

## Call for Tenders / Ref. 2051-211 Research

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### **For the Project**

#### **“Cross-national survey on the extent of the platform economy”**

The aim of this survey is to provide reliable cross-nationally comparable data on the extent to which working age adults (aged 18-64) use the internet – and platforms more specifically – as work and to make money. A second, equally important question, concerns the characteristics of the users and their main motivation. Previous work on this topic has used web surveys that were either unrepresentative or heavily biased towards heavy web-users, which leads to an over-estimation of the prevalence of these new forms of labour. For this reason it is very important that the sample is contacted offline, and is representative of the working age population in the country [countries] of interest.

#### **Expertise required:**

In the tender, the potential candidates should demonstrate acquired expertise in setting up, and effectively carrying out a CATI survey on a probability sample of the population, for a social science study.

#### **Description of tasks to be performed by the contractor:**

The contractor is expected to carry out a survey using CATI on a probability sample of the population in one or more of the following countries: Germany, the Netherlands, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Czechia, Austria, Romania, France,

Poland, Hungary, Spain, Italy, Greece, Ireland, and Denmark. All costs should be separated per country to allow for an evaluation.

The exact specification is found in the accompanying methodology note, which also sets out the timeline and requirements for the quote to be considered in this tender. The interviews will be evaluated and quality checked at the very beginning after a small pilot (N around 15), after 200 interviews, and at the end.

### **GDPR rules**

The candidate / tenderer is required to comply with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), ensuring the processing, data security and data protection of data subjects when personal data are involved in the data protection in the framework of a future contract or intention to conclude a contract.

Further information on how the ETUI handles personal data and contact details is available on the privacy notice on the ETUI website at [www.etui.org](http://www.etui.org).

### **Duration and value of the tender**

The ETUI plans to conclude a contract with the successful bidders and award a contract from December 2020 onwards, for provision and data quality checks of the survey following the timeline set forward in the methodological document.

The price of the tender includes all the work regarding the survey performed by the bidder (as well as the cost of any external help required) and is inclusive of VAT where relevant. It excludes possible translation costs.

### **Award criteria:**

The bid will be awarded on the basis of “best value for money”, especially based on the quality of previous work or services rendered. The criteria will be assessed based on the cost and the adherence to the methodological note.

### **Deadline for the submission of tenders:**

Candidates should submit their bid in electronic form to Wouter Zwysen ([wzwysen@etui.org](mailto:wzwysen@etui.org)) and Agnieszka Piasna ([apiasna@etui.org](mailto:apiasna@etui.org)), senior researchers at the ETUI, by 27 October 2020 the latest.

## **Terms and conditions:**

1. The way the bid must be framed, in terms of price quotation, options, and methodology proposal, is specified in the methodological note. The bid must follow the format specified there.
2. The contractor has the right to use all intellectual property which the winning bid generates in fulfilment of the contract, the material results of which will be protected by copyright.
3. The winning bid shall accept responsibility for any legal obligations entailed by the contract and is in particular required to his/her country of origin the requisite tax statements relating to the services supplied.  
Value tax where applicable, shall be shown separately on all invoices as a net extra charge. All other taxes, levies and expenses shall be borne by the contractor and shall not be included in the relevant invoices.
4. The winning bid accepts all reporting obligations to the Eu to which the ETUI is subject and in case of audit will cooperate to provide necessary information.
5. In case of disputes the Belgian courts will be competent.



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**Annex 1 - Declaration on Honour**

(Selection criteria, point 6 of the notice)

**I HEREBY CERTIFY, AS CANDIDATE/LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CANDIDATE,**

THAT THE CANDIDATE:

- is not bankrupt or being wound up, is not having his/her affairs administered by the courts, has not entered into an arrangement with creditors, has not suspended business activities, is not the subject of proceedings concerning those matters or is not in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;
- has not been convicted of an offence concerning his/her professional conduct by a judgment which has the force of *res judicata*;
- is not guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the contracting authority can justify;
- has fulfilled his/her obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which he/she is established or with those of the country of the contracting authority or those of the country where the contract is to be performed;
- has not been the subject of a judgment which has the force of *res judicata* for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organisation or any other illegal activity detrimental to the Communities' financial interests;
- is not currently subject to an administrative penalty referred to in Article 96(1) of the Financial Regulation;

Signature ..... Date:

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THAT THE CANDIDATE /legal representative of the candidate:

- is not subject to any conflict of interest;
- that the candidate will inform the contracting authority, without delay, of any situation constituting a conflict of interest or which could give rise to a conflict of interest;

Signature ..... Date:

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To the best of my knowledge, all information provided is true and accurate.

Signature ..... Date:

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The ETUI reserves the right to check the information provided. Together with this form, duly signed, the candidate undertakes to send any additional document which the ETUI considers necessary to perform its checks.

By signing this form, the undersigned acknowledges that he/she accepts controls/audits from the European Commission under the same conditions as the ETUI.

Signature ..... Date: