

Prior Information in relation to the study and low value contract < €60,000

Services contract on ' Vision and trends for social innovation. This publication is made pursuant to Article 124 of the Rules for Applications of the Financial Regulation that provides for ex ante publication on the Institutions' websites of contracts with a value up to €15 000.

Summary of the Study

Social innovation is at the forefront of the EU social and economic dimensions. It responds to pressing needs to address societal challenges and enables the social dimension of systemic innovation.

The purpose of the study is to describe options on how social innovation could be scaled up in the EU policy agenda, and in particular through the next EU framework program for Research and Innovation. The study is linked to the social component of the EU policy on Open Innovation, Open Science, Open to the World, and a better involvement of citizens.

- Propose a new vision of social innovation in the EU policy agenda, in particular how social innovation could address the key drivers presented in the “White paper on the future of Europe”;
- Reflect on how social innovation can be scaled up at EU level using innovative funding instruments (e.g. micro-credit, fiscal policy on automatisisation, foundations, innovation vouchers, public procurement for innovation) and innovation-friendly regulation.

Methodology

Tenderers must provide indicative lists of information sources and detailed descriptions of the methodologies to be used in carrying out the tasks and the techniques to be employed to deal with any shortcomings of the choices made. This shall include literature review, review of case studies and EU co-funded projects in social innovation, as well as interviews with key stakeholders.

It is expected that sources of information will include publicly available documents (printed and electronic) as well as information obtained from individual experts and research projects funded by the EU Framework Programmes for research and innovation. Such interviews will be welcome from across the innovation spectrum and fields. Where interviews are foreseen, indicative lists of questions and interview schedules must be provided in the tender.

Selection criteria

A declaration of compliance with the selection criteria is requested (with a CV attached).

The candidate must have the necessary technical, professional, economic and financial capacity to execute the contract. A minimum of 5 years' academic work in the area of innovation in cities is required, as documented by a publications list (to be provided with the proposal).

Estimated amount: Maximum: EUR 15.000

Estimated launching date: April 2017

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