



CALL FOR TENDER

Research “Funding of Disability Services in the EU: a state of play”

EASPD is the European Association of Service providers for Persons with Disabilities. We are a European not-for-profit organisation and represent over 17,000 social service provider organisations across both Europe and disability. The main objective of EASPD is to promote equal opportunities for people with disabilities through effective and high-quality service systems.

1. Tender specification

EASPD is looking for a Researcher/Research team to produce **8-10 Country Factsheets on the Funding of Disability Care & Support Services, as well as a European analysis of the factsheets.**

2. Main elements of work

- 2.1. As part of its “Commit!” Work Programme 2020 , EASPD is looking for a Researcher/Research team to team to produce **Country Factsheets on the Funding of Disability Care & Support Services, as well as a European analysis of the factsheets.**
- 2.2. The study should focus on Country Factsheets, assessing the **development of funding policies for disability care and support services in 8-10 EU Member States** (to be discussed), as well as the impact of such developments on the disability services themselves. The scope should be to cover a variety of “support services” (day care, respite care, supported living, residential care, semi-residential care, independent living) and (to be discussed) employment-related services (supported employment, sheltered workshops, social economy enterprises, etc) and education and training services (inclusive education, special schools, vocational education & training, etc)
- 2.3. A first research question should assess **the state of play of initiatives and public policies taken by public** authorities (local, regional & national) in these Member States; looking into elements such as funding amounts and rates, objectives, expectations, requirements, criteria, if it is insurance or tax-based & types of intervention: funding model (public procurement, reserved market, personal budgets, etc), from which level of authority (local, regional, national), state aid, tax policies, employment subsidies, etc. The report should assess the use of EU funds in disability services and look at upcoming trends, initiatives, reforms which could impact the near future.





- 2.4. A second research question should look into the **impact of these policy developments on the disability services**; in terms of the impact on service performance & objectives, impact for persons with disabilities, working procedures, sustainability of the provider, workforce related developments (staffing levels, wages, training, recruitment and retention, etc), investment needs, quality and innovation and their ability to implement the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The idea is to understand better the impact of the funding policies on the service provision itself and identify gaps and priorities for the future

- 2.5. Once the Country Factsheets are well-developed, the researcher(s) should produce a **cross-European analysis of these factsheets**, highlighting main trends and developments for European Stakeholders. Preferably, the cross-country analysis should also include an infograph with key data.

The Researcher/Research team is expected to deliver:

1. 8-10 Country Fact Sheets covering the [5 main welfare systems](#) on the research questions, to be added to or to complement the Country Fact Sheets EASPD has already developed (See 28 Country Factsheets [here](#))
2. 1 Cross-country analysis of the factsheets to give a European state of play of the funding of disability services, including executive summary and policy recommendations.
3. 1 Infograph with the relevant information collected (to be discussed)

The research is expected to be done through desktop research (laws, policy documents, reports, studies, academia, etc) & interviews with stakeholders (min. 5 per country: service providers, public authorities, researchers)

3. Deadlines

Deadline for application: 20th April 2020

Response to application: 27th April 2020

Selected applicants are expected to take on the assignment as soon as possible.

The deliverables are expected to be finalised by 15th October.

4. Expertise required

The researcher(s) will be expected to demonstrate:

- Proven experience in coordinating international research projects and collaborative work;
- Solid academic and/or professional background with regards to the social service sectors; in particular from the angle of funding policies
- Experience in data collection, analysis and presentation;



- Wide network of contacts and entry-points for collecting data at national level in EU countries; the selected candidate should ensure the processing of national data in local language(s)
- Experience of writing accessible reports for an NGO and/or EU/national organisation readership;
- Excellent command of English (written and oral)
- An operational approach to the integration of good management principles, including correct personal data management in line with the requirements of the GDPR.
- Only candidates from EU Member States are eligible for participating in the tender.

5. Selection and award criteria

The applicant(s) should submit the following documents until **20th April 2020; 23:59 CET**:

- A **motivation letter** describing your expertise and explaining why you are the right candidate(-s) for the assignment (not more than 1 page).
- A **technical proposal** explaining how you plan to conduct the research, including a review of what has already been done, a proposed methodology, a work plan, resources needed, budget, etc. (not more than 2-3 pages). It should also include some examples of funding policies they would look to assess in depth.
- **CV**, including the list of published articles, reports, studies if relevant.

Only selected candidates will be contacted.

6. Content of the bids

The tenderer will ensure that their bid clearly identifies how they meet the selection criteria. It would also be useful to see examples of previous work demonstrating their ability to write and present in English to a primarily NGO audience.

7. Payments and standard contract

Payment will be made on receipt of Draft Deliverables and the Final Deliverables, 40% and 60% respectively.

Only validated fact sheets will be accepted and fully compensated.

The Contract will be drawn up between EASPD and the contractor.





8. Price

The estimated price is between. **EUR 15,000 and 25,000**, all taxes included.

The contract will be awarded to the tenderer whose offer represents the best value for money, taking into account the quality of submitted document and individual expertise. The contract will only be awarded to a tenderer who clearly proves that they have knowledge, experience and expertise which match at least 70% of the selection criteria.

9. Contact Details

Please send bids to Thomas Bignal, Policy Advisor, European Association of Service providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD): thomas.bignal@easpd.eu