

Swisscontact is the business-oriented independent foundation for international development cooperation. Represented in 33 countries with over 1100 employees, it promotes - since 1959 - economic, social and environmental development.

For our **Albania Office, Skills 4 Jobs Project**, we are looking for:

Request for Proposals for Action

Action start: February 2017
Action duration: February-April 2017
Place of duty: Berat, Lezha, Vlora, and in Tirana



Description

A. BACKGROUND

The Skills for Jobs project is funded by SDC and implemented by Swisscontact. The project commenced in October 2015 and will run until 2019. It addresses the main challenges of the Albanian vocational skills development system: quality and status, financing, labour market orientation and private sector involvement. The project interventions build on the 20 years of Swisscontact's experience in Vocational Skills Development (VSD) in Albania, and are implemented through three components:

1. Improvement of the quality of formal and non-formal VSD in selected sectors, benefiting the private sector and increasing accessibility to women and youth
2. Multi-Functional Centres establishing sustainable and innovative relations with the private sector functionality at the provider level of inclusive labour market insertion facilities and instruments
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B. SCOPE OF WORK

In the framework of component Labour Market Insertion and Non Formal VSD, we are supporting the career centres in their different functions, among other, outreach activities and vocational orientation. For these actions we need to invest more into qualitative approach on reaching out to youngsters as means to improve the quality in the VET. Therefore, S4J project plans to cooperate with an specialised agency/ non-profit organization in order to organize replicable outreach activities with special focus in Vocational Education, especially with eighth and ninth graders in our focus regions Berat, Lezha and Vlora, and in Tirana.

Skills for Jobs requests interested agencies and organizations to submit a Proposal for the action **“Promote critical thinking and outreach activities to youngsters on the importance of vocational education in order to increase the quality of the students who approach Vocational Education.”** The Proposal should reflect previous experience of the applying agencies/organisations with coordinating activities to increase critical thinking as per Debate pro - cons model, especially with secondary education students. In the framework of this component, we will employ the same model with eighth and ninth graders in our focus regions, including Tirana region.

C. KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- 1.The agency/organization shall have at least 3 years working experience in outreach activities
- 2.Working experience with service towards young people in Albania
- 3.Deep understanding of Vocational Education in Albania
- 4.Coverage capacity of 4 Regions: Berat, Lezha, Vlora, and in Tirana.

D. DELIVERABLES

The agency/organisation shall deliver to the Component Manager the organisation plan and activities with related recommendations for Vocational Orientation and Successful Outreach Actions for selected schools in regions Berat, Lezha, Vlora, and in Tirana, as per Scope of the Work and Foreseen Tasks.

E. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Agencies/organisations applying for the proposal, will be assessed upon:

1. Technical Experience
2. Technical Proposal
3. Financial Proposal

F. CONTRACT DURATION AND TIME ALLOCATION

The actions will be implemented during period February 2017 to April 2017.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All interested agencies/organisations should submit:

- 1.Profile of the agency/ NGO
- 2.A concept proposal for the methodology, including a financial offer. The budget should cover all the costs of services offered
- 3.Qualification of key personnel involved
- 4.Previous similar experiences.

The proposals will be evaluated by the S4J Project team, and the best qualitative and quantive offer will be selected.

Application Details:

The interested agencies/ non- profit organizations have to express their interest by sending their applications to riselda.dani@swisscontact.org or in hard copy at:

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by close of business day, 26 January 2017.