



Ex-ante publicity for middle-value contract **VT/2022/008**

Subject: **"Mutual Learning Exchange: Future-proofing the unemployment benefits system"**

1. Purpose of the request for services

For the period 2021 – 2027, the EaSI programme will become a strand under the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+). The EaSI strand builds on the former EaSI programme 2014-2020, maintaining the focus on evidence-based policy-making and social experimentation, support to job mobility and the non-financial instrument activities related to the former Microfinance and Social Entrepreneurship axis.

EaSI is to support analytical activities (surveys, studies, statistical data, methodologies, classifications, micro-simulations, indicators, support to European-level observatories and benchmarks) to promote evidence-based policy making in the areas of employment and social policy.

The objective of mutual learning workshops in the fields of employment, social affairs and inclusion is to facilitate learning, debate and capacity building regarding policy developments and reforms at European and national level in domains such as employment, social protection, free movement and coordination of social security, working conditions, health and safety at work, social dialogue, labour mobility, skills, vocational education and training.

The host will be the Norwegian Ministry of Labour and Social Inclusion. The aim of the learning exchange will be to receive inputs from participant countries on how the Norwegian unemployment benefits system may be adjusted and improved to address new labour market challenges. This would represent a valuable learning experience for all participants in relation to analogous policy challenges that they may be facing at this juncture. The Learning Exchange will examine the phasing out of temporary changes to unemployment benefit rules introduced during the pandemic, as well as other elements of the system in a longer-term perspective.

List of types of services to be provided:

- Preparation, organization and follow-up of online workshop.
- Flash abstract with key lessons learnt from the event.
- Full report including main findings as well as recommendations in view of supporting policy design in participating countries and in other EU countries as appropriate.
- Short survey among participants of the event to determine the early impact of the lessons learnt from the event.
- Final administrative report with summary of work done and lessons learned.

2. Price

The maximum amount for this contract is **EUR 60 000**.

3. Indicative time schedule and contact point

The indicative time schedule for launching the negotiated procedure is end February 2022 – beginning March. Interested economic operators can express their interest to participate in this negotiated procedure until **18 March 2022** in writing to EMPL-F1-UNIT@ec.europa.eu. The indicative date to sign the contract is April 2022. The estimated performance period of the resulting contract is 6 months after the start of the contract.

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