

TENDER FILE / TERMS OF REFERENCE (Competitive bidding procedure / One-off contract)

Purchase of Training of Trainers Contract N° 4708/2022/95

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The Council of Europe (CoE) is currently implementing a joint European Union (EU)/CoE Programme "Human Resources Management in local self-government" - phase 2 (2018 -2022) (the "Programme" hereinafter). In that context, it is looking for a Provider for the **provision of "Comparative Analysis of LSG professional development models and recommendations for introducing mandatory provision of professional development at local self-government level"** (See Section A of the Act of Engagement).

A. TENDER RULES

This tender procedure is a competitive bidding procedure. **In accordance with Rule 1395 of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on the procurement procedures of the Council of Europe¹, the Organisation shall invite to tender at least three potential providers for any purchase between €2,000 (or €5,000 for intellectual services) and €55,000 tax exclusive.**

This specific tender procedure aims at concluding a **one-off contract** for the provision of deliverables described in the Act of Engagement (See attached). A tender is considered valid for 120 calendar days as from the closing date for submission. The selection of tenderers will be made in the light of the criteria indicated below. Each lot will be awarded to the Provider providing the best value for money for the lot concerned, on the basis of the award criteria indicated below. All tenderers will be informed in writing of the outcome of the procedure.

The tenderer must be either a natural person, a legal person or consortia of legal and/or natural persons.

Tenders shall be submitted **by email only** (with attachments) **to the email address indicated in the table below, with the following reference in subject: Tender – Mandatory Professional Development.** Tenders addressed to another email address **will be rejected.**

The general information and contact details for this procedure are indicated on this page. You are invited to use the CoE Contact details indicated below for any question you may have. **All questions shall be submitted at least five working days before the deadline for submission of the tenders and shall be exclusively addressed to the email address indicated below with the following reference in subject: Questions – Mandatory Professional Development.**

Type of contract ▶	One-off contract
Duration ▶	Until complete execution of the obligations of the parties (See Article 2 of the Legal conditions as reproduced in the Act of Engagement)
Deadline for submission of tenders/offers ▶	18 August 2022
Email for submission of tenders/offers ▶	LSG.SERBIA@COE.INT
Email for questions ▶	LSG.SERBIA@COE.INT
Expected starting date of execution ▶	01 September 2022

¹ The activities of the Council of Europe are governed by its [Statute](#) and its internal Regulations. Procurement is governed by the Financial Regulations of the Organisation and by [Rule 1395 of 20 June 2019 on the procurement procedures of the Council of Europe.](#)

B. EXPECTED DELIVERABLES

The expected deliverables are described in **Section A of the Act of Engagement** (See attached). Please note that each lot concerns a different series of deliverables. Tenderers may tender for one, all or several lots.

C. FEES

All tenderers are invited to fill in the **table of fees** as reproduced in **Section A of the Act of Engagement**.

Tenderers **subject to VAT** shall also send, for each lot, **a quote (Pro Forma invoice)** on their letterhead including:

- the Service Provider's name and address;
- its VAT number;
- the full list of services;
- the fee per type of deliverables (in the currency indicated on the Act of Engagement, tax exclusive);
- the total amount per type of deliverables (in the currency indicated on the Act of Engagement, tax exclusive);
- the total amount (in the currency indicated on the Act of Engagement), tax exclusive, the applicable VAT rate, the amount of VAT and the amount VAT inclusive.

D. ASSESSMENT

Exclusion criteria and absence of conflict of interests

(by signing the Act of Engagement, you declare on your honour not being in any of the below situations)²

Tenderers shall be excluded from participating in the tender procedure if they:

- have been sentenced by final judgment on one or more of the following charges: participation in a criminal organisation, corruption, fraud, money laundering, terrorist financing, terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities, child labour or trafficking in human beings;
- are in a situation of bankruptcy, liquidation, termination of activity, insolvency or arrangement with creditors or any like situation arising from a procedure of the same kind, or are subject to a procedure of the same kind;
- have received a judgment with res judicata force, finding an offence that affects their professional integrity or serious professional misconduct;
- do not comply with their obligations as regards payment of social security contributions, taxes and dues, according to the statutory provisions of their country of incorporation, establishment or residence;
- are an entity created to circumvent tax, social or other legal obligations (empty shell company), have ever created or are in the process of creation of such an entity;
- have been involved in mismanagement of the Council of Europe funds or public funds;
- are or appear to be in a situation of conflict of interest;
- are public servants employed at central, local or provincial level;
- are retired Council of Europe staff members or are staff members having benefitted from an early departure scheme;
- have not fulfilled, in the previous three years, their contractual obligations in the performance of a contract concluded with the Council of Europe leading to a total or partial refusal of payment and/or termination of the contract by the Council of Europe;
- are or if their owner(s) or executive officer(s), in the case of legal persons, are included in the lists of persons or entities subject to restrictive measures applied by the European Union (available at www.sanctionsmap.eu).

² The Council of Europe reserves the right to ask tenderers, at a later stage, to supply the following supporting documents:

- An extract from the record of convictions or failing that an equivalent document issued by the competent judicial or administrative authority of the country of incorporation, indicating that the first three and sixth above listed exclusion criteria are met;
- A certificate issued by the competent authority of the country of incorporation indicating that the fourth criterion is met;
- For legal persons, an extract from the companies register or other official document proving ownership and control of the Tenderer;
- For natural persons (including owners and executive officers of legal persons), a scanned copy of a valid photographic proof of identity (e.g. passport).

Eligibility criteria**For lot 1:**

- University degree in law, political science, psychology, andragogy, other social sciences, organisational sciences or the related field OR equivalent 15 years' relevant work experience;
- Minimum of 10 years of professional experience in the PAR sector;
- Minimum 7 years working for/working with local government administrations (preferably in at least two Council of Europe Member States);
- Proven experience in analysing professional development systems for public administration;
- Good communication and presentation skills;
- Proficiency in English language.

For lot 2:

- University degree in law OR equivalent 10 years' relevant work experience;
- Minimum of 3 years of professional experience working on reviewing laws/bylaws/normative framework in the field of public administration;
- Proven experience in conducting analysis of public administration systems, preferably in the area of professional development;
- Proficiency in Serbian and English language.

Award criteria**For lot 1:**

- Quality of the offer (90%), including:
 - Familiarity with professional development systems for local self-governments in different Council of Europe member states;
 - Experience in conducting comparative analysis of professional development systems;
 - Experience in conducting policy/regulatory impact assessment is desirable;
 - Familiarity with the Serbian local self-government system is desirable.
- Financial offer (10%).

The Council reserves the right to hold interviews with tenderers.

For Lot 2:

- Quality of the offer (90%), including:
 - Familiarity with the Law on Employees in Autonomous Provinces and Local Self-government Units of the Republic of Serbia; Law on Local Self-government; Law on National Academy for Public Administration;
 - Knowledge of the legal framework defining the professional training system in the Republic of Serbia;
 - Proven experience in developing methodology for OR conducting regulatory impact assessment OR public policy impact assessment (including development of indicators for measuring effects of national legal AND/OR strategic documents, including organisational, institutional and financial) in the area of public administration reform (preferably, in the area of professional development);
 - Experience in conducting policy/regulatory impact assessment is desirable.
- Financial offer (10%).

The Council reserves the right to hold interviews with eligible tenderers.

Multiple tendering is not authorised.

E. NEGOTIATIONS

The Council reserves the right to hold negotiations with the bidders in accordance with Article 20 of Rule 1395.

F. DOCUMENTS TO BE PROVIDED

Tenderers are invited to submit:

- A completed and signed copy of the Act of Engagement³ (See attached)
- For tenderers subject to VAT only: a quote, describing the financial offer, in line with the requirements of Section C of the Tender File (see above)
- A list of all owners and executive officers, for legal persons only;
- **For Lots 1 and 2:**
 - **CV (no longer than 4 pages);**
 - **Motivation letter addressing award criteria (no longer than 2 pages);**

All documents shall be submitted in English or Serbian, failure to do so will result in the exclusion of the tender.

If any of the documents listed above are missing, the Council of Europe reserves the right to reject the tender.

The Council reserves the right to reject a tender if the scanned documents are of such a quality that the documents cannot be read once printed.

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³ The Act of Engagement must be completed, signed and scanned in its entirety (i.e. including all the pages). The scanned Act of Engagement may be sent page by page (attached to a single email) or as a compiled document, although a compiled document would be preferred. For all scanned documents, .pdf files are preferred.