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Local Democracy Agency - LDA Prijedor, Bosnia and Herzegovina announces:

CALL FOR EXPERT

YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN THE WESTERN BALKAN COUNTRIES : Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Kosovo*, Serbia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia:

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS AND PRACTICE

I Objective:

The objective of the Consultancy is to provide support to lead applicant ALDA and coapplicants (Local Democracy Agency Central and Southern Serbia, Local Democracy Agency Subotica, Serbia, Local Democracy Agency Kosovo, Local Democracy Agency Montenegro, Local Democracy Agency Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Local Democracy Agency Prijedor, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Local Democracy Agency Zavidovici, Bosnia and Herzegovina and ALDA Skopje) in the implementation of the project „Balkan regional platform for youth participation and dialogue”.

The main objective of the project is to contribute in structuring regional thematic cooperation and coordination between CS and public authorities from targeted countries to improve environment for youth activism and participation, in particular of young people with fewer opportunities. The comparative study will serve as indicator of differences between the position and needs of youth in the communities involved in this project and will give some guidelines for future activities.

WP5: Research and analysis:

This component comprises activities which will be taking place both at local and regional level and are aimed to a) provide an in-depth insight, overview and comparative analysis of present state of youth and youth related issues in targeted Balkan countries and b) to provide a space for local practitioners to contribute to the regional networking and exchange of information.

5.1 Annually one (1) Comparative study paper related to the issues of youth in the region will be produced and will be the basis for annual Regional Youth Forum for Local Democracy. Topic for Year 1 will be "Youth participation in the Balkan - comparative analysis and practice”.

5.2 Local Youth Advisory Groups will annually be coordinating a research of the needs of youth in their communities according to the locally established practice, needs assessment approach and methodology

Results of these researches will be presented in eight (8) Reports on the local researches of the needs of youth. These results will be presented to the general public in participating communities but also incorporated into the aforementioned comparative study paper. Furthermore, results of the

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local researches will provide guidance and relevance for the work of Regional Youth Working Group and planning of awareness raising activities.

Both the Comparative study paper and the Reports on the on the research of the needs of youth will be published and available for download in electronic form for all interested on the Regional Youth Web Platform. This will enable widest possible dissemination with just easy sharing of links to these publications. In this way these documents will present a resource for all other dealing with youth issues in the region.

List of activities relating to the production of Comparative study, to be initiated at the very beginning of the action, include:

- Communication and common understanding of the objectives of this component with all the partners/members of the network
- Design of the Questionnaire, translation in local languages
- Setting the criteria and selection of the representative target sample
- Dissemination of the questionnaires and instructions on how to fill them to the target groups,
- Monitoring of the process, collecting the Questionnaires, additional requests clarifications
- Translation in English of the Questionnaires collected
- Analysis of the Questionnaires, preparation/drafting of the survey results, including background information on present legislative framework and local practice
- Design, editing of the publication in English; presentation of the findings at the Regional Youth Forum for Local Democracy

List of activities relating to the local researches of the needs of youth include:

- Communication and common understanding of the objectives of this component with all the local Youth Engagement Workers and Youth Advisory Groups
- Design of the Questionnaire, translation in local languages
- Setting the criteria and selection of the representative target research sample for local researches
- Training for local researches
- Dissemination of the questionnaires, collecting the Questionnaires
- Analysis of the Questionnaires, preparation/drafting of the survey results
- Design, editing of the publication; presentation of the findings to the general public at local events in each participating community
- Translation of the summary of findings from each research

Outputs:

- At least two (2) coordination meetings for actors involved in conducting two researches
- 8 (8) LDAs engaged in field research
- Two (2) Questionnaires developed, translated in five (5) local languages
- Six (6) countries, at least fifty (50) communities included in the survey for comparative study paper
- Collected at least one hundred (100) Questionnaires analyzed
- Eight (8) local Youth Advisory Groups engaged in field research
- Eight (8) local field surveys on representative target samples conducted
- One (1) research and comparative study prepared and published
- Eight (8) research reports prepared and published
- At least eight (8) local and one (1) regional public event organized to present results of the researches

Expected results of the implementation of WP5 are: Increased focus of public authorities in targeted countries on the needs of youth in policy-making according to the EU standards.

II Scope of the work:

Expert associate will be engaged to:

1. design and undertake regional comparative desk research that will result an in-depth insight of present state of youth and youth related issues in targeted Balkan countries,
2. design questionnaires for local field researches to collect local data that will complement regional comparative desk research,
3. analyze collected data and produce study paper based on regional and local results of surveys undertaken.

Both researches must be designed and conducted in a way to provide statistically reliable and relevant data. The Consultant would be responsible to lead applicant ALDA and coapplicants, for the quality of the material produced at the end of the project.

III Period of the engagement:

April 2015 - August 2015

IV Requirements:

- University degree in social/political/economic sciences, advanced degree is an asset
- At least 5 years of experience in the field of research work
- Knowledge of youth policies in the Balkan region and EU
- Good understanding of local governance/municipal administration
- Good communication skills
- Knowledge of at least one of the local languages of the countries included (preferably a native speaker)
- Excellent knowledge of English (working level)
- Demonstrated analytical and writing capacity
- Experience in donor funded projects and working in international environment would be considered as advantage

Application and deadline

Interested candidates should send the package of motivation letter, CV and references relevant for the assignment exclusively to the following e mail address: ldaprijedor@aldaintranet.org before 15/04/2015

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted