



Call for external expert on Monitoring and Evaluation

The EU Alliance for Investing in Children is seeking an external consultant to support its work through the design of a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

BACKGROUND

Almost 27 million children in Europe are at risk of poverty or social exclusion. Only between 2011 and 2012 child poverty and social exclusion has increased by around half a million. The situation of children and families is worsening in many countries as consequence of the crisis and austerity measures. Preventing and tackling the intergenerational transmission of poverty must be given a priority to avoid far-reaching consequences for society as a whole.

Partners in the EU Alliance for Investing in Children believe that the rights and well-being of children and young people need to be at the heart of political choices. The aim of the EU Alliance is to support effective implementation of the EC Recommendation on Investing in Children by facilitating stakeholder cooperation at EU, national and subnational level and supporting effective knowledge exchange, advocacy and communication activities.

The specific aim of the EU Alliance is to contribute to three broad objectives, for the duration of this project:

1. To secure and retain political will to fight child poverty and promote child well-being at EU, national and sub-national levels
2. To trigger and support reform in policy and practice based on a knowledge exchange to identify what works best for children
3. To strengthen meaningful engagement of relevant stakeholders in decision-making on public policy and resource allocation for children and to build the advocacy capacity of such stakeholders.

In line with these objectives, the Alliance is:

- 1) carrying out common advocacy activities as agreed on an ad-hoc basis at EU level that can support and strengthen the implementation of the EC Recommendation. The EU Advocacy Task Force steers the advocacy work of the Alliance;
- 2) producing an Implementation Handbook for the EC Recommendation in the form of a publication with inspiring case studies;
- 3) supporting two pilot Alliances in Spain and the United Kingdom in 2014, with the aim to strengthen stakeholder cooperation at national level.

The EU Alliance for Investing in Children has foreseen in its work programme for 2014 the engagement of an external expert to carry out an evaluation of 2014 Joint Action impact & activities and to develop an evaluation & monitoring framework for 2015. The aim of the evaluation will be to provide input and reflection for designing a follow-up project to the joint work.

EXPECTED TASKS

- Review 2014 Joint Action impact & activities both at EU and national level (with a focus on what the Alliance partners have done at EU level to support national members)
- Develop an evaluation and monitoring framework for 2015

PROFILE

- 1) Excellent understanding of EU policy processes and advocacy on social inclusion and social protection
- 2) Commitment to preventing and tackling child poverty and promoting child well-being in Europe
- 3) Strong background on design and implementation of advocacy activities and campaigns at EU level, in particular targeting the EU institutions. Understanding of the civil society perspective an asset.
- 4) Knowledge of EU networks and stakeholders in the field of social inclusion
- 5) Demonstrated experience in coordinating projects with a number of partners and working in an international context
- 6) Demonstrated capacity to deliver high quality outputs in an agreed timeframe

REMUNERATION

5575 € + VAT*. Expected amount of working days: 12.

STARTING DATE

Early October 2014

LENGTH OF CONTRACT

3 Months

APPLICATION & DEADLINE

Applicants are asked to write a proposal (max. 2 pages) constructing their logical framework to fulfill this task.

A CV; a letter of interest; and the proposal should be sent by email to Eurochild Secretary General Jana.Hainsworth@eurochild.org indicating "Application to M&E expert EU Alliance for Investing in Children" no later than **15 September 2014**.

* For consultants outside Belgium 21% VAT will be paid directly by Eurochild to the Belgian VAT authorities.