Request for Technical Cooperation

Request Form for Peer-to-Peer Technical Cooperation through structured actions with multiple activities (REF)

**Important information**

Please note that SOCIEUX+ does not provide financial or logistic support for events organised by third parties or partner institutions. Activities supported by SOCIEUX+ are based on a peer-to-peer approach. This approach requires engagement and ownership of activities by partner/requesting institutions.

Only one technical cooperation action per institution can be implemented at a time, i.e. simultaneously. The implementation of a new action can start only once all previous actions with the institution have successfully been closed. However, multiple requests can be submitted, assessed and formulated. Still, if more than one request is submitted, we will consult with your institution to prioritise these requests for a sequential implementation. In all cases, an action cannot include more than four (4) short-term activities.

For more information on the support that SOCIEUX+ can provide your institution, please refer to our Guide for Institutions & Social Partners in Partner Countries. All forms and guides are available at: <https://socieux.eu/join-us/technical-cooperation/>

Interested institutions and social partners are encouraged to contact the SOCIEUX+ Team or the European Union Delegation directly in their country when preparing their requests. In case of doubts about the eligibility of your request or on the completion of this form, you can contact our team by email at: contact@socieux.eu

**Instructions to fill this form**

This form only applies to requests for structured technical cooperation actions requiring multiple activities to deliver results. In all cases, an action cannot include more than four (4) short-term activities. In principle, up to two experts from EU Member States’ public administrations, institutions, or mandated bodies can be mobilised to support an activity. SOCIEUX+ can also mobilise experts working with social partners in EU Member States.

SOCIEUX+ can also support actions with single activities. Such activities are limited to contributions to one-time events such as conferences, roundtables, workshops or awareness-raising meetings. For such narrow needs, please use the “Simplified Request for Technical Cooperation” form available at <https://socieux.eu/join-us/technical-cooperation/>.

1. **Filling out this form**

This request form can be filled out either in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, or Russian (versions of the present form in various languages are available at: <https://socieux.eu/join-us/technical-cooperation/>). Step-by-step instructions are provided in italic blue text and may be deleted in your final version.

Indicative maximum length/size of text is provided in the individual boxes to fill. When submitting your request via email, you may attach any relevant documentation that you consider important for assessing your request.

1. **Submission of requests**

Requests forms should be submitted directly to SOCIEUX+ by email at: [requests@socieux.eu](mailto:requests@socieux.eu). Upon reception of the request, SOCIEUX+ will contact the requesting institution to clarify the scope of the request and eventual feasibility issues, in order to be able to assess the relevance of an action in response to the request.

In case of doubts about the eligibility of your request or on the completion of this form, you can contact our team by email at: contact@socieux.eu

*We look forward to cooperating with your institution!*

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# Requesting institution

## Contact details

Please provide the contact details of the person at the institution that authorised the request.

Please also provide the contact details of the person in the requesting institution who should serve as the primary contact/focal point for the assessment of the request. Please also provide the contact details of the person at the institution that authorised the request. You can leave the corresponding column blank if the authorising person is also the focal point.

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|  | **Authorising person** | **Contact person (focal point)** |
| **Title (Mr, Ms)** |  |  |
| **First name** |  |  |
| **Family name** |  |  |
| **Name of institution** |  |  |
| **Department** |  |  |
| **Position/Job title** |  |  |
| **Office address (street/number/office number** |  |  |
| **City** |  |  |
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| **Signature of authorising person:** |  |
| **Date:** |  |

## Institutional mandate of requesting institution

Please briefly describe your institution's mandate (mission, vision, legal status, etc.) and its role in your country’s political and institutional framework. - Please keep the word count **under** **300 words.**

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# Background

## Sector situation

Please describe the context of the sector of the area of assistance that you wish to address, in particular, the main policies or programmes relevant to understanding the reasons for submitting your request. - Please keep the word count **under** **400 words.**

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## Challenges

Please describe the challenges your institution faces in the sector and national context. - Please keep the word count **under** **400 words.**

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## EU and International cooperation

Is your institution or the sector currently benefiting from technical or financial support from the EU, EU Member States, bilateral cooperation agencies or international partners? Or is such support planned for the medium term? Does this support relate to the needs and gaps identified above? If yes, please state how the proposed action will complement this support. - Please keep the word count under **350 words**

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## Previous collaboration with SOCIEUX+

Please respond to the following questions only if your institution previously benefitted from technical cooperation actions with SOCIEUX+. If your institution did not benefit from previous actions, you should skip to section 2.5 - References.

If your institution benefitted from more than one action, please answer the question for each action separately.

### Follow-up measures and use of outputs

Please explain how your institution followed up and used the outputs and deliverables of the previous action(s). If your institution did not follow up or use the outputs, please explain why not. If your institution benefitted from more than one action, please answer the question for each action separately. - Please keep the word count **under** **250 words for each action.**

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### Outcomes of actions and follow-up measures

Please briefly explain the changes/outcomes resulting from previous action(s), their deliverables, and your follow-up. How did these outcomes impact your institution or the sector. If you estimate that no changes resulted from the action(s), explain why this did not happen. You may wish to refer to the specific objectives and expected results from the previous action(s). - Please keep the word count **under** **250 words for each action.**

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## References

Please list, if any, the main reference documents to understand the sector situation and role of your institution. Please include a very brief description of the document. If specific assessment and diagnosis studies have been conducted, please list them also. - When submitting your request by email, please attach a copy of the listed documents.

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# Proposed action

## Proposed title

Please keep the word count under **50 words.**

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## Areas of cooperation

SOCIEUX+ reports on specific sub-areas of interventions related to social protection, labour and employment. The non-exhaustive list in Table 1 is derived from the International Labour Organization (ILO) Taxonomy.

**Please indicate in Table 1: Area(s) of assistance of proposed action at least one (1) and a maximum of three (3) areas** that the proposed action is to cover.

## Purpose of the action

### General objective

Please indicate **which of the following general objectives the proposed action should address**.

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| Institutional capacities of employment, labour and social protection institutions are strengthened.  Equitable access to employment and social protection is expanded to poor and vulnerable groups.  Awareness and knowledge on social protection, decent work, labour rights and responsible business conduct are increased.  Capacities of public institutions to address requirements of the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence are enhanced. |

### Specific objective(s)

Definition: Specific objectives are the medium-term effects expected on target groups or institutions benefiting from the proposed action. They are outcomes that directly contribute to achieving the general objective. - Please provide a maximum of 3 specific objectives for the proposed action and keep the word count under **150 words in bullet points format.**

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### Expected results

Definition: Expected results are the immediate consequences of the activities of the proposed action. They are outputs that directly contribute to achieving specific objectives. - Please provide a maximum of 4 expected results for the proposed action and keep the word count under **150 words in bullet points format.**

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### Deliverables

Please describe the concrete products/deliverables/contributions expected from the cooperation activities with mobilised experts to achieve the above-expected results. If you are unsure of the deliverables required to achieve your expected results, the SOCIEUX+ Team will collaborate with you in their definition. - Please keep the word count under **250 words, in bullet points format.**

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## Type of interventions

SOCIEUX+ can only provide short-term peer-to-peer technical cooperation. We aim to complete the implementation of an action’s work plan in a maximum of 11 months upon assessment of the relevance of the request and non-objection to the formulation of an action. Workplans are flexible and may regularly be reviewed with partner institutions. However, they may not include more than four (4) activities, on-site or remote. On-site missions generally last 10 working days each (excluding preparation and reporting). In principle, up to two experts from EU Member States’ public administrations, institutions, or mandated bodies can be mobilised to support an activity. SOCIEUX+ can also mobilise experts working with social partners in EU Member States.

Cooperation can be implemented through on-site missions of experts mobilised by SOCIEUX+ or remote cooperation; or a combination of both. The most appropriate type of activities and the methodology for these will be developed with the support of the SOCIEUX+ Team in consultation with your institution. However, to ensure a common initial understanding, we ask you to identify the most appropriate type of activities.

**Please indicate in Table 2 the type of activities that your organisation is proposing to achieve the results outlined in Section 3.3.3 above**. A non-exhaustive list of requirements for successfully implementing the activities is also provided.

Table 1: Area(s) of assistance of proposed action *(please* *select a maximum of 3 areas)*

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| **A. Work**  Decent Work  Future of Work  *Employment:*  Informal Employment  Youth Employment  Green Jobs  Employment Policy  Employment Services  Forced Labour  Labour Market  Labour Policy  Livelihoods/Income Generating Activities  *Workers:*  Workers with Disabilities  Women workers  **B. Working Conditions**  Conditions of Employment  Maternity Protection  Quality of Working Life  Work Environment  Work Organisation  **C. Labour Relations**  Employers Organisations  Social Dialogue  Trade Unions | **D. Labour Law**  Labour Legislation  Labour Standards  **E. Social Protection**  *Social Assistance:*  Employment Guarantee Schemes  Income Guarantee Schemes  *Social Security:*  Disability Benefits  (Employment) Accident Benefits  Family Benefits (incl. child benefits/family grants/Cash Transfers)  Health Insurance  Maternity Benefits  Old Age Benefits  Pension Schemes  Social Security Financing  Social Security Legislation  Social Security Policy  Survivors Benefits  Unemployment Benefits  *Social Services:*  Access to Health  Access to Education  Access to other Basic Social Services | **F. Access to Education and Training**  *Training:*  Vocational Guidance  Vocational Training  Occupational Qualification  Lifelong Learning  **G. Economic and Social Development**  Public-Private Partnerships  **H. Economy**  Informal Economy  **L. Human Rights**  Discrimination  Economic and Social Rights  Gender Equality  Rights of The Child  Rights of Disabled People  **N. Government and Public Administration**  Labour Administration & Inspection  Social Security Administration & Inspection | **Q. Access to Health**  Disabilities (in health)  Health Policy  Medical Care  Occupational Safety and Health  Rehabilitation  **S. Technology**  Information and Communication Technologies  **T. Management**  Human Resources Management & Development  **U. Statistics**  Labour Statistics  Social Security Statistics  **V. Research**  Data Analysis  Data Collecting  Survey  Projections |

Table 2: Type(s) of activities for the proposed action *(please* *select a maximum of 4 types of activities)*

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| **Type of activity** | **Methodology** | **Requirements** |
| Expert advice, coaching and consulting on technical issues  Reviews of strategy, planning policy, regulation and planning documents  Contributions or advice to the drafting of documentation related to:  strategy,  planning policy  regulation and legislation  planning  budgeting | * Analysis of documentation * Email exchange and distance interviews * Teleconferencing or on-site mission * Formulation of recommendations (in written or verbal) | * Profile of experts * Compilation of relevant of documentation |
| Contributions to events:  roundtable discussions  thematic workshops and seminars | * Preparation of agenda if necessary * Preparation of support materials (thematic session notes) * Participation through teleconference or on-site | * A draft concept note for the event * Preliminary list of target groups and participants * Local logistics * Logistics for teleconferencing * Follow-up on feedback questionnaires of participants * Coordination of stakeholders |
| Technical trainings  “Train-the-trainers” seminars | * Preparation of tools and training materials * Delivery through webinars or on-site trainings * Recording of trainings * Coaching trainees by blogs, email and teleconferencing * In exceptional cases only: Use of local facilitators for the facilitation of on-site trainings and compilation of feedback | *Same as above for contributions for the event, plus:*   * Training needs assessment * Identification and supervision of local facilitators * Assessment of deliverables and services of local facilitators |
| Contributions to gaps and needs assessment for capacity building | * Preparation of assessment tools * Accompanying assessments * Analysis and compiling of results and formulation of recommendation * Email exchange * On-site or distance interviews * In exceptional cases only: Use of local facilitators for collection of data, organisation of local consultation and compilation of feedback | *Same as above for trainings, plus:*   * Draft terms of reference * Definition of deliverables |
| In exceptional cases only:  ☐ Study-visits | * Direct contribution to the action’s work plan (neither first nor last activity) * Single country/institution visit * Maximum of 6 delegation members * Finalisation of learning objectives * Identification of host institution * Development of visit schedule * Support of travel costs only | * Draft concept note with learning objectives * Preliminary list of potential host institutions * Leading person in delegation * Preliminary list of delegation members * Preliminary list of target groups and participants * Reporting |

# Required expertise

## Expertise profile

SOCIEUX+ mainly mobilises experts from public or mandated agencies of the EU Member States. This ensures that the technical assistance provided is based on peer-to-peer exchanges and is appropriate for your institution.

Please detail the profile of the experts/experts that you think are necessary to achieve the expected results of the proposed action. In all cases, the profile of the mobilised experts will be reviewed in consultation with your institution during the preparation of the terms of reference of each activity. - Please keep the word count under **250 words.**

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## Potential collaborative institutions

Are you interested in cooperating with a specific institution in an EU Member State or from your region in implementing the proposed action? If yes, please provide us with the name of the institution, its country, and contact persons, if available.

Please also very briefly provide your rationale for your suggestions and preferences. - Please keep the word count under **250 words.**

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# Supporting institution (if applicable)

## Contact details

If the request is submitted through or with the support of an [international specialised] organisation, please provide the details of your contact person in that organisation.

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| **Title (Mr, Ms)** |  |
| **First name** |  |
| **Family name** |  |
| **Name of institution** |  |
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| **Position/Job title** |  |
| **Office address (street/number/office number** |  |
| **Post/Zip Code** |  |
| **City** |  |
| **Province/County** |  |
| **Country** |  |
| **Phone number** |  |
| **Fax number** |  |
| **Email address** |  |
| **Skype ID** |  |

## Supporting role

Please briefly describe:

* How the ‘supporting institution’ contributed to the submission of this request; and
* The role that the ‘supporting institution’ will have in the proposed action.

Please keep the word count **under** **450 words.**

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# General considerations

This section is intended to provide us with information to review the relevance of the proposed action. It will also help us to determine if SOCIEUX+ is the most appropriate instrument to respond to your needs. Please respond briefly to the guiding questions.

## Consistency with national policies and strategies

Is the proposed action aligned with national policies and strategies? If yes, please briefly explain how these align and relate. - Please keep the word count under **250 words.**

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## Sustainability of results

Are the expected results of the proposed action relevant to the development and/or sustainability of social protection systems, employment & labour policies in your country? If yes, briefly explain how. - Please keep the word count under **250 words.**

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## Inclusion of cross-cutting issues

SOCIEUX+ recognises the importance of cross-cutting issues in social protection, labour and employment policies and systems.

Please indicate how relevant the following cross-cutting issues were considered in the submitted requests:

| **Cross-cutting issues** | **Principal (marked 2)** means that the relevant(cross-cutting) dimension is the main objective of the action and is fundamental in its design and expected results | **Significant (marked 1)** means that the relevant (cross-cutting) dimension is an important and deliberate objective, but not the principal reason for undertaking the action | **Not targeted (marked 0)** means that the action does not target the relevant (cross-cutting) dimension | **Comments** (optional) |
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| Gender |  |  |  |  |
| Good governance |  |  |  |  |
| Environmental sustainability |  |  |  |  |
| Human rights |  |  |  |  |
| [Social and economic] inclusion of vulnerable groups |  |  |  |  |
| Inequality |  |  |  |  |

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# About SOCIEUX+

The SOCIEUX+ Facility was established and funded by the EU through the European Commission’s Directorate-General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA) and Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR). The Facility is co-funded by France, Spain, and Belgium. It is implemented by a partnership composed of Expertise France (the partnership lead), the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, France Travail, the *Fundación Internacional y para Iberoamérica de Administración y Políticas Públicas* (FIIAPP) from Spain, the Federal Public Service for Social Security of Belgium / Belgian International Cooperation on Social Protection (BELINCOSOC), and the Belgian Development Agency (Enabel).

The Facility’s general objective is to increase employment opportunities and inclusive social protection systems in Partner Countries. Its specific objective is to improve policy and institutional frameworks for the development of labour, employment and social protection in Partner Countries, based on an inclusive and sustainable approach.

SOCIEUX+ recognises the impact of social protection and employment in reducing poverty and vulnerability. It supports the efforts of partner governments in promoting inclusive and sustainable social protection and employment systems. SOCIEUX+ also complements the efforts made through other EU initiatives.

The Facility is an expansion of SOCIEUX Social Protection EU Expertise in Development Cooperation, established in 2013.

More information: [www.socieux.eu](https://www.socieux.eu/)