

GENERAL INFORMATION

Title of Consultancy: Research Consultant for STEP EU Project to support with data collection for Germany

Application Closing Date: 4 December 2024. Please note that applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Consultancy Start and End Date: Start date as soon as possible, end date 30 April 2025

Location of Consultancy: Remote (no travel required)

BACKGROUND

Transparency International (TI) is the global civil society organisation leading the fight against corruption. Through more than 100 chapters worldwide and an international secretariat in Berlin, Germany, TI raises awareness of the damaging effects of corruption and works with partners in government, business, and civil society to develop and implement effective measures to tackle it.

The Transparency International Secretariat (TI-S) in Berlin is seeking a consultant to support with data collection as part of the STEP EU (Strengthened enforcement capacities of public authorities) project. STEP EU is a two-year project funded through a grant from the European Union (EU), aimed at significantly stepping up the EU-wide fight against cross-border corruption. The project is being implemented in nine EU countries in collaboration with TI EU, and national TI chapters in France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Portugal, Slovenia and Spain. The key objectives of the project are to:

1. Improve the understanding of available data and identify any gaps, including its use, for the prevention and early detection of corruption and other financial crimes.
2. Strengthen EU member states' capacities to detect, investigate and prosecute cross-border corruption.
3. Enhance cooperation between competent authorities to facilitate a consolidated EU approach to reducing cross-border corruption.

As part of the project, TI-S is conducting two research studies.

- Study 1 focuses on the availability and access to information/data on the ownership of legal entities and other assets, such as real estate, yachts, and private jets.
- Study 2 will assess the powers, capacities, and investigative challenges faced by law enforcement authorities in tackling transnational corruption.

The Research Consultant will support with data collection for both studies in the German context. Data collection methods will include desk-based research, surveys and interviews with relevant stakeholders. The research methodology has been developed by TI-S and the data collection will be conducted with supervision from the TI-S Research Coordinator.

OBJECTIVES

1. Conduct data collection for the research on the availability and access to information about asset ownership in Germany (study 1).

Specific tasks of the consultant will include:

- Identify relevant stakeholders for the purpose of data collection with the support of TI-S. Potential stakeholders will include users of registers, including journalists, civil society organisations, law enforcement authorities and financial institutions.

- Adapt follow-up surveys developed by TI-S and share them with relevant stakeholders to fill in data gaps based on previously conducted desk-based research.
 - Organise and conduct ca. 5 interviews with relevant stakeholders. An interview guide developed by TI-S will be shared.
 - Support TI-S and TI Germany with drafting specific policy recommendations based on the research findings.
 - Respond to TI-S follow-up requests regarding the data as well as review the draft research report written by TI-S based on the collected information for Germany.
2. Conduct data collection for the research on the primary specialised law enforcement agency (sLEA) tasked with investigating high-level cross-border corruption and corruption-related money laundering cases in Germany (study 2).

Specific tasks of the consultant will include:

- Conduct desk-based research using a research framework and data collection sheet provided by TI-S.
- Adjust (where necessary) and send out follow-up survey developed by TI-S to the relevant law enforcement agency.
- Organise and conduct interviews with the relevant law enforcement agency using a semi-structured interview guide developed by TI-S.
- Support TI-S and TI Germany with drafting specific policy recommendations based on the research findings.
- Respond to TI-S follow-up requests regarding the data as well as review the draft research report written by TI-S based on the collected information for Germany.

EXPECTED DELIVERABLES AND TIMELINE

Study 1:

- Surveys sent out by mid-December and results shared with TI-S as replies are submitted
- Interviews conducted by mid-February/early March and results shared with TI-S by end of February

Study 2:

- Desk research finalised and data collection sheet submitted to TI-S by end of December
- Surveys sent out by end of December/early January and results shared with TI-S as replies are submitted
- Interviews conducted by early March and results shared with TI-S by end March

Please note that this timeline is subject to change and the final deadlines will be communicated by TI-S. The estimated number of days to deliver this work is ca. 15-20 days.

All presentations and reports should be submitted in English, in electronic form, in accordance with the deadlines stipulated above. The Consultant is responsible for editing and quality control of language. The TI Secretariat retains the sole rights with respect to all distribution, dissemination, and publication of the deliverables.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Consultant should have the following qualifications:

- University degree or equivalent in a relevant field such as law, international relations, political science, public administration or a related field, with an academic emphasis on research
- 5+ years of relevant professional experience, preferably with an international NGO or an international organisation
- Knowledge and expertise of anti-corruption required, with demonstrated research/policy experience in anti-money laundering and illicit financial flows
- Experience with different data collection methods required, including conducting surveys and interviews
- Exposure to policy development and advocacy an advantage
- Experience contacting or working with public authorities (especially the BKA and/or the Financial Intelligence Unit) in Germany a strong advantage
- Fluent in both oral and written German and English languages

REMUNERATION AND COSTS

The Consultants should provide their estimated total fee as a lump sum or as standard daily or hourly rates.

For candidates based in the EU, EEA, UK, and Switzerland

Transparency International e.V. (Secretariat), (TI-S) is registered as a Business Entity in Germany with VAT identification number DE273612486. EU reverse charge applies. Service providers should issue invoices with zero VAT.

Candidates who are based in Germany and do not charge German VAT must confirm their small entrepreneur status.

HOW TO APPLY

The application should include the following documents in English:

- Financial proposal with an estimated total fee as a lump sum or as standard daily or hourly rates, together with an estimation of the amount of days or hours required to conduct the tasks
- Motivation letter and Curriculum Vitae
- One sample of relevant previous work (confidentiality guaranteed).

Please indicate “Research Consultant STEP EU” in the subject line of your email application. Applications should be sent in English by email to Paula Laurinmäki at stepeu@transparency.org by close of business of 4 December 2024. Please note that applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Please note that only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

The Transparency International Secretariat is committed to creating an inclusive work environment where diversity is valued and where there is equality of opportunity. We actively seek a diverse applicant pool and therefore welcome applications from qualified candidates of all regions, countries, cultures, and backgrounds.

Selection of candidates is made on a competitive basis, and we do not discriminate based on national origin, race, colour or ethnic background, religious belief, sex, gender identity and

expression or sexual orientation, marital or family status, age, or ability. We kindly ask applicants to refrain from including in their application information relating to the above as well as from attaching photos.

Data protection

When you respond to this tender and submit your application, you provide consent that Transparency International e. V. keeps your application materials for the period of ten years according to German legal requirements. Afterwards Transparency International will delete your application and any personal data included in it. If you have any questions, please reach out to dataprotection@transparency.org.