Call for Tenders / Ref. 2021-05 Research

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For the Project

“Short- and medium-term sectoral employment forecasts, taking into account economic, sectoral restructuring during and in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic”

Expertise required:

In the tender, the potential candidates should demonstrate acquired expertise in forecasting sectoral employment developments. A list of previous related publications must be added to the tender.

Description of tasks to be performed by the contractor:

The Covid-19 pandemic and the social distancing measures introduced to stem the propagation of the virus have plunged European economies into a recession whose magnitude has been compared to the Great Depression. Not all sectors have come under the same pressure as the normal operation of some has been entailing far more risks of contamination than that of others, both for workers and for consumers/the general public. Despite the unprecedented support and income replacement/short-time work measures that have been rolled out in all European countries, jobs have been and will continue to be lost until the pandemic is over, due to the disruption in economic and social life.
At the same time, the imperative of physical distancing, predictions that pandemics as devastating as this one are likely to re-occur more frequently, the expected increased prevalence of remote working and the digital and green transitions have been changing the way in which economic and social life are organised, precipitating the automation and/or digitalisation of production of goods and provision of services. These structural changes are and will be taking place while there is currently uncertainty on how vigorously public debt consolidation will be pursued and/or how strategies of developing European strategic autonomy with regards to the supply of several critical goods will evolve.

In brief, important changes in sectoral employment are expected, not just as a direct impact of the current shock but also due to its aftermath, more long-haul structural changes that had been under way even prior to the pandemic and related policy responses.

The ETUI would like to obtain forecasts of changes in sectoral (NACE rev.2, level 1) employment in Europe in the short- and medium-term (from 6 months from March 2021 and up to 2 to 5 years), produced under scenarios combining possible evolutions in the above, non-exhaustive list of structural changes and policies, to inform its analyses and to fulfil its mission of supporting, reinforcing and stimulating the European labour movement. For more details regarding the possible and necessary scenarios under which to produce the forecasts, please see the document ‘annex to tender call for sectoral employment forecasts’.

The forecasts should cover as many European countries as possible, ensuring a balance across geographical areas (north-western Europe, south Europe, Nordic countries, central-eastern Europe), population size, per capita income, and varieties of socio-economic models. Contractees should explain in their bid which countries they intend to cover, which ones will be excluded, and the rationale(s) underpinning these decisions.

The contractee is expected to provide i) sectoral (NACE Rev.2, level 1) employment forecasts for time-horizons ranging from 6 to 60 months from March 2021 under different scenarios of the pandemic evolution and of relevant structural changes and policy developments; ii) a detailed report specifying and justifying the model used and assumptions made for producing the forecasts; iii) a file detailing the code used for estimating the forecasts.

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.

Duration and value of the tender

The ETUI plans to conclude a contract with the successful bidder and award a contract from March 2021. Some initial employment forecasts should be delivered by the 15th May 2021. The final deadline for all the aforementioned deliverables is the 31st August 2021.
The overall value of the tender is maximum 50000 EUR (VAT inclusive). The price includes the work performed by the bidder (as well as the cost of any external help required) to complete the tasks listed in the description of the tender.

**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 elaboration of a proposal for the publication, CVs of the project manager(s) and price.

**Deadline for the submission of tenders:**

Candidates should submit their bid in electronic form to Nicola Countouris, Director of the research department of the ETUI (email: skasiers@etui.org) and Sotiria Theodoropoulou, head of unit European economic, employment and social policies at the etui (email: stheodoropoulou@etui.org) at the latest by 22nd March 2021.

**Terms and conditions:**

1. The expertise requires a specialist with in-depth knowledge of the project topic and understanding of the European context. The bid must include a detailed C.V. in relation to the task described.

2. The overall value of the tender is maximum 50000 Euro (taxes and charges included). The price includes the work performed by the bidder to complete the tasks listed above and provide the specified deliverables.

   The payment will be made in three stages: 20% of the contracted amount after the signature of contract; 40% after delivery of first sectoral employment forecasts in May 2021; 40% after the delivery of the full-range of sectoral employment forecasts and the forecasting model report and the software code file and no later than 31st August 2021.

3. The ETUI and the contractee share the right to use all intellectual property which the contractee generates in fulfilment of the contract, the material results of which will be protected by copyright.

4. The winning bidder shall accept responsibility for any legal obligations entailed by the contract and is in particular required to provide 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.

5. The winning bidder accepts all reporting obligations to the EU to which the ETUI is subject and in case of audit will cooperate to provide necessary information.

6. 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: _____________________________________________________________________

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: _____________________________________________________________________

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

Signature ........................................ Date: _____________________________________________________________________

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: _____________________________________________________________________