

Call for Bids

PROVISION OF EXTERNAL RESEARCH SERVICES - IRELAND

**SEEDING project
Grant agreement No. VS/2019/0073**

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The context

The ‘digital revolution’ is a key challenge for Europe. Recent technological changes started to have an impact on the world of work. Whereas we have been used to think about technological innovation as a process of substitution of monotonous and repetitive tasks by machines, recent disrupting changes have significantly expanded the role technologies can play in the area of employment. The issue of digitalisation is crucial for social economy enterprises, because the changes it implies offer both challenges such as job losses due to automatization and opportunities. Indeed, new digital technologies enable quicker exchanges of best practices and offer tools to support the values of the social economy through new collaborative, short-circuit and circular economic models, on which social economy actors could have a defining influence if they rise to the task.

SEEDING¹ aims to be the first project addressing Social Economy Enterprises and digital transformations, exploring how social economy enterprises and their employers’ organisations dealing with the impact on employment and working conditions.

Main outputs of the SEEDING project

- a Background paper (providing a shared terminology and understanding of challenges posed by digitalisation, as well as for relevant contextual information at European and country level);
- a Case Study Report, describing 21 case studies on practices addressing impact of digitalisation on employment implemented by managers, employers’ organisations or social partners jointly;
- 1 launch event; 2 transnational workshops and 7 info events, a final conference
- 4 video interviews presenting the features of selected case studies;
- policy recommendations on how to prevent and manage effects of different types of digitalisation on employment.

Scope of this Bid

Diesis is looking for an external Researcher / Research Organization **in Ireland** to support the overall research activities (coordinated and done by the main research partner of the project, Fondazione Giacomo Brodolini – FGB, Italy). The main tasks including delivering a national background paper on Ireland as well as identification a list of and completion of two case studies on digitalisation in the Social Economy in the country.

It is expected that the Researcher / Research Organization conducts desktop research and a few interviews with stakeholders at national level.

¹ SEEDING: Social Economy Enterprises addressing Digitalisation, Industrial Relations and the European Pillar of Social Rights. The project is financially supported by the European Commission.

The research would also contribute to the final material (written by FGB) in order to provide guidance and recommendations to policy-makers and social service providers.

Detailed list of tasks

Diesis is looking for a Researcher / Research Organization to:

- providing national contribution to the Background Paper (6 pages in English, template is provided):
 - deadline: 13th September 2019 (to be discussed)
- determining preliminary list of cases:
 - deadline: 30th September 2019 (to be discussed)
- completion of two case studies in IE (including interviews, complementary desk research in English, template is provided)
 - deadline: 29 February 2020 (draft: 31 January 2020)
- participation in / presenting results at transnational workshops in Slovenia and Italy* (1 person)
 - foreseen in May - Aug 2020
- organisation of national info event, delivering notes in English (separate catering budget provided for 20 people)
 - foreseen in September 2020
- comments on case study reports, feedback on the final guideline (written by FGB, based on national contributions and project activities)
 - foreseen in September 2020
- dissemination activities (social media, other)
- participation in / presenting results at the final conference in Brussels* (1 person)
 - foreseen in end of 2020

*The cost for participating in events - travel and DSA - is covered by the project budget and being reimbursed after the events according to the project reimbursement rules and the European Commission's usual financial policies, therefore is not subject of the offer.

Expertise required

Applicants who wish to be considered for this work must be able to demonstrate:

- their range of experience in research, particularly in doing desktop research and interviews with different stakeholders
- knowledge of social economy in Ireland
- knowledge of academic and policy debates with regard to digitalisation
- experience writing case studies / reports for NGO / Civil Society Organisations and if any, to the European institutions (European Commission, European Parliament, etc.)

The working language and language of deliverables is English.

Deadline and contact details

To be considered for this contract, should be sent to Diesis:

- a short description of experience in the social economy sector / reference list of the company (free format / list of references and CVs are accepted)
- a short proposal explaining how you plan to carry out the tasks, in particular how you plan to find relevant information in social economy and specifying the number of days required for the tasks.
- a brief proposal using the Template for Offers (Annex II); Fees must be submitted in euro, VAT and all costs included.

The deadline for receiving of bids is noon, **19th of August 2019**.

Formal offers should be emailed to: Melinda.Kelemen@diesis.coop and Luca.Pastorelli@diesis.coop.

For further information, please contact Diesis by e-mail: Melinda.Kelemen@diesis.coop

Price

The estimated price for the tasks will be max. EUR 7 500 all taxes and overheads included.

Contract and payment

The contract will be awarded to the candidate(s) whose offer represents the best value for money, taking into account the quality of submitted documents and individual expertise.

The Contract will be drawn up between DIESIS and the contractor, as foreseen beginning of September 2019.

Payments will be made upon receipt and approval of the Background Report (30%), Case Studies (30%) and after the workshops / infodays and acceptance of the final report (40%), after invoices are sent clearly indicating the project number.

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ANNEX I

Template for Background paper and Case Studies

ANNEX II

Template for Offer for the provision of external research services

Company name

Please, fill in your estimates for the following services. Add extra rows specifying extra services offered. Prices shall be submitted in Euro and all costs and overhead (VAT if applicable) included.

Services	Comments	Expert days	Estimated fee in euro (including VAT if applicable)
providing national contribution to the Background Paper			
determining preliminary list of cases			
completion of two case studies in IE			
participation in / presenting results at transnational workshops in Slovenia and Italy			
organisation of national info event, delivering notes in English			
comments on case study reports, feedback on the final guideline			
dissemination activities			
participation in / presenting results at the final conference in Brussels			
TOTAL			

Venue and Date: dd/mm/2019