Call for Tenders / Ref. 2021 ETUI 06 Research

Contracting Institutes

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For the Project

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**The recovery and resilience facility, and the Semester: Actors, Structures and Innovation**

**Expertise required:**
In the tender, the potential candidates should demonstrate acquired expertise in European Economic Policy and in particular in the Semester process, as well as a good knowledge of the Social Partners at the National and EU level.

**Description of the tasks to be performed by the contractee:**
The contractee should conduct the following detailed research. The research structure must focus on the Structure, Innovation and Actors involved.

**Structure**
- a) What is the role of the European Semester (broadly defined) in the Recovery and Resilience Facility?
- b) What elements of the European Semester coordination process continues at the present time (July 2020-June 2021)?

**Innovation**
- c) What is ‘new’ in managing economic policy coordination in the context of the RRF?

**Actors**
- d) Who are the main players, what are the new structures, how did the power balance shift (e.g. towards Sec Gen; DG ECFIN), what are the objectives and longer-term effects of these changes? What role (formal or informal) is still given to social actors such as DG EMPL, the Social partners, social NGO’s?
The research should be based on extensive desk research, including literature review and interviews (up to 15).

The research output will consist of a Policy Brief and a research report including a set of policy recommendations regarding the most effective entry points for social affairs players (incl. trade unions) in the revised European Semester and the RRF.

The candidate will need to make a presentation of the key finding in a joint event seminar ETUI-AK Europa.

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 and AK Europa plans to conclude a joint contract with the successful bidder and award a contract from March 2021.

The final draft for all the aforementioned deliverables is the 1st of July 2021.

The overall value of the tender is maximum 25,000 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 send their bid in electronic form to Nicola Countouris, Director of the Research Department, ETUI (e-mail assistant Sophie Kasiers: skasiers@etui.org) at the latest by 15 March 2021.

For information concerning the tender please contact: Sophie Kasiers; e-mail: skasiers@etui.org.
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 25000 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.

3. The ETUI/AK Europa 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 origine, 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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Annexes to Notice
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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: