Call for applications for analysis and research activities in support of government decision-making 2023

On the **15**th **of March 2023**, the Prime Minister's Office will open a call for applications for funding intended to generate data through analysis, assessment and research activities in support of government decision-making. The call for applications is based on the Government's plan for analysis, assessment and research activities in support of decision-making for 2023.

All applications and their appendices must be submitted using the <u>vnteas-asiointi.fi</u> (in Finnish) electronic application and service system **by 16.00 on the 3rd of May 2023.**

If you have questions about the application process that are not answered in the application documents, please send your questions as messages via the service system no later than on the 27th of March 2023. Answers to all questions received by the deadline will be published by the 31st of March 2023 at: <u>tietokayttoon.fi</u> (in Finnish).

The call for applications is intended for organisations, such as universities and universities of applied sciences, research institutes, companies and organisations, or consortia formed by these, including international organisations. The funds are awarded to host organisations only, not to individuals.

The selection criteria for project applications, along with their weightings, are as follows: relevance and usability (25 per cent), project quality (35 per cent), project implementers' expertise and sufficiency of resources (30 per cent), and communications and information management (10 per cent). Decisions to commission analysis and research activities are made by the Prime Minister's Office, which is also responsible for drawing up contracts with the implementers of projects. For more information, see the updated General terms of the Government's analysis, assessment and research activities.

By participating in the call for applications, the applicant agrees to the terms stated in the description of the personal data file of the Government's analysis and research activities (EU General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679). The confidentiality of the application documents is subject to the provisions of the Act on the Openness of Government Activities (621/1999).

As a general rule, the project application and its appendices are public documents, with the exception of the detailed project plan attached to the application, which is generally secret unless the applicant declares or the authorities decide otherwise (Act on the Openness of Government Activities (621/1999), chapter 6, section 24: Secret official documents, paragraph 21).

If, in the applicant's view, the application contains information to be kept secret in addition to the above, the applicant must indicate the confidential information in a separate appendix along with the grounds for secrecy. The final decision on the secrecy of the information will be made by the Prime Minister's Office.

The Contracting Entity may exclude from the competitive tendering a tenderer to which an exclusion criterion referred to in section 80 or 81 of the Act on Public Procurement applies.

Analysis and research topics

See the separate attachment on the application page for more <u>detailed descriptions of the topics</u> (only in Finnish).

2. Social sustainability

analysis/research topic	cost estimate (€)
2.1. Guiding customers of the police, the Criminal Sanctions Agency and the National Enforcement Authority to access the necessary services	150,000
2.4. General interest representation services	150,000