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**From:** [redacted] 5.1.2e  
**Sent:** Wed 8/19/2020 2:01:34 PM  
**Subject:** serology EQA RfS  
**Received:** Wed 8/19/2020 2:02:19 PM  
[RfS RIVM\\_serology.pdf](#)

Dear [redacted] 5.1.2e

I hope my email finds you well and have enjoyed or still enjoying some holidays!

This is just a kind reminder for the offer that is due on 22 August.

For reference, we would like to note that the services requested in this request for services are linked to the task 6 of the framework contract "Pandemic Support". As mentioned in this task, ECDC has made an assessment of the situation and decided to request the activation of development and distribution of EQA panel on serology for the ongoing pandemic virus, as detailed in the request for services.

Let me know if you need any clarifications.

Best wishes,

[redacted] 5.1.2e

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**From:** [redacted] 5.1.2e  
**Sent:** 17 July 2020 08:12  
**To:** [redacted] 5.1.2e <[redacted] 5.1.2e @rivm.nl>  
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**Subject:** RE: sero eqa

Dear [redacted] 5.1.2e

Please find attached the Request for Services for the serology EQA, in case you wish to start preparing the tender before your leave.

The deadline for submission is 22 August.

You don't need to specify the actual number of panels at this stage.

My best wishes,

[redacted] 5.1.2e

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**From:** [redacted] 5.1.2e [redacted] 5.1.2e @rivm.nl]  
**Sent:** 15 July 2020 12:44  
**To:** [redacted] 5.1.2e <[redacted] 5.1.2e @ecdc.europa.eu>  
**Cc:** [redacted] 5.1.2e <[redacted] 5.1.2e @rivm.nl>  
**Subject:** RE: sero eqa

Hi,

Ok. One potential problem is that the sero EQA is quite complex in comparison to molecular EQA. So the costs are quite fixed regardless of the number of panels. I don't know how to deal with that. The [redacted] 5.1.2b is available for 80

panels but it seems that we might only be able to produce around 50- 60 panels due to material limitations.

Best wishes [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ecdc.europa.eu>

**Sent:** woensdag 15 juli 2020 10:06

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@rivm.nl>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@rivm.nl>

**Subject:** RE: sero eqa

Great, thank you [REDACTED]

I will prepare the RfS and send it to you on 12/8, with the 10-day deadline for the offer.

My best wishes,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@rivm.nl>

**Sent:** 15 July 2020 09:52

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ecdc.europa.eu>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@rivm.nl>

**Subject:** RE: sero eqa

Hi,

Yes that is fine.

Best [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ecdc.europa.eu>

**Sent:** woensdag 15 juli 2020 09:41

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@rivm.nl>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@rivm.nl>

**Subject:** RE: sero eqa

Hi,

That is great, then I include it!

Yes indeed, we need to align with the FWC the same way you did for the molecular EQA.

Same budget for 80 panels.

I can start the procedure then☺

Is a 9-month period sufficient for you (ending June 2021)?

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@rivm.nl>

**Sent:** 14 July 2020 18:31

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ecdc.europa.eu>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@rivm.nl>

**Subject:** Re: sero eqa

Hi,

You can do neuts with inactivated sera. No problem there. [REDACTED] can update you on jrc discussion about including their serostandard.

I'll be back around 12/8. We can already prepare I guess? It needs to conform the framework contract? (Money per item I mean).

Best [REDACTED]

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**Van:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ecdc.europa.eu>

**Datum:** 14 juli 2020 om 18:09:31 CEST

**Aan:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@rivm.nl>

CC: [redacted] 5.1.2e <[redacted] 5.1.2e @rivm.nl>

**Onderwerp:** Re: sero eqa

Many thanks [redacted] 5.1.2e

That is sufficient! We were considering if we could also add the possibility for labs to use the EQA to test their neutralization assays if they wish, but i see you write that you need to include inactivated sera, then I guess it will not be possible?

Could you please indicate when you are back from leave so that I can coordinate the request for services to be sent then? It has a deadline of 10 working days for the offer.

Many thanks and best wishes,

[redacted] 5.1.2e

**From:** [redacted] 5.1.2e <[redacted] 5.1.2e @rivm.nl>

**Sent:** 13 July 2020 01:08:36

**To:** [redacted] 5.1.2e

**Cc:** [redacted] 5.1.2e

**Subject:** sero eqa

Dear [redacted] 5.1.2e

Please find attached the draft plan for the sero EQA on which you can base your request for offer. In the official offer we will fill in the details of the budget according to the framework contract.

Please let me know whether this is sufficient for now.

Best wishes [redacted] 5.1.2e

**From:** [redacted] 5.1.2e <[redacted] 5.1.2e @ecdc.europa.eu>

**Sent:** maandag 13 juli 2020 13:20

**To:** [redacted] 5.1.2e <[redacted] 5.1.2e @rivm.nl>

**Subject:** Re: sero eqa

Dear [redacted] 5.1.2e

May I kindly ask you if you have finalized the proposal for the serology eqa?

I am off on holidays soon and hope to finalize the request for services before my leave!

Many thanks,

[redacted] 5.1.2e

**From:** [redacted] 5.1.2e

**Sent:** 01 July 2020 20:30:47

**To:** [redacted] 5.1.2e

**Subject:** RE: sero eqa

Many thanks for the update [redacted] 5.1.2e

Yes please send us the details when you have them ready and we will proceed with drafting the Request for Services together with

[redacted] 5.1.2e

May I kindly ask you if you are planning for holidays ☺?

Best regards,

[redacted] 5.1.2e

**From:** [redacted] 5.1.2e <[redacted] 5.1.2e @rivm.nl>

**Sent:** 01 July 2020 17:07

**To:** [redacted] 5.1.2e <[redacted] 5.1.2e @ecdc.europa.eu>

**Subject:** RE: sero eqa

I have a TC with INMI tomorrow but I can't guarantee that we have it ready before your holiday. Can we send it to [redacted] 5.1.2e instead?

Best 5.1.2e

**From:** 5.1.2e <5.1.2e@ecdc.europa.eu>  
**Sent:** maandag 29 juni 2020 14:17  
**To:** 5.1.2e <5.1.2e@rivm.nl>  
**Cc:** 5.1.2e <5.1.2e@ecdc.europa.eu>  
**Subject:** RE: sero eqa

Dear 5.1.2e

May I kindly ask you if you are planning to send the one-pager for the serology EQA to us this week? I will be off from July 6 and would be great if I could move the Request for Services this week if possible.

Many thanks and best regards,

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**From:** 5.1.2e <5.1.2e@rivm.nl>  
**Sent:** 15 June 2020 16:55  
**To:** 5.1.2e <5.1.2e@ecdc.europa.eu>  
**Cc:** 5.1.2e <5.1.2e@ecdc.europa.eu>  
**Subject:** RE: sero eqa

Hi,

Yes RIVM will pick this up in collaboration with INMI (subcontracting).

We will write a proposal A4 to discuss with you, ok?

Cheers 5.1.2e

**From:** 5.1.2e <5.1.2e@ecdc.europa.eu>  
**Sent:** woensdag 3 juni 2020 13:59  
**To:** 5.1.2e <5.1.2e@rivm.nl>  
**Cc:** 5.1.2e <5.1.2e@ecdc.europa.eu>  
**Subject:** RE: sero eqa

Dear 5.1.2e

I hope my email finds you well! This is a quick update on the serology EQA.

Most probably we will not need an amendment to the existing FWC with RIVM for this and we can utilise the pandemic clause that already exists in the contract.

Regarding budget availability and cost, we need to stick to the pricelist that RIVM has provided for the FWC (and used for the previous EQAs as well). So for 80 laboratories the budget will be 140,000 similar to the molecular EQA. However, please note that there is budget for more laboratories/panels. We can therefore discuss how many we will need and include this to the Request for Services.

Let us know if this is acceptable for you.

Regarding the WHO panel that you mention, are you referring to the small serum panel that WHO EURO is procuring? To our understanding, this is more a panel of sera to be used for inter-laboratory and inter-assay validation, rather than an external quality assessment.

Best wishes,

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**From:** 5.1.2e  
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**To:** 5.1.2e <5.1.2e@rivm.nl>; 5.1.2e <5.1.2e@ecdc.europa.eu>  
**Subject:** RE: sero eqa

Many thanks 5.1.2e for exploring the serology EQA with INMI! The remaining budget from the existing framework contract is 5.1.2b

Please let us know if that works for you.

Regarding the WHO panel, can we discuss that internally and come back to you?

Best wishes,

5.1.2e

**From:** 5.1.2e [5.1.2e@rivm.nl]  
**Sent:** 28 May 2020 10:10  
**To:** 5.1.2e <5.1.2e@ecdc.europa.eu>; 5.1.2e <5.1.2e@ecdc.europa.eu>  
**Subject:** sero eqa

Dear 5.1.2e

I'm exploring with INMI to organize the sero EQA. I think we can do it.  
 Question I have: what would be the budget?

Shall we come forward with a proposal?

Than finally, I got the attached from WHO. I think it is a waste of money and time if they do this separately from the ECDC EQA.  
 What do you think?

Also what they ask is not allowed: panel entries need to be mixtures of serum samples as the genetic background cannot be identifiable.

I'm thinking of indicating to them to contact you to make it a joint effort? But of course not without your consent \*

Best wishes 5.1.2e

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