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Subject: Ex-ante publicity notice for procurement procedure (€60 000.01 – Directive threshold) Combatting psychological violence against women and coercive control in the EU

Reference number: EIGE/2021/OPER/03

Description of the contract

The European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) envisages awarding a middle-value contract for a study on combatting psychological violence against women and coercive control in the EU. This study aims at monitoring the EU commitment to the Beijing Platform for Action (BPfA) in area D Violence against women. The study is shaped by the present EU priorities and can guide the Council in making EU policies more effective in achieving gender equality objectives.

Description of the requested services

EIGE launches this call for tender in order to contract a professional service provider that will carry out a study. Psychological violence is understood as any intentional conduct that seriously impairs another person's psychological integrity through coercion or threats, including isolation from others, verbal aggression, threats, intimidation, control, harassment or stalking, insults, humiliation and defamation. Although psychological VAW and coercive control is a form of domestic violence, it is recognised that it is most prevalent in intimate partner relationships. The study will have a strong focus on intimate partner violence, including cyber-violence. Even though psychological violence accompanies all other forms of violence, the study will focus on psychological violence in its own 'pure' form (not as a part of other forms of violence).

Firstly, the study will address causes and consequences of psychological violence against women, in particular coercive control. Secondly, the study will look at legal definitions of the psychological violence and coercive control in order to assess the scope of criminalisation in all EU Member states. Thirdly, the study will identify good practices and the main hurdles in preventing psychological violence and coercive control in 10 selected Member States. Finally, specialist support services for victims of psychological violence and coercive control in 10 selected Member States will be assessed. The analysis will be based on publicly available secondary sources and interviews with professionals in the selected Member States. The criteria for selecting Member States will be proposed by the service provider.

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/2021/OPER/03, before 18 March, 2021 10:00 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 of 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.