



CALL FOR TENDERS FOR RESEARCHER / CONSULTANT

RESEARCH ON REGIONAL YOUTH WORK MODELS & METHODS

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(1) Background

Eurodiaconia is a federation of organisations, institutions and churches providing social and health services on a Christian value base. Members' activities facilitate social cohesion and inclusion through the provision of social and health services to young and old, people experiencing marginalisation, exclusion and poverty and situations of abuse. Eurodiaconia creates a platform for diaconal actors in Europe with the aim of facilitating transnational networking. It also creates a link between the regional, national and European levels, developing ideas and feeding into policies to combat social exclusion; in creating more just societies and in securing dignity for every human being.

One of Eurodiaconia's focus areas is to identify and to promote innovative youth work among our members. Therefore, Eurodiaconia wants to conduct a European project that aims at enabling innovative high quality youth work for vulnerable and excluded young people by developing the theoretical and practical knowledge of youth workers on different models and methods to help young people face current challenges.

The extensive practice of youth work among churches and their related social organisations allows for a vast network of experience which needs to be harnessed and shared so as innovation can be identified and transferred across our European network.

In this project Eurodiaconia wishes to start by looking at innovative practices in six countries and work together to develop these practices into example methodologies that can be scaled up in other countries. Doing this would involve regional training seminars and an online toolkit which although directed at our network would be available to all those interested in youth work with vulnerable and excluded young people facing contemporary challenges of youth.

The starting point of this project would be a mapping of diaconal youth work in the six partner countries: Armenia, Czech Republic, Italy, Kosovo, Norway, and Sweden. This mapping would serve as stocktaking and the basis for further development of models and methods already in use.

Eurodiaconia, therefore, wishes to take stock of what our member organisations in the respective six partner countries use as models and methods in youth work, to which traditional models and methods they resemble and where there is potential for innovative development given the respective regional contexts. To do so, Eurodiaconia is issuing this call for tenders with a view to selecting a researcher/consultant who shall perform the duties described in the Terms of Reference below.

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(2) Research objectives, audience and use of findings

The aim of the research is to provide information about diaconal youth work in the six project countries (Armenia, Czech Republic, Italy, Kosovo, Norway, and Sweden), more precisely within our partner organisations. The aim is to describe the **status quo** of youth work being performed, to present **good and innovative practices** being in place, and to formulate **suggestions for further improvement** of youth work approaches in their specific regional context, including thoughts on how to **transfer** regional such regional approaches to different regional contexts within the partner consortium.

The research should consist of the following elements:

1. Detailed presentation of the most acknowledged models and methods in contemporary diaconal youth work. This should include definitions, a pros and cons, critical assessment, current impact, and expected development.
2. Case studies showing concrete applications of such models and methods of youth work in the six project countries/organisations.
3. Literature review of research completed in the last five years relating to diaconal youth work / youth work in a church context. The scope of this stocktaking should be pan-European and country specific as regards the partner countries.
4. Set of recommendations based on existing evidence and concrete experience regarding each of them and the results obtained in sections 1 to 3.
5. Development of a final report, incorporating the previous research and including an executive summary and conclusions for wider reach.

(3) Suggested research methods

- Phone interviews with youth workers / youth work officers in the project countries
- Description and analysis of the status quo of youth work in the partner countries and showcasing innovative practices
- Desk review: Review of data from primary and secondary sources

(4) Timetable and deliverables

- Deadline for submitting offers is **30 October 2016**. The contract will be awarded by **7 November 2016** at the latest.
- Preliminary report to be presented by **18 December 2016**. Final report to be submitted by **29 January 2017**.

The findings of the report will be discussed by the researcher-consultant with Eurodiaconia and the contributing member organisations. The final version of the report will require final approval by Eurodiaconia.



(5) Research Management

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(6) Qualifications and experience required

- have a proven research and/or consultancy record in the area of diaconal/church youth work in different European country contexts.
- can demonstrate an understanding of contemporary youth work models and methods, especially on a European level.
- can demonstrate an understanding of EU youth work policies.
- have excellent reporting skills in English.

(7) Payment

The maximum budget foreseen for the piece of work is **EUR 5,000** including all taxes and overheads.

Payments for the researcher's services will be transferred in two instalments following each deliverable (preliminary report and final version).

(8) Tenders/offer

The tender should include at least:

- a brief note reflecting your understanding of the research expected and the methodologies foreseen
- a draft work plan reflecting the above elements and expected time needed for each stage (incl. an indication of how many days will be required to carry out the research)
- a justification showing how your profile matches the requirements listed in point 6, including your CV and previous output/publications related to the topic.

The tender shall be entirely drafted in English. The proposal shall be submitted at the latest by 30 October 2016 at 23:59 CET by e-mail to florian.tuder@eurodiaconia.org.

Should any problems of interpretation arise in the course of drawing up the tender documents, interested parties may submit via e-mail (florian.tuder@eurodiaconia.org) a request for further information, no later than seven (7) calendar days before the deadline for the receipt of tenders. The answers given to such questions will be published on the same web page as the present call for tenders.



There is no commitment on the part of Eurodiaconia to accept any tender or part thereof that is received in response to this call for tenders. Eurodiaconia reserves the right to accept tenders with non-substantial defects and to reject tenders received after the deadline for receipt of tenders, without indemnity or justification.

Eurodiaconia reserves the right to modify or cancel all or part of the call for tenders, should the need arise, without having to justify its actions and without such action conferring any right to compensation on applicants. Eurodiaconia reserves the right to extend the deadline for receipt of the tenders. In that case, all the applicants and applications will be subject to this new deadline. Tenders are not paid. No reimbursement of expenses related to the preparation of any tender will be made by Eurodiaconia. The call for tenders and any further information communicated to the applicant or which come to his knowledge in the course of the call for tenders and the performance of the work, are confidential and are strictly dedicated to the purpose of the call for tenders.