Call for tenders: Update of the European Code of Good Conduct for Microcredit Provision
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**Title: Call for tenders:** Update of the European Code of Good Conduct for Microcredit Provision.

**Purpose of this call for tenders:**

The European Commission will launch soon a call for tenders for a service contract of a maximum value of EUR 60 000.

The purpose of this call for tenders is to fine-tune the current European Code of Good Conduct for Microcredit Provision, where appropriate, in order to better reflect market realities and the diversity of the institutions in the European microfinance sector.

The European Code of Good Conduct for Microcredit Provision, established following the adoption of the Communication on microcredit by the European Commission in November 2007, provides a common set of ethical standards in terms of management, governance, risk management, reporting, and consumer and investor relations for the microfinance sector in the European Union for the benefit of customers, investors, funders, owners, regulators and partner organisations.

The Code has been developed based on recognised best practices in the microfinance sector in close consultation with stakeholders. Signing-up to, or endorsing, the Code is a pre-condition for accessing funding under the EaSI programme’s microfinance and social entrepreneurship.

The implementation of the Code was tested as part of a pilot phase between end 2013 and early 2017. Based on the lessons learned from the pilot phase, an update of the Code is deemed necessary in order to reflect changing market realities and capture the full diversity of the microfinance landscape and its actors. These changes include, among others, reviewing certain clauses of the Code considered to be unnecessary constraining or potentially problematic.

Interested economic operators must prove experience in the field of microfinance with a particular focus on research, data collection, and drafting reports, policy notes, legislative proposals and/or recommendations. They will also need to attest proven experience in similar activities, as well as a comprehensive knowledge of the sector and its relevant stakeholders. In addition, the capacity to cover geographically the countries covered by the EU programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) will be assessed.

Interested economic operators can express their interest to participate in the call for tender until 07 June 2018 in writing to EMPL-VT-2018-023@ec.europa.eu

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