

Request for Information

Youth Employment

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Organisation: The Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO)

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Purpose of the notification

The purpose of the Request for Information is to assess the interest of organizations that want to participate in RfP procedure for the assignment “Youth Employment project for Kurdish and Iraqi young job seekers”

Extent and duration

The project will start as soon as possible (indication beginning of August) and must be completed by **1 July 2024**.

Budget indication

Maximum budget is € 127.000,- excluding Dutch VAT and including all locals costs and taxes.

Purpose of the project

The aim of this project is to empower Kurdish and Iraqi young job seekers, and to promote youth entrepreneurship and employability, by improving the professional skills and employability of 200 young people in the KRI. This current project aims to address the high unemployment rates in the Kurdistan Region (KRI) by introducing a Skills Acceleration Platform that:

- Helps the youth to build efficient skills for being more employable, especially soft skills, (digital) skills and skills desired by the (international) companies.
- Bridges the gap between universities and companies by connecting job-seekers to companies.

Deliverables

Result 1: Entrepreneurship and employability training.

A skills Acceleration training is developed, piloted and improved for scalability (based on a needs assessment and stakeholder consultation) to train young Iraqi and Kurdish individuals in the KRI in the field of employability, including a selection process that promotes a good balance in gender.

Result 2: Connection with private sector.

It is of imminent importance for the youth to be connected with the private sector, (including international ones) that can provide them jobs. A relevant network with private sector parties is essential. Youth are connected with the private sector and actively supported in finding paid employment.

Result 3: Training impact, scalability and sustainability evaluated and further disseminated.

A clear and comprehensive MEL methodology framework is developed at the start of the project. The implementing team will have a detailed understanding of the key indicators to be tracked (including the indicators highlighted in this project) throughout the project, allowing for effective monitoring and evaluation of progress towards project goals and objectives.

Required skills/experieny

The company or companies (in case of a consortium) must meet the following requirements:

- Preferably a local company registered in Iraq.

- Relevant experience with youth employment, skills and youth entrepreneurship projects.
- Relevant experience with project management
- Relevant knowledge and experience in Monitoring, Evaluation and learning projects
- Knowledge of Kurdish, Arabic language and culture, and English language.

Application

You can show your interest in this procurement procedure by sending an email to Katia Sayapina, katia.sayapina@rvo.nl with your company details and confirmation of interest. The purpose of the Request for Information is to identify interest of experts available and to assess their ability to carry out this assignment.

Based on the market consultation, RVO can decide to start a procurement procedure. Interested companies/consultants can be invited to this procedure. Your response to this market consultation does not mean you have the right to be invited to this procurement procedure.

Selection will be done based on your reply on the question in the e-mail.

Name interested party:	
Name contact person and function:	
Phone number contact person:	
E-mail contact person:	
Visiting address:	
Mailing address:	
Question number	Question and answer (max 3A4)
Question 1	Please inform how your organization is the right fit to perform this assignment by among other things sharing your experience with similar related youth projects and your experience with Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning processes?
Answer	
Question 2	Please describe if you have the capacity to perform this assignment and bringing added value by sharing your organization's structure including roles and policies etc.
Answer	
Question 3	Do you have access to a relevant network of youth employment stakeholders and private parties in the KRI? If so, could you elaborate on this?
Answer	

Deadline

The deadline for responding to this market consultation is set **at 19th of June 2023 – 10.00H CEST.**

Yours sincerely,

Katia Sayapina
Consultant Procurement