

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – SEARCH FOR EXPERTS

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Partner Institution: Institute of Labour Sciences and Social Affairs (ILSSA) of the Ministry of Labour, Invalids, and Social Affairs (MOLISA)

Activity 1 – Assessing disability policies and programs in Vietnam

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ABOUT SOCIEUX+

The European Union (EU) promotes and maintains dialogue on social protection and inclusive employment policies with an increasing number of partner countries. This effort has been confirmed in the European Commission (EC) Communication COM (2016) 740 final - "Proposal for a new European Consensus on Development Our World, our Dignity, our Future". A significant number of cooperation activities in different countries related to these fields are funded by geographic or thematic instruments. However, a gap had been observed in the EU cooperation with third countries with regard to providing support to short-term measures and peer-to-peer cooperation to promote the development of social protection.

SOCIEUX+ - EU Expert Facility on Employment, Labour and Social Protection – (hereafter: "the Facility" or "SOCIEUX+") is a technical assistance facility set-up and co-funded by the EU (through the EC's Directorate for Development and Cooperation - EuropeAid), France, Spain and Belgium and implemented by a partnership composed of four partners: Expertise France, leader of the implementation Partnership (hereafter: "the Partnership"), the Fundación Internacional y para Iberoamérica de Administración y Políticas Públicas (FIIAPP), Belgian International Cooperation on Social Protection (BELINCOSOC) and Belgium Technical Cooperation (BTC).

The general objective of the facility is to expand and improve access to better employment opportunities and inclusive social protection systems in partner countries.

The specific objective is to enhance the capacities of partner countries to better design, manage and monitor inclusive, effective, and sustainable employment strategies and social protection systems through peer-to-peer short-term technical assistance and knowledge development.

SOCIEUX+ supports the efforts of Partner Countries (PCs) of the EU in the reform, development and extension of their social protection systems and the strengthening of labour & employment policies. The Facility aims at enhancing the capacities of partner countries to better design, manage and monitor inclusive, effective, and sustainable employment strategies and social protection systems through peer-to-peer short-term technical assistance and knowledge development. SOCIEUX+:

- Recognises the impact of social protection and employment in reducing poverty and vulnerability;
- Supports the efforts of partner governments in promoting inclusive and sustainable social protection and employment systems;
- Complements the efforts made through other European Union initiatives.

SOCIEUX+ makes European expertise quickly available with minimal transaction costs for partner institutions. It draws on the expertise of public or mandated bodies, non-governmental organisations, and relevant civil-society organisations of EU Member States and international specialised organisations. It can also support South-South and triangular cooperation through the mobilisation of practitioners from partner countries. SOCIEUX+ is operational since September 2016.

The Facility is an expansion of SOCIEUX - Social Protection European Union Expertise in Development Cooperation -, which was established in 2013 and progressively incorporated.

1. ACTION DESCRIPTION

The Ministry of Labour, Invalids, and Social Affairs (MOLISA) is the main public institution in charge of designing, implementing and monitoring SP system. Among its tasks, MOLISA:

- provides guidelines and monitors the implementation of schemes of compulsory and voluntary social insurance and other types of social insurance as specified by laws;
- stipulates systems of information & reporting of social insurance,
- provides guidelines and monitors the implementation of legal regulations on poverty reduction and social assistance;
- organizes and directs the implementation of the National Target Program on poverty reduction, and other social assistance programs;
- provides guidelines to the system of centres of social assistance.

The ILSSA and specifically, the Department of Studies on Social Protection Policies (the requesting institution), is the leading research organisation affiliated to the MOLISA. It is responsible for conducting basic, strategic and applied researches in employment, vocational training, labour, social insurance, safety in the work place, national devotees, child care and protection, gender equity. ILSSA has also a direct mission in the policy making process: ILSSA advice is a formal step in the Ministry's regulatory process and ILSSA has been charged to follow-up the implementation of Resolution 15 and its implementation plan.

The Experts shall review the current Vietnamese normative and administrative framework related to disability and the engendered social and economic vulnerability. Therefore, experts shall analyse the current legislative and normative system in Vietnam, with regards to the rights of people with disabilities; they will also have to take into consideration relevant programs and administrative arrangements for providing support to vulnerable people living with disabilities (including initiatives of development partners, such as ILO and USAID). Experts will thus look into eventual legislative or policy gaps, and formulate recommendations aiming to the system's improvement.

1.1 General Objective

To empower ILSSA to play a substantial role in shaping social protection policies and mechanisms in Vietnam.

1.2 Specific Objectives

S1. Completing the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

1.3 Expected Results

R1. The current disability policies in Vietnam are assessed.

R2. The analytical framework on disability in place at ILSSA is improved.

2. EXPERT MISSION

Number of mobilized experts and workload

2 experts will be mobilized

Each expert will be expected to work 18 days

Tasks

The minimum tasks expected from the experts shall include:

- Acknowledge the statutory documents of ILSSA and the outputs of previous technical assistance to ILSSA
- Prepare intermediate deliverables in liaison with ILSSA and present them during a pre-departure briefing with SOCIEUX
- Gathering, providing and presenting recent literature on social protection of people with disabilities
- Analysing current legislation in Vietnam on the rights of people with disabilities
- Analysing current tools and programming in Vietnam in support to people with disabilities
- Prepare the final deliverable and the mission's report

Deliverables

Intermediary deliverables (to be transmitted to SOCIEUX+ FMT at least 5 working days ahead of the activity)

- A methodological note (max. 3 pages), detailing the working approach, tools and methods to employed, a risks analysis
- A detailed agenda (max. 2 pages), detailing the meetings and working sessions to be held, persons to meet

Final deliverables (to be transmitted to SOCIEUX+ FMT no later than 10 days after the activity's completion):

- D1: An assessment report on the current system of disability policies and programs in Vietnam. The report will review legislative and administrative frameworks and tools; additional analysis on eventual international support on disability will also be conducted. The report will provide critical recommendations on how to improve the normative and implementation framework for delivering disability policies in Vietnam. D1 shall not exceed 35 pages, excluding annexes, graphics, and charts.
- Experts' mission report (ExMR): experts shall prepare a joint report following the mission completion.

3. EXPERT PROFILE

Expert n°1:

Area of Expertise: Rights of people with disabilities

Requirements (essential/required):

- *University education in the area of political sciences, social sciences, law;*
- *At least 10 years of professional experience within a public social protection entity or public research body;*
- *Specific professional experience in protecting and promoting the Rights of people living with disabilities;*
- *Fluent English, written and oral;*
- *Outstanding diplomatic skills and institutional sensitiveness.*

Additional assets (advantageous in selection):

- *Previous professional experience within a research center*
- *Previous professional experience in delivering short-term technical assistance in a an international cooperation framework*
- *Previous experience, or knowledge, of the South-East Asia region.*

4. APPLICATION

Submission of applications

Interested experts submit their application on the website: <https://pmt.socieux.eu>.
The application process is the following:

1. If not already created, experts create their own personal SOCIEUX+ account (by clicking on "create an account"). To have access to all SOCIEUX+ Call for Applications, experts are required to fill out at least the fields marked with an asterisk.
2. Once their account is created and approved by the SOCIEUX+ team, experts sign in their personal account, click on the "Call for Applications" tab, identify the **17-29/VIET/1/1** position, and click on "Apply."

5. SELECTION PROCESS

Public civil servants or employees (active or retired) and private individual experts are eligible and preferred for this position. Private consultants may also apply.

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Only short-listed applicants may be contacted. The selection process may include interviews by phone or other communication means.

Contracted public civil servants or employees (active or retired) are entitled to standard fixed allowances of 250 Euro per working day. Fees for private consultants will be negotiated based on the number of years of relevant expertise of the selected applicant.

6. DISCLAIMER

The proposed activity and mission is subject to the final review and approval of SOCIEUX+ Quality Assurance Committee. A confirmation of dates of missions and contracting of experts may only be confirmed upon the formal approval.

Short-listed candidates will be contacted and may be required to provide contact of employer or proof of their ability to be directly contracted under their status as civil servant or public employee.