

**EXTERNAL EVALUATOR FOR ERASMUS+ CBHE IREEDER PROJECT:
CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)**

**Project Title: Introducing Recent Electrical Engineering Developments
into undErgraduate cuRriculum / IREEDER**

Project number: 609971-EEP-1-2019-1-JO-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP

The purpose of this call for EOI is to identify appropriate service providers (natural persons, companies or organizations) that possess the necessary technical and operational capacity and are equipped to fulfil the tasks to be assigned in regard with above mentioned EU CBHE project's external evaluation. The call is exploratory rather than binding and Al-Hussein Bin Talal University (AHU), Jordan, general coordinator of the project reserves the right to change or cancel this requirement at any time during the EOI and/or solicitation process.

Opening date of the call for EOI: November 02, 2020

Closing date of the call for EOI: November 16, 2020

Summary

Al-Hussein Bin Talal University (AHU), Jordan, is the project coordinating institution of the European project number 609971-EEP-1-2019-1-JO-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP that is funded through the Erasmus+ Programme, Key Action 2, Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE). The project consortium includes Mutah University (MU), Tafilah Technical University (TTU), Philadelphia University (PU), Isra University (IU), University of Trento (UNITN), University of Central Lancashire-Cyprus (UCLAN), University of Patras (UPAT), Institution of Telecommunications-Aveiro (IT), and University of Vigo (UVIGO). UVIGO is the entity responsible for the quality assurance work package. The external evaluator to be selected and subcontracted shall be by default a body or an individual that is independent from and external to the project consortium and its members. The working language of the external evaluation is English.

IREEDER aims to introduce three main subjects (Internet of Things (IoT), Renewable Energy (RE), Cyber Security (CS)) into the undergraduate curriculum of electrical engineering and its related programs in the Jordan university system. Also, IREEDER aims at establishing a laboratory for each one of the courses, where each laboratory will be installed at a different Jordanian partner. The detailed description of the seven work packages of the IREEDER project is given in the attached table.

The selected external evaluator will be in charge of project external evaluation and the elaboration of External Evaluation Reports at the middle of the project and at the final project stage. The detailed tasks of the external evaluators are listed below:

External evaluator's tasks and key responsibilities:

- Evaluating all the activities of the project including meetings, training workshops, dissemination workshops, ...etc.
- Evaluating all the outputs and deliverables of the project including the reports, teaching materials, established labs, ...etc.
- Evaluating the overall project progress and the partner participation in the activities and deliverables.
- Participating in at least two plenary meetings held in Jordan and/or Europe.
- Participating in at least one training workshop of the workshops held in Europe.
- Participating in at least one training workshop of the workshops held in Jordan.
- Writing the mid-term evaluation and the final evaluation reports. The reports shall summarize the findings of the continuous review and shall provide assessment of the project impact and the quality of the results achieved. It shall also make conclusions on the consortium efficiency. The document shall make recommendations for strengthening the sustainability of project results and for ensuring long-term impact.
- Providing advice and recommendations for the project consortium once requested.

Requirements:

The external evaluator (natural person, private entity or public body) shall be selected on the basis of the professional and technical ability to perform the tasks described in this call. The following requirements will be considered when selecting the external evaluator:

- A sufficient experience in the teaching/research of the IREEDER topics: Renewable Energy (RE), Internet of Things (IoT) and Cyber Security (CS).
- A sufficient experience in managing EU projects (Erasmus-Plus CBHE program).
- Ability to monitor all activities of IREEDER project including training workshops in Europe, and dissemination workshops in Jordan. In addition to assess the developed teaching materials, and the established laboratories in Jordan.
- Extensive knowledge of the higher education sector.
- English language proficiency.

Budget

The potential applicants are invited to submit a draft budget that includes a breakdown of the actual costs expected to incur in regard with the external evaluator's tasks and responsibilities as indicated above. Furthermore, the budget proposals shall reflect the actual number of workdays planned for work. Only reasonable and justified budget proposals that are based on the principles of sound financial management, in particular regarding the economy and efficiency, will be considered for selection.

Applicants are invited to include their proposed plan in case of any travel limitation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The expected change on the budget should be also included due to expected travel limitations.

Application procedure

Interested applicants are invited to submit their EOI by email before the closing date of 16th November 2020 to the project coordinating institution.

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The minimum number of documents to be provided as part of the EOI should include:

- Legal entity form (to be filled out according to the applicant's profile, e.g. natural person, private entity or public body)
- Company's portfolio and/or detailed expert(s) CV(s) providing evidence that the external evaluator to be subcontracted possess the technical and operational capacity as well as the professional experience necessary for the successful achievement of the tasks assigned
- Proposed evaluation methodology.
- Proposed budget for the tasks above described.

The award method will be the best value for money and the selected external evaluator will be the one offering the best quality/price ratio.

Selection Criteria

EOI applications will be assessed by the project coordinating institution and the WP4 leader institution. The following basis will be considered in the selection process:

- Fulfilment of the position requirements.
- Quality of the methodology proposed
- Feasibility of the proposed budget
- Ability to fulfil the required tasks justified through sufficient evidence

The requested experience and abilities will be assessed on the basis of the evidence provided by the applicants. In order to facilitate the selection process, additional information may be requested by the project coordinating institution.