

Tender Evaluation Report – Fire protection projects in private zones for Bidder A (Company: EcoBranched Solutions)

1. Tender Details

This section presents the main features of the tender, such as:

- **Contracting Authority:** NovaGuard Solutions Ltd.
- **Subject of Contract:** Wildfire prevention works in private zones under the responsibility of the Dryšina Forestry Department (Section C). The works concern the rehabilitation of a forest trail network covering an area of 5,823.90 hectares and clearing of pine vegetation of an area of 815.42 hectares, according to the approved studies C1, C2 and C3.
- **Budget:** €3,145,672.50 plus VAT (Total budget with VAT 24%: €3,899,430.30) for Section C.
- **Contract Duration:** Three (3) months from the date of commencement of work.
- **Deadline for Submission:** Wednesday 09.07.2025 at 11:30.
- **Evaluation Method:** Pass/Fail participation criteria and then, the most economically advantageous tender based on price for bidders that meet all Pass/Fail criteria.

Company Analysis 2: EcoBranched Solutions (Private Enterprise)

2. Mandatory Criteria Check (Pass/Fail)

Description: At this stage, the mandatory criteria are examined. If a bid does not meet them, it is rejected without being scored. Examples: operating license, certifications, turnover, number of staff, updates, etc.

Actions:

- Listing of all mandatory criteria from the notice.
- Checking each bidder's files for documentation of each of them.
- Record in a table with observations per point.

3. Eligibility Criteria Checklist

Criteria	Complies	Comment
Declaration of Bidder's Legitimacy (Form 1B)	✓	Provided ("Form1B_Alexandros_signed.pdf").
Criminal Record	✓	Provided ("CriminalRecord_17.06.2025.pdf"), issued 17.06.2025, within 3 months.
Insurance & Tax Awareness	✓	They are presented and are in force.
Certificate of MEEP/MHEEDE/EDDE (in force – Criterion 6.1)	✗	M.E.E.P. certificate expired on 15/09/2021; no valid E.D.D.E. certificate submitted.
List of Projects (Experience of Economic Operator – Criterion 6.2: $\geq \text{€}1,800,000.00$)	✗	The documented experience $\text{€}1,750,000.00$ within the five-year period (2021–2025) is less than the required ($\text{€}1,800,000.00$), due to unacceptable documentation for part of Project 2
ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 45001 certificates (in force – Criterion 6.3)	✓	They are presented and are in force
Evidence of Annex 5 (Law 3310/2005)	✓	Nominalization of shares is not required for a sole proprietorship. The non-offshore status is considered covered by Model 1B.
Consent Statement (Annex 3)	✓	Provided ("Annex3_Responsible Declaration for the Processing of Personal Data_signed.pdf").
Evidence of Beneficial Ownership (Annex 6)	✓	A declaration of beneficial ownership ("Annex6_9. Solemn Declaration of Beneficial Ownership_signed.pdf") is provided. For a sole proprietorship, the owner is the beneficial owner.
Project Team Table (Criterion 6.4.a – at least 2 Foresters)	✓	Table ("TeamTable_signed.pdf") lists A. Papadopoulos (Forester) and M. Dimitriou (Forester).

Criteria	Complies	Comment
Project Team Academic Qualifications (Criterion 6.4.a)	✗	A forestry degree submitted for A. Papadopoulos; no academic qualification provided for M. Dimitriou.
Project Team Work List & Certifications (Criterion 6.4.b)	⚠	Papadopoulos' work history documented; For Dimitriou a work with indirect documentation is declared. The main issue is his lack of a degree.
Responsible Declaration on Non-Subcontracting	✓	Provided ("18. NonSubcontractingDeclaration_signed.pdf").
GEMI Certificate (current affairs)	✗	The submitted GEMI certificate ("GEMI Certificate.pdf") issued 01/03/2025 i.e. it is older than 3 months at the time of submission (09/07/2025).

✦ **Conclusion:** The sole proprietorship "EcoBranched Solutions" does not meet critical mandatory criteria (valid degrees, sufficient documentation of experience, project team member's academic title, up-to-date GEMI certificate) and is therefore excluded from the further process.

4. Detailed Description of Compliance Per Company (Pass/Fail) – EcoBranched Solutions (Sole Proprietorship)

Detailed description of the compliance of the sole proprietorship "EcoBranched Solutions" with the Pass/Fail criteria:

- **Declaration of Bidder's Legitimacy, Acceptance of Tender Terms, Validity of Bid, Non-Subscription of Exclusion Reasons, Fulfillment of Eligibility Criteria (Issue 2, Part A – Model 1B):**

- The file Form1B_Alexandros_signed.pdf has been submitted.
- The statement is signed by Alexandros Papadopoulos (17/06/2025) and formally covers the required points. However, the statement regarding "Compliance with Eligibility Criteria" is not confirmed by the verification of supporting documents.
- Evaluation (as to submission): **PASS.**

- **Copy of Criminal Record:**

- The file CriminalRecord_17.06.2025.pdf, issued 17/06/2025 (within 3 months), was submitted.
- No convictions are recorded.
- Rating: **PASS.**

- **Insurance and Tax Compliance Certificates:**

- Tax Information (TaxInfo_Alex_20.06.2025.pdf): Issued 20/06/2025, valid until 20/07/2025.
- Insurance Update (InsuranceCert_Alex_10.03.2025.pdf): Issued 10/03/2025, valid until 09/09/2025.
- Rating: **PASS**. Both are valid.

- **Certificate of Registration in MEEP or MIEEDE / Copy of EDDE Degree (valid – Criterion 6.1):**

- Submitted: MEEP_Alex_33456.pdf and EDDE_Alex_77890.pdf.
- The M.E.E.P. certificate (No. 33456, Fire Prevention category, 2nd class) expired on 15/09/2021.
- The E.D.D.E. special diploma (No. 77890, 4th grade) has an expiration on 20/07/2022. It has expired.
- The announcement requires that degrees/certificates be valid at the time of submission.
- Evaluation: **FAIL**. Failure to present a valid degree /certificate is grounds for exclusion.

- **List of Projects (Proof of Experience of Economic Operator – par. 6.2 of the Invitation):**

- List of Reforestation Projects of an Economic Operator_signed.pdf and related attachments (6.1 to 6.6) were submitted.
- Required cumulative value of projects (2021–2025): at least € 1,800,000.00 before VAT.
- Declared total value: € 1,865,432.10.
- For Project Gamma (“Habitat Restoration in Pelion Region”, declared value € 120,000.00), invoice 312 (03/01/2026) worth € 75,000.00 is outside the five-year period, and invoice 298 (12/11/2024) worth € 45,000.00 is within. Only the latter counts toward the required period.
- Calculation of documented experience (2021–2025):
 - ✓ **Project 1** (“Forest Road Reconstruction”): € 1,020,500.00
 - ✓ **Project 2** (“Wildland Firebreak Creation”): € 280,750.60
 - ✓ **Project 3**: € 45,000.00
 - ✓ **Project 4** (“Pine Thinning Operations”): € 210,000.00
 - ✓ **Project 5** (“Underbrush Clearing”): € 100,000.50
 - ✓ **Project 6** (“Erosion Control Measures”): € 133,000.00

= **€ 1,789,251.10**. This amount is less than the required € 1,800,000.00.
- Evaluation: **FAIL**. Insufficient documented experience is a reason for exclusion.

- **Copies of ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, ISO 45001:2018 Certificates (in force - Criterion 6.3):**

- Submitted: `6.3.1 Certificate ISO 9001...pdf` (expires 05/03/2027), `6.3.2 Certificate ISO 14001...pdf` (expires 07/08/2025), `6.3.3 Certificate ISO 45001...pdf` (expires 05/03/2027).
- The certificates are valid and the scope is relevant.
- Rating: **PASS**.

- **Evidence of Annex 5 (art. 8 par. 4 of Law 3310/2005):**

- A separate non-offshore company declaration was not submitted as Annex 5.
- The requirement for nominal shares applies to S.A. and not to sole proprietorships. The declaration of non-offshore company can be considered covered by the general declaration in Form 1B.
- Evaluation: **PASS** (not applicable to the main part for sole proprietorship).

- **Annex 3 Consent Statement (Processing of Personal Data):**

- The file `8. Responsible Declaration for the Processing of Personal Data_signed.pdf` (10/05/2025) was submitted.
- Rating: **PASS**.

- **Evidence of Annex 6 (Beneficial Owner):**

- The file `Annex6_OwnershipDeclaration_signed.pdf` was submitted, where Alexandros Papadopoulos declares himself as sole beneficial owner.
- For a sole proprietorship, this is sufficient.
- Rating: **PASS**.

- **Table of Proposed Project Team (par. 6.4.a of the Invitation):**

- The file `TeamTable_Alexandros_signed.pdf` has been submitted.
- Includes: A. Papadopoulos – Forester; M. Dimitriou – Forester.
- Meets the requirement for at least two people.
- Rating: **PASS**.

- **Copies of Degrees of Project Team Members (par. 6.4.a of the Invitation):**

- For Alexandros Papadopoulos, a Certificate of Compliance with Legal Requirements for Practicing the Geotechnical Profession from the Relevant Geotechnical Association (`GeoteeLicense_Alex.pdf`), in force, was presented.
- For Maria Dimitriou (Forester), a copy of her academic qualification or equivalent degree was submitted.
- Rating: **FAIL** Failure to provide a degree certificate for a project team member is grounds for exclusion.

• **List of Project Team Projects and Execution Certificates (par. 6.4.b of the Invitation):**

- List of Reforestation Projects of the Working Group_signed.pdf, Dimitriou Experience List_signed.pdf, Certificate of Completion Prefecture of Larissa Dimitriou.pdf, Ministerial Declaration of Dimitriou_signed.pdf were submitted.
- A. Papadopoulos' experience is presumed from the economic operator's list of projects.
- For M. Dimitriou, a work ("Underbrush Clearing Works, Municipality of Larissa", 2022) is declared with indirect documentation (declaration by A. Papadopoulos and receipt protocol in the name of A. Papadopoulos).
- Evaluation: **CLARIFICATION NEEDED (minor)**. The main issue is the lack of Ms. Dimitriou's academic title (Criterion 6.4.a). If the title existed, the documentation of experience could be further examined, although the notice does not set a quantitative limit for the experience of the team members.




• **Responsible Declaration on Non-Subcontracting:**

- The file NonSubcontractingDeclaration_signed.pdf (17/06/2025) was submitted.
- Rating: **PASS**.

• **GEMI Certificate (Legal Documents – Current Affairs):**

- The file GEMI_Certificate_01_03_2025.pdf was submitted.
- Issued on 01/03/2025. At the offer submission date (09/07/2025), it is older than three months which is the usual limit of acceptable timeliness for such documents at the time of submission.
- Evaluation: **FAIL**. The outdated GEMI certificate is a deficiency.

5. Comprehensive Conclusion Per Company – EcoBranched Solutions (Sole Proprietorship)

-  If it meets the mandatory requirements (Pass/Fail): No.
-  If excluded: Yes, it is excluded.
-  Final quality score (normalized): Not applicable due to exclusion at the Pass/Fail stage.

- **Comment on strengths/weaknesses:**

Overall Assessment: The sole proprietorship “EcoBranched Solutions” is **excluded** from further evaluation as it cumulatively fails several critical mandatory criteria of the invitation. The deficiencies relate to professional suitability (expired degrees), technical capacity (insufficient documented experience, missing academic qualification for a team member) and formal requirements (outdated GEMI certificate).

Strengths:

1. Provided valid tax and insurance compliance certificates.
2. Presented valid ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and ISO 45001 certificates.
3. Declared a project team meeting the numerical requirement of two foresters.

Weaknesses (reasons for exclusion):

1. **Invalid M.E.E.P./E.D.D.E. certificates (Criterion 6.1):** Both professional certificates have expired and are not valid at the time of submission.
2. **Insufficient documented experience (Criterion 6.2):** The cumulative value of projects within the required five-year period (€ 1,789,251.10) falls short of the minimum threshold (€ 1,800,000.00).
3. **Missing academic qualification for a project team member (Criterion 6.4.a):** No degree or equivalent certificate was submitted for M. Dimitriou, preventing verification of his professional status.
4. **Outdated GEMI certificate (Criterion 14):** The GEMI certificate is older than three months as of the bid submission date, constituting a formal deficiency.