

Terms of References

Research for CONCORD's position on the Multiannual Financial Framework post 2021

CONCORD, the European Confederation for Development and Relief non-governmental organisations, is seeking a consultant to prepare a publication on the future Multiannual Financial Framework post 2021.

Background

The Commission is due to make a proposal for the next MFF by the end of 2017. The proposal should reflect the future challenges and needs of the EU post-2020 - post-Brexit area of EU 27. This provides a space for improvement of the current headings of MFF, but as well opens up for new ways of approaching long term financial planning of the EU. This would mean that the new MFF might have a new structure, financing revenues, duration of the MFF so the EU's political objectives are sufficiently financially supported.

Purpose

The primary purpose of this assignment is to support the understanding of CONCORD and its members on the challenges and opportunities of the future MFF post 2021 and the impact that different MFF 2021 scenarios may have for the EU Official Development Assistance (ODA), based on a clearer understanding of the current political picture. The secondary purpose of the publication is to help the NGOs identify what they should focus in seeking to safeguard the EU ODA levels and integrity including the EU's development policy and commitments.

Tasks

- Research into current MFF 2014-2020 and ongoing policy processes to identify the trends
- Liaise with CONCORD and other stakeholders to coordinate and collate all current intelligence
- Conduct interviews with selected CONCORD members who may have insights or information on the future MFF 2021
- Conduct interviews with DG DEVCO, DG BUDGET, relevant EU MS representatives and other stakeholders
- Develop scenarios for MFF 2021 with the focus on EU's development policy, financial commitments and the implementation
- Identify red lines/key principles for a joint CONCORD's position on MFF 2021
- Produce the final document, with relevant links/ references included
- Support CONCORD in organising a meeting of members at the end of June which outcomes will feed into the final report
- Present the findings at the training on MFF 2021 (part of the CONCORD HUB3 meeting) at the end of October and support elaborating an advocacy strategy

Deliverables

Final report outlining the current trends impacting the next MFF, analysis of the current MFF based on CONCORD's red lines and the potential scenarios for the future MFF 2021 depending on



the Brexit negotiations and political development in Europe. Additional to the final report a set of red lines/key principles for the negotiations should be delivered.

A presentation of the findings and elaboration of an advocacy strategy at CONCORD HUB3: Promoting Civil Society Space meeting would also be expected.

Indicative Timelines

May-June	Initial meetings and research/analysis on current trends
June 29	CONCORD's meeting on MFF and presentation of the first findings
July	Interviews
August - September	Report drafting
October	Presentation of the final draft at HUB3: Promoting Civil Society Space Meeting

Inputs

We anticipate that this will be a discrete piece of work, mainly involving self-contained research. It is not expected that lengthy meetings or support will be needed to produce the document, and the consultancy can be undertaken remotely. If needed, CONCORD may be able to coordinate meetings with members/institutions.

Skills and Qualifications

Consultants are expected to have:

- Experience in working or understanding of NGOs environment
- Significant understanding of the EU Development Cooperation issues
- Very good understanding and knowledge of the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020, the development related instruments, the European Development Fund and the geographic and thematic programming process.
- Ability to understand and analyse how the Brexit process may impact on future of the MFF 2021
- Experience of policy analysis, report writing and political communication, incl. ability to clearly formulate key recommendations
- Excellent English writing and editing skills; ability to write about complex issues in an engaging way

Application procedure

Please send a CV outlining your relevance expertise for meeting this assignment along with a proposal on how you will undertake this research, including a suggested number of days and their distribution between the different tasks and phases of the work and your day rate.

Please submit this to Zuzana Sladkova at CONCORD Europe on zuzana.sladkova@concordeurope.org **by 5 May 2017**.



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