2026 — FORISK : Technical Assistance & Scientific Support on Forests and Integrated Wildfire Risk Management

Country	Contract value (€)	% by Epsilon	Staff # provided	Client	Origin of funding	Date (start/end)	Consortium Members
EU-wide	**45,000** (financial offer: 100 person-days)	30% (indicative)	15+ (core team)	EC/DG ENV, Unit D.1 EC-ENV/2026/OP/0025 · Lot 3	EU budget	48 months (submitted 15/09/2026)	EPSILON International (MT, leader); AUTH (GR); EarthDaily (FR); DOTSOFT (GR); GMV-RO

The Project (2026)

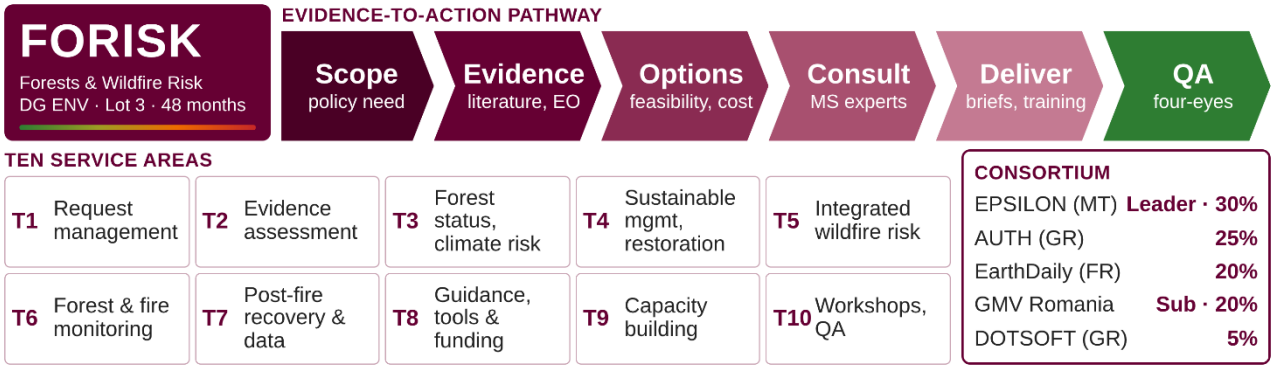
FORISK is an Epsilon-led proposal for Lot 3 – Forests and Integrated Wildfire Risk Management of the European Commission (DG ENV) Framework Contract EC-ENV/2026/OP/0025 on technical assistance and scientific support to the Nitrates Directive, agriculture, soil and forest policies.

The 48-month, demand-driven framework gives DG ENV Unit D.1 rapid, flexible access to coordinated scientific, technical and policy expertise supporting the EU Forest Strategy for 2030, the Nature Restoration Regulation and the emerging EU approach to integrated wildfire risk management across the full cycle of prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.

Ten complementary service areas cover forest status and climate risk, sustainable forest management and restoration, wildfire prevention and preparedness, forest and habitat monitoring, fuel mapping, post-fire recovery and harmonised data collection, guidance and funding support, and Member State capacity building. Each Specific Request follows an evidence-to-action pathway: scoping, evidence appraisal, options assessment, stakeholder testing and policy-ready outputs, with four-eyes and independent quality review.

Analyses combine Earth Observation, Copernicus and EFFIS information with national forest inventories, climate data and field observations, using GIS, cloud-based EO environments and AI/ML methods where relevant.

Illustrative assignments include an eight-week assessment of climate impacts and adaptation options for forests in a selected EU eco-region and a one-month capacity-building roadmap for forest resilience in a Member State. The consortium comprises EPSILON International (Group Leader), Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, EarthDaily and DOTSOFT, with GMV Romania as identified subcontractor.



Services to be provided by EPSILON

As Group Leader and Framework Contract Manager, EPSILON International holds proposal overall contractual responsibility and is the single point of contact with DG ENV for all Specific Contracts, ensuring consistency across assignments. Services include:

– receiving and scoping Specific Requests from DG ENV, clarifying the policy need and intended use, and preparing offers with team, person-days, timetable and budget;

– mobilising Task Leaders and multidisciplinary teams, managing parallel assignments through four Delivery Pods, protected expert pools and named backups for every key role;

– leading integrated wildfire-risk, fire and fuel management and policy analysis, including options appraisal for EU and Member State action;

– acting as Task Leader on wildfire-policy and governance assignments and drafting key sections of deliverables for Commission review;

– providing expertise on economic instruments, implementation pathways and EU funding opportunities for wildfire prevention and forest resilience;

– consolidating AUTH, EarthDaily, DOTSOFT and GMV inputs into policy papers, technical reports, guidance and capacity-building roadmaps;

– organising workshops, webinars and Member State consultations with authorities and practitioners;

– coordinating DG ENV meetings, briefings and progress reporting, and maintaining the FORISK knowledge base of lessons learned;

– running quality control: quality gates, four-eyes review, independent validation and structured treatment of Commission comments;

– risk management, KPI monitoring, reporting and financial management under the maximum daily rates offered (Project Manager €600, Senior Expert €500, Junior Expert €300).

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