

Vilnius, 01/09/2010

Subject: **Ex-ante publicity in negotiated procurement procedure, reference number EIGE/2010/OPER/15**
Study for the development of the basic structure of a European Union Gender Equality Index

Description of the contract:

The European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) will procure services in order to conduct a study for the development of a European Union Gender Equality Index (EU GEI) which findings will be presented in a comprehensive report on the analysis of the index components and the mapping of existing and future data sources for updating the EU GEI.

Based on the review of work previously produced, the study will provide support on how to continue develop a concept for an EU GEI.

The feasibility of developing new dimensions of gender discrimination and the reliability and availability of comparable harmonised data will be explored.

Description of the products and related services:

Several challenges have been indentified for the future development of an EU GEI such as the lack of data sources with reliable, comparable and harmonised data.

The use of an EU GEI requires its regular review to maintain relevance and currency among users. This political relevancy is important if the index is to be a tool of assessment and catalyst for change.

The study to be prepared under this contract is to contribute to the implementation of the Annual and Mid-term Work Programme 2010-2012 of the Institute and in particular, to map existing and future data sources for updating the index, analyse the experience of existing national indexes and suggest relevant components and modifying it where/if necessary. It should focus on evaluating or assessing data sources which would be relevant for the dimensions of a composite index on Gender Equality at the European Union level.

The study will identify, review and analyse existing national gender equality indexes as well as data sources (e.g. databases, surveys, administrative data sources) at European Union and Member State level in relation to dimensions, components and indicators relevant for the EU GEI structure.

Description of the procedure:

This ex-ante publicity is the first stage of the negotiated procurement procedure through which EIGE may award the above-mentioned contract.

All parties interested in providing the services described above should send a declaration of interest by e-mail to **procurement@eige.europa.eu** with the subject reference: **EIGE/2010/OPER/15 before 17/09/2010, 12h00 EET.**

All interested parties should clearly demonstrate their ability to provide the services required above in their declaration of interest (400 words maximum). Tender documents will be sent by e-mail to a pre-selected list of the interested parties. Please note, however, that EIGE reserves the right to decide not to proceed with the procedure.

This publication constitutes no obligation for EIGE to invite to tender any interested parties having expressed their interest in participating. Only the candidates invited by the contracting authority to negotiate in a tender procedure will be admissible.

We look forward to receiving your declaration of interest.