

Regulation for the participation in the Open Call for testing in the ATLANTIS Test Centre

Article 1

Scope and Objectives

1. This regulation document defines the rules and access conditions to the call for testing in the ATLANTIS Test Centre in a near real environment
2. In the Notice of the Open Call, additional and more specific conditions can be defined in the addition the ones presented in this document.

Article 2

Participant Eligibility Criteria

1. The potential candidates are expected to:
 - a. Be an existing company;
 - b. Develop or use robotic technologies for/in the area for inspection and maintenance.
2. The above eligibility criteria are required to be met at the time of closing of the submission period.
3. While all companies are welcome to apply, start-ups, small and medium enterprises and Universities will be given priority.

Article 3

Testing Eligibility Criteria

1. The proposed robotic technologies for testing are expected to be directly involved in inspection operations.
2. The proposed testing is expected to:
 - a. Identify a Principal Investigator (PI) or legal responsible.
 - b. Relate with one of the four showcases targeted in ATLANTIS, with the relevance of the testing adequately described.
 - c. Provide a clear and detailed methodology.
 - d. Clearly identify the required support equipment for the testing.
 - e. Indicate the expected required human resources and duration of the test.
3. Multiple submission from the same entity are accepted however, only the last one will be considered by the jury.



Article 4

Eligible Expenses

The eligible expenses covered by the funding of the call include the following:

1. Operation costs.
2. Technical support.
3. Lunch for the involved personnel.

Article 5

Non-eligible Expenses

The funding for testing of technologies will not cover:

1. Travel arrangements.
2. Accommodation.
3. Transport of material.

Article 6

Submission of proposals

1. The submission of testing proposals will be performed through the ATLANTIS project website.
2. All proposal should be submitted in English.
3. The dates for the opening and closing of the submission process are presented in the notice of open call.

Article 7

Evaluation panel

1. The evaluation of the submitted proposals will be performed by an internal panel of the consortium, nevertheless, the ATLANTIS project may invite external experts in case of ethical conflicts.
2. The evaluation panel will include members of different partners, to ensure the representation of the complete supply chain.
3. It is the responsibility of the evaluation panel to:
 - a. Apply the evaluation criteria defined in the notice of open call to assess the submitted proposals;
 - b. Rank the proposals and select the ones to accept.



Article 8

Evaluation criteria

1. The submitted proposals are assessed according to the criteria defined and presented in the notice of open call.
2. All proposals are ranked according to the final grade, from highest to lowest, and will be funded until the budget limit defined in the ATLANTIS.

Article 9

Notification of the Selection decision

1. The PI of each proposal will be notified of the selection decision.
2. Any question or plea regarding the decision should be presented within 10 working days of the notification.
3. The acceptance of the decision should be formalised in 10 working days upon notification.

Article 10

Insurance

1. The ATLANTIS consortium is not responsible for damages that take place during the operation of the robotic technologies in the ATLANTIS Test Centre.
2. All equipment used in any testing performed in the ATLANTIS Test Centre is recommended to be insured.

Article 11

Cancellation or Changes in the testing

1. Cancellation and/or alteration of the testing dates can occur due to weather conditions or other factors.
2. The ATLANTIS Consortium is not liable for potential costs related to changes due to force majeure, outside of the consortium control.
3. In the case of alterations in the dates for testing, the ATLANTIS will propose alternative dates to ensure the possibility of testing of the selected proposals.

