

Call for proposals

Research Proposal:

Exploring the Wider Social Benefits of Social Enterprises active in re-use, repair and recycling

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About RREUSE

RREUSE is an independent non-profit organisation representing social enterprises active in the field of re-use, repair and recycling. RREUSE has 26 members active across 24 European countries and the USA.

Our vision is for Europe to support the role of social enterprise in a circular economy, providing meaningful work opportunities to thousands of vulnerable members of our community through innovative, social and environmentally beneficial economic activities.

RREUSE's primary mission is to help tackle poverty, social exclusion and a throwaway culture by promoting policies, best practices and partnerships that support the development of social enterprises working in environmental services with high potential for local and inclusive job creation, especially re-use and repair.

Preamble

- Whereas RREUSE would like this research to contribute to the wider knowledge base surrounding social impact indicators and calculators in the field of social enterprise and social entrepreneurship
- Whereas experience has shown that a circular economy and waste management provide significant employment opportunities for low-skilled employees, long term unemployed and people from vulnerable groups
- Whereas the development of a circular economy can create local jobs and opportunities for social integration, closely interlinked with key EU priorities on jobs and growth, the social agenda and industrial innovation
- Whereas RREUSE has received an annual grant from the European Commission's DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion to support the role of social enterprises in circular economy
- Whereas one of the activities foreseen in RREUSE's annual programme is the production of a study measuring the social impact of social enterprises working in re-use, repair and recycling

Description of the work

RREUSE is pleased to be searching for a consultancy to carry out a study on “the wider social benefits of social enterprises active in re-use, repair and recycling”. The main purpose of the study is to assess the socio-economic benefits of the reintegration of disadvantaged groups into the labour market through the economic activity of re-use, repair and recycling, in a manner that can be communicated externally, notably towards public bodies such as local authorities.

Whilst the precise structure and detailed methodology are to be proposed by the contractor and agreed with RREUSE at the time of selection, the study should include:

- at least three detailed case studies of social enterprises active in re-use, repair and recycling from a representative range of EU Member States
- selection of appropriate quantitative and/or qualitative indicator(s) to measure social impact, indicating relevance to the latest research and debates in the field of social impact measurement
- social impacts should focus, at the very least, on the benefits of reintegration of disadvantaged groups back into the open labour market, outlining clearly which specific target groups will be taken into account
- a set of policy recommendations as to how to improve the visibility of social impacts carried out by social enterprises active in the field of re-use, repair and recycling

Value: The tender will be awarded with a limit of 10.000 EUR as a maximum

Award criteria: Price is not the only criteria used for the selection of the applications

Duration: Final submission of the study by 10th November 2018

Documentation required: Applicants should send the following documents in English:

1. A brief description of the methodology to be used
2. A resumé of the person(s) in charge of the study as well as a list of previous work in the field
3. The price they will charge for the work, taxes included (in Euros)

Deadline for applicants: 20th August 2018

Address: Applications must be sent by e-mail to both Michal Len (michal.len@rreuse.org) and Paolo Ferraresi (paolo.ferraresi@rreuse.org)

Procedure: The selection will take place during the last week of August and the successful applicant will be informed by 14th of September. After selection a contract will be drawn between the consultant and RREUSE. The contract will contain the details of the work to be carried out, the time schedule, as well as financial aspects.

Privacy Policy: The application will be treated according to the RREUSE’s GDPR policy and personal and sensitive data will strictly be used only for the purpose of selection of the application that provides the best value for money.



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