provision of research expert services for the preparation of a research paper entitled **"Technological Innovation and AI Readiness in Aquaculture: Armenia in the Context of the Black Sea Basin."**

This procurement is conducted within the framework of the **e-AQUAF (Smart Aqua Farming)** project implemented under the **Interreg NEXT Black Sea Basin Programme 2021–2027**. The project is **exempt from Value Added Tax (VAT)**.

The objective of the assignment is to assess the level of technological innovation, digital transformation and Artificial Intelligence (AI) readiness in Armenia's aquaculture sector, while placing the findings within the broader context of the Black Sea Basin region and developing evidence-based recommendations for future sector development.

The call is open to:

- Individual experts;
- Consulting companies;
- Other eligible legal entities with relevant experience.

The selected Contractor shall prepare a comprehensive research paper in accordance with the Terms of Reference.

The expected duration of the assignment is **three (3) months** from the date of contract signature.

Interested applicants shall submit:

- Technical Proposal describing the proposed methodology and implementation approach;
- Financial Proposal;
- Curriculum Vitae of the proposed expert(s);
- List of relevant assignments completed during the last five years;
- Declaration on Honour.

Proposals shall be submitted no later than:

August 06, 2026.

Applications shall be submitted electronically to:

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with the subject:

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ICARE Foundation reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal, in whole or in part, without assigning any reason, in accordance with the procurement rules of the Interreg NEXT Black Sea Basin Programme 2021–2027.