



Creation of a Youth-centered Skills Observatory and Experimentation Lab

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and UNDP Moldova

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Objectives

- **Set-up a youth-centered skills observatory** and experimentation lab:
 - Analytical component
 - Experimentation lab
- Better informed policy makers and other stakeholders on skills mismatch and underutilization and possible low-cost innovative solutions to increase employability and/or self-employment

Scope and implementation areas

- **Implement at least two inter-linked components of the observatory, i.e. the analytical and experimentation components**
 - **Data collection and analysis**, including through micronarratives
 - **Experimentation**
 - **Communication and outreach**

Proposed milestones

Targets	Deadlines
Detailed concept of the Observatory, including detailed methodology, work plan, sustainability plan, monitoring and evaluation, visibility action plan	Mid-March 2017
Running observatory, with core staff on board and work plan for 2017 approved by UNDP	Starting end of March 2017
3 position papers developed, consulted with relevant stakeholders and widely disseminated	By July 2017
1 position paper consolidating the skills panorama for youth in Moldova developed, consulted with relevant stakeholders, and widely disseminated	By December 2017
Develop detailed concepts for the 4 planned experiments and consult/approve with UNDP their content and implementation plans	By end of April 2017
Up to 4 experiments to support youth employability in Moldova implemented, lessons learned duly documented and results of such experimentation work publicly shared with all key stakeholders	By end December 2017

Detailed concept and sustainability plan

- Approach and methodology, analysis of relevant similar experience, background of applicant and the team, project implementation plan
- Present the vision for future implementation of the core components:
 - Institutional (at least up until 2019)
 - Financial
- Scalability of the experiments and financing mechanisms

Eligibility

- Be a registered local university, research institution or think-tank with outstanding reputation;
- Be directly responsible for the development and management of the project and not to act through intermediaries; Demonstrate capacity to implement all activities envisaged under the respective project;
- Be able to ensure that Observatory runs for at least another 2 years from the termination of the current project period;
- Individual experts should be able to prove that they possess the needed experience and motivation
- The Applicant should be able to provide a financial contribution of the project towards the establishment of the Observatory from its own resources, including possible in-kind contribution;
- The Applicant's staff should be ready and open to actively participate to all capacity building activities of the project
- The Applicant is respects and promotes principles of equal opportunities and results for both men and women.

Evaluation criteria

I. Relevance of the project:

- project's contribution to achieving the goals and objectives of the Observatory;
- identification of the problem and quality of justification;
- significance of the project for the real needs of youth in job-seeking and other direct beneficiaries;
- originality, innovation, openness to experimentation;
- Project's sustainability and perspectives of development of the applicant organization (*benefits resulting from project implementation are able to exist independently over a long period of time after the end of project's financing*).

II. Methodology of project implementation:

- correspondence of the proposed activities to the aims, objectives and expected results;
- feasibility of the action plan (*proposed activities are realistic and feasible, taking into account impact of the working environment in the field, as well as the ability of the applicant to manage the project*);
- monitoring and evaluation methods;
- project's impact on local level/regional level;
- partnership establishment and degree of partners' involvement in the activities;
- Degree of involvement and participation of the target group/direct beneficiaries in project implementation.

III. Capacity of the applicant:

- Competence and experience of the organization in the area stipulated by the project;
- Degree of expertise of the team that will implement the project (experts, coordinators, PhD or master students, volunteers, academic staff, etc.).
- Readiness/availability of the physical resources for the implementation of the planned activities (premises, equipment, etc.).

IV. Project Budget:

- Justification of project expenses;
- Applicant's contribution.

Submission of applications

- **Application Form** (which will include the requested budget and activities timeline), filled in Russian, Romanian or English. Handwritten Application Forms will not be accepted;
- **Copy of the registration certificate** to prove that the partners are registered legal entities;
- **Copy of the Statute** of the organizations;
- **CVs** of key interested internal and/or external staff, including PhD or master students, volunteers, academic staff and similar; (compiled in the same format for the whole team);
- **A brief overview of the activities of the applicant** (including analytic materials and researches to be developed; tentative experiments to be implemented; materials/information/events for visibility and public information purpose: newspaper articles, audio-/video clips, photo reports from events, etc.);
- **Other relevant materials** to increase credibility of the Applicant for the donor and to complement the Project justification.

The **Application Form** and **Applicant's Guidelines** are posted on the UNDP in Moldova website (<http://www.undp.md/tenders/index.shtml>). These documents can also be received by sending a request to Mr. Dumitru Vasilescu, Project Manager, at the following e-mail: dumitru.vasilescu@undp.org.

Deadline for submission of proposals: February 27, 2017, 16:00 (Moldova local time).

Thank you!