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For the Project

**"E-mobility employment laboratory", study on Germany
ETUI project No. 2354-020-12**

The ETUI has launched a research project (No. 2354-020-12) on the employment effects of the electrification of the automotive industry, on industrial policy initiatives and just transition strategies in the sector.

This call for tender is about an expert study on Germany.

Description of the Tender:

The starting point should be an overview of recent employment trends in the industry with special regard on the effects of electrification.

As second, the study should provide an overview of active industrial policy initiatives aiming to integrate value chains and keep key activities at domestic locations (with shortening of value chains). In this phase now, our research interest would be how feasible this looks now in practice, are there any signs that this is happening?

If it is too early to refer to concrete trends, an **overview of the most recent employment trends** (both job creation and destruction) in the German automotive manufacturing sector would be interesting. Any **industrial policy initiatives** and good plant level practices would be interesting.

The second part would be about 'just transition' policies and practices in the sector, any policy initiative, agreement or practices would be welcome.

We would like to set up a work contract with a **budget of maximum 9,000€** including all taxes. As this project ends by the end of February 2024, we need the final paper with a deadline by the 15th of January 2024. We would also organise a workshop in November 2023 where an input with interim results will be requested, as well as in February 2024 where the final results will be presented at a public conference held in Brussels.

Tasks to carry out:

Work-phase 1, an analysis on 'Open Strategic Autonomy and differential effects of back-shoring'

Based on local and regional effects on automobile employment in globalised value chain networks in the past, with view also to value chain disruptions during the

pandemic and the changed geopolitical situation, the issue of open strategic autonomy, onshoring and back-shoring emerged.

Main questions will include:

What back-shoring opportunities appear in the automotive value chain and what policy initiatives and strategies emerge?

What differential employment effects (in particular countries and regions, as regards OEMs and suppliers) can be expected in Europe from onshoring in the e-mobility supply-chain (i.e. processing, manufacturing, re-manufacturing, recycling etc.)?

What job opportunities are expected to emerge in repurposing batteries, refining of raw materials (or other processes that exist ahead of recycling, such as repair and reuse)?

Examining potential trade-offs between battery chemistries and the related opportunities for jobs in other related sectors (i.e. recycle, repurpose and reuse).

Are there differential effects to be expected for core countries and for countries and regions in the integrated periphery within the EU? What policy tools are there on the table?

Work-phase 2, an analysis on:

‘Optimum just transition plans for electromobility’

Optimum just transition plans towards electromobility for a number of countries (France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Central Eastern Europe). Currently there are no comprehensive just transition plans for the automotive industry due also to the fact that the EU-level just transition policies focus on `carbon-intensive` industries and regions i.e. on direct emissions only, not taking account of scope 3 emissions that are linked to the use of the product. The car industry needs to re-invent itself not because car manufacturing is too dirty, but because the use of the product is polluting (combustion engine fuelled cars).

Main questions will include:

Are there some elements of just transition policies to be identified at national, sectoral or plant level? What would be the key elements of such a framework? What just transition framework should be set up at EU level?

The study should have a length of ca. 15,000 words and be written in English. The deadline for the first draft is 30 November 2023, for the final draft 15 January 2024.

GDPR rules:

The candidate / bidder 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 at September 2023.

The overall value of the tender 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.

Terms and conditions:

1. The tender must specify the costs involved in each step of the consultancy as mentioned in the description of tasks.
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 tender 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 (see **Annex I – Declaration on Honour**). 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 tender accepts all reporting obligations to the EU to which the ETUI is subject and in case of audit will cooperate to provide necessary information.

In case of disputes the Belgian courts will be competent. The ETUI is financially supported by the European Union.

Award criteria:

The tender will be awarded on the basis of “best value for money”, especially based on the quality of previous work or services rendered. It is not a precondition to place an offer for the additional study on the CEE automobile industry, but possible synergies will be considered and it might be an advantage.

The submitted proposals will be assessed based on the following criteria: elaboration of a proposal for the publication, CVs of the project manager(s) and price.

Deadline for the submission of tenders:

Proposals with a budget calculation should be sent to **Bela Galgoczi (bgalgoczi@etui.org)** and to **Sophie Kasiers (skasiers@etui.org)** by the **20th of September 2023.**

ANNEXES TO NOTICE REF.: ETUI call for tender N°2023-06 research

Annex 1 - Declaration on Honour

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: