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Subject: Ex-ante publicity notice for procurement procedure: Gender-sensitive measures through education, for the integration of newly-arrived third country nationals

Reference number: EIGE/2017/OPER/06

Description of the contract:

The European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) envisages awarding a middle-value contract to conduct a research on Gender-sensitive measures through education for the integration of newly-arrived third country nationals.

Description of the requested services:

The commitment of the EU and Member States to develop and implement gender-sensitive measures for the integration of newly-arrived third country nationals is a key factor towards a successful integration process.

The 2016 European Commission's Action Plan on the Integration of third-country nationals notes that "education and training are among the most powerful tools for integration and access to them should be ensured and promoted as early as possible" ¹and that all children, regardless of their background or gender, have the right to education. Moreover, the Action Plan notes the need for a special effort to be made for integration programmes, such as language courses, to reach women as well as men.

This study is undertaken within the scope of EIGE's Single Programming Document 2017-2019², and as a follow-up to the study on "Gender-related challenges in EU education systems". In particular, this study will be carried out with the aim of supporting the implementation of the 2016 Action Plan for the Integration of Third Country Nationals, and to develop recommendations for a gender-sensitive integration through education of newly-arrived third country nationals.

Education is here understood as the formal education system of the host country, from primary education, through secondary, post-secondary and tertiary education, in addition to vocational education and training (VET). Moreover, as defined under the Action Plan for the integration of Third

¹ European Commission (2016). Action Plan on the integration of third-country nationals: https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/homeaffairs/files/what-we-do/policies/european-agenda-migration/proposal-implementation-package/docs/20160607/communication_action_plan_integration_third-country_nationals_en.pdf

² EIGE's Single Programming Document 2017-2019: http://eige.europa.eu/sites/default/files/documents/eige_2017-2019_spd_adopted_20161123.pdf

Country Nationals, education also includes "Actions to promote language training, participation of migrant children to Early Childhood Education and Care, teacher training and civic education"³.

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the development of a more targeted framework for gender-sensitive integration measures for migrants in EU Member States and through that to support Member States to incorporate a gender perspective in the integration of migrants through education.

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 express their interest 400 words maximum, by e-mail, to **procurement@eige.europa.eu** with the subject reference: **EIGE/2017/OPER/06, before 14 August 2017, 14:00 Vilnius time.**

Economic operators who do not express their interest before the deadline and to the address above will not be invited to submit an offer. The latter restriction will not apply to the minimum five economic operators directly invited by EIGE.

Tender documents will be sent by e-mail.

This publication constitutes no obligation for EIGE to launch the mentioned procurement procedure.

We look forward to receiving your declaration of interest.

³ European Commission (2016). Action Plan on the integration of third-country nationals: https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/homeaffairs/files/what-we-do/policies/european-agenda-migration/proposal-implementation-package/docs/20160607/communication_action_plan_integration_third-country_nationals_en.pdf