

CALL FOR MID-TERM EXTERNAL EVALUATION

SCHOOLS FOR DEMOCRACY PROGRAMME

The European Wergeland Center (EWC)

The EWC is inviting organisations to participate in a tender for mid-term evaluation of the EWC's Schools for Democracy programme in Ukraine.

Schools for Democracy: Supporting education reforms in Ukraine Programme is carried out in 2021-2024 with an aim to facilitate systemic democratic reforms in education and strengthen European cooperation by promoting democratic culture and democratic citizenship in policy and practice. The Programme is implemented by the EWC in close cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine. It is funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (ref. UKR-21/002) with partial own contribution by the EWC.

The mid-term evaluation should focus on assessing the programme's relevance, effectiveness and results achieved so far.

Evaluation questions:

1. Is the programme relevant in the implementing context, including for the recipient country's reform agenda, donor priorities, as well as the situation of war? (relevance)
2. To what extent has implementation process been complete and appropriate to date? (effectiveness)
3. To which degree is the programme achieving the expected objectives and results so far? How many people and what parts of the country have been impacted to date? (effectiveness)

Time period and budget:

- a. Time period: the evaluation will run starting **from January 2024 until June 2024** (number of working days allocated: 30 days).
- b. Budget: The total maximum budget for the external evaluation of the programme is set at **250 000 NOK (VAT incl)**.

Criteria for the selection:

- An established organization with a good international network of experts, including in Ukraine
- Both international and national (Ukrainian) experts included in the evaluation team (mixed group), with the following proficiency:
 - knowledge and understanding of the political, social and economic context in Ukraine
 - Background in education, preferably both at school and preschool level
 - proficiency in English and Ukrainian
 - experience in using qualitative research methods
 - broad experience in evaluating projects in the field of education or social change
- The team's experience in evaluating projects in the field of education for democratic citizenship and human rights focusing on capacity building of teachers, development of teaching and learning resources, as well as development, implementation or analysis of educational policies will be an asset.

Tenderers shall be excluded from participation in a procurement procedure if:

a) they are bankrupt or being wound up, are having their affairs administered by the courts, have entered into an arrangement with creditors, have suspended business activities, are subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or are in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations; b) they or persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control over them have been convicted of an offence concerning their professional conduct by a final judgment; c) they have been guilty of grave professional misconduct; d) they have not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of Norway, the country in which they are established, or with those of the country where the contract is to be performed; e) they or persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control over them have been convicted for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organisation or money laundering by a final judgment; f) they make use of child labour or forced labour and/or practise discrimination, and/or do not respect the right to freedom of association and the right to organise and engage in collective bargaining pursuant to the core conventions of the International Labour Organization (ILO).

Contracts shall not be awarded to tenderers which, during the procurement procedure: a) are subject to a conflict of interests, b) are guilty of misrepresentation in supplying the information required as a condition of participation in the tender procedure or fail to supply this information.

Tender offers will be rejected if any illegal or corrupt practices have taken place in connection with the contract award.

Documents to be submitted by the candidate organization:

1. A brief presentation of the organization, including information on the organization's legal form and ownership structure.
2. A brief description of the team, indicating a contact person for communication with the EWC (team leader) and description and/or documents certifying the team members' qualifications required (CVs, etc).
3. A letter expressing the interest in conducting the evaluation with a brief description of approach and methods to be applied for analysis and additional data collection *signed by an eligible organization's representative*.
4. Samples of previous external evaluation reports carried out by the organization or by the team, references if available.

Tenderers will be contacted for an interview (zoom/teams) **after 15 January 2024**. Only applicants who comply with the selection criteria will be contacted.

Please submit the application to Tetiana Zaichko at t.zaichko@theewc.org by 5 January 2024.

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