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Title:  Call for tenders: VT/2016/053

"The European added value of EU spending in human capital development (HCD)"

Purpose of this procedure:

The European Commission will soon launch a negotiated procedure for a study contract of an indicative maximum value of 135.000,00 EUR.

The tasks foreseen under the present contract are:

The objective of the study is to assess the European added value of EU spending in human capital development policies (i.e. employment policies, social inclusion policies, education and skills policies, and administrative capacity policies) through the ESF, YEI, FEAD, EGF and EaSI.

To this end the study should:

A. Define the European added value for human capital development investment;

B. Examine the benefits, costs and spill-overs of EU human capital development investment.

Task 1: Analytical report on 'Defining European added value (EAV) for human capital development investments'

1.1. Definition of a baseline scenario based upon existing programmes and expenditure level of investment in human capital development (HCD) (employment, social inclusion, education and skills, and administrative capacity).

1.2. Respect for the principle of subsidiarity in EU human capital development investment

1.3. Critical minimum amount of funds that can create EAV in human capital development (allocation in percentage terms of the EU budget)

1.4. Based on the ex-post evaluation methodology of the structural and cohesion funds 2007-2013, please compare the added value of EU spending to that of national spending in HCD policies for the period 2014-2020 in quantitative and qualitative terms.

**Task 2: Analytical report on 'Benefits, costs and spill overs in EU investment in human capital development’**

2.1. Positive net benefits of EU spending achieved through the abovementioned EU funds investing in human capital development policies (employment policies, social inclusion policies, education and skills policies, and administrative capacity policies)?

2.2. Assessment of costs and benefits EU expenditure in HCD.

2.3. Possible positive spill-over of the action undertaken at EU level?

**Task 3: Final report: lessons learnt report** which draws lessons and conclusions from the two previous reports, and issues recommendations to the Commission.

Interested economic operators can express their interest to participate in the call for tender until 7 November 2016 in writing to EMPL-VT-2016-053@ec.europa.eu

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