



CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

PUBLICATION CALL IPA2014/AL/18-3

TRAINING EXPERTS TO PREPARE MATERIALS AND CONDUCT TRAINING ON INCREASING THE ALBANIAN YOUTH UNDERSTANDING FOR MORE ENGAGEMENT IN EU ACCESSION/NEGOTIATIONS PROCESS AND EU YOUTH POLICIES AND PROJECTS,

In the framework of the project “YOUNG TOWARDS EUROPE”

Deadline: 7th May 2019

This is a call for procurement of services by individual experts or consultants as a simple assignment. Services are requested for the development of materials and conduct trainings for the project “YOUNG TOWARDS EUROPE”.

1. Background information

Mesdheu Centre (Mediterranean University of Albania) is a nongovernmental organisation and academic institution based in Tirana. The Mediterranean University of Albania (MUA) from the beginning of its activity has set as its main goal the education of students with an EU spirit, which is so necessary for individual progress and the Albanian society. Today MUA is a leading university in Albania, and experienced in developing and implementing European youth projects (like Erasmus Capacity Building for Youth) in the fields of social sciences and education; communication and public relations; economy and information technology as well as law. Mesdheu Center is a reliable project leader with experience in the management of European Commission funded projects and is committed to the actual project.

The consortium led by MESDHEU CENTER, in collaboration with the Bulgarian School of Politics (BSoP), a leading Bulgarian CSO in the field of political leadership training, civic activism and democracy building, and the Albanian CSO “Education toward futures” EDA with high level of expertise on the EU legislation in the field of education in Albania, is implementing the project “ Young toward EUROPE” financed by EuropeAid/ IPA 2014/AL/18 under the call “Support to civil society organizations for the implementation of capacity building actions to increase policy dialogue and awareness on European Integration Process”.

The overall goal of the project is to raise public awareness and disseminate information about the EU accession and integration process, EU values and key institutions among young people of the Republic of Albania.

All three partners will rely on their local, national and international networks to contribute to the implementation of activities. The composition of the partnership provides outreach to the target groups - academia and students across the country.





Target group: youth people from 15 – 29 years old: high school & university students, young professionals and young unemployed people.

The project will be implemented with youth in university cities: Tirana, Durres, Elbasan, Shkodra, Peshkopia, Korca, Gjirokastra, Berat and Vlora.

Objectives of the project are to strengthen the capacities of young civic and political leaders in Albania through partnership with Bulgarian activists to support them and to raise public awareness among universities, academic institutions and young people in Albania on the main principles, values, programs and actions of EU; To enhance dialogue and networking of youth-related CSOs and academia in Albania in support of the European Integration process; To enhance dialogue and networking of youth-related CSOs and academia in Albania in support of the European Integration process, by organizing trainings for the identified target groups (youth in academia, CSOs, media, civil society), aimed at increasing the public understanding of the accession/negotiations process, EU policies and the functioning of EU institutions.

In this regard, Mesdheu Center is looking to engage three experts (one Bulgarian and two Albanian) to design materials for the training sessions and conduct the trainings in one of the topics:

1. EU accession and Youth involvement, Bulgaria (case)
2. Youth policies and civic engagement in Albania
3. Youth possibilities to EU grants and programs

2. Objective(s)

The training will be conducted in 2 days. The participants from the 9 cities will be grouped in 3 places, *Tirana, Vlora, Shkodra*. The trainings will bring 30 participants per each training (10 participants per each city).

Training will include topics related to youth issues and EU accession, access to programs and funds for youth and student activities, civic leadership, cooperation between youth, academia and public bodies in determining policy priorities and actions for EU integration, etc. The trainings will be used also as information sessions about the open forums/debates and the online tool. Trainings will be interactive, conducted from Albanian and Bulgarian selected experts/trainers, hands-on activities, etc.

The main objectives of the Consultancy are:

- Designing the EU training package in topics
 - o EU accession and Youth involvement, Bulgaria (case) ¹
 - o Youth policies and civic engagement in Albania
 - o Youth possibilities to EU grants and programs
- The Package will be designed to meet the expectations of the participants of the training.

¹ The project will pay for food, accommodation and travel. So there no need to be included in the financial offer.





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- Conducting the trainings on 1. Albania EU accession and Youth, 2. Youth policies and civic engagement; 3. youth possibilities to EU grants and programs
- Support teams of young people in Albania to learn more and practice issues related to EU
- Collaborate with Mesdheu Center and BSoP project managers to follow up on young people to learn more and practice to related EU youth project
- Support these training teams in using the online Platform to work together with their peers in Bulgaria;
- The trainings will allow for sharing of lessons learned and experience from an EU member state

3. Expected Results

1. Design the materials for youth through the assigned period;
2. Training of youth through the assigned period;
3. Pre-Tests and post-test developed online: baseline before the trainings and endline tests after the trainings
4. Final report, with recommendation and statistics.

4. Time Frame of the Assignment

The assignment will start on 10th May 2019 till 10th June 2019 with a total of 12 working days for the entire period.

5. Application Documents

Interested experts should provide in their expression of interest:

1. A letter of interest highlighting their experience in one of the relevant topics of the training;
2. A comprehensive CV;
3. A financial offer.

All information and documents must be submitted in English, which is also the language of the application. Therefore, a very good command of English will be a prerequisite.

All interested experts shall express their interest the latest by **07th May 2019, midnight** via electronic means at the following address: julianabilbilaj@umsh.edu.al

