

DCI-ASIE/2014/350-601
EU-China Social Protection Reform Project

Component 1 macro-activities

***Comparative Study on
Active Ageing
Use of Experience in European Union Member states
for further developments in China***

(Annual Work Plan 2018 – Macro-Activity 1.7)

TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR)

1. **Background**

1.1 **General**

The purpose of the EU-China Social protection reform project (“the Project”) is to contribute to the improvement and inclusiveness of China’s social protection system through strengthening the institutional capability for developing policies, for implementing legal and regulatory frameworks and for supervising systems of social insurances, social assistance and financial management in the area of social security. In particular, the Project’s purpose will be pursued through the following three components in relation to which specific Chinese government entities playing the role of partner of the consortium have been identified:

- i. Component 1: Consolidation of institutional capacity for social protection policy development and reforms in collaboration with the National Development and Reform Commission (“NDRC”);
- ii. Component 2: Enhancing of institutional capacity for financial management and supervision concerning social security funds in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance (“MoF”); and
- iii. Component 3: Improving of legal framework and policy for social assistance in collaboration with the Ministry of Civil Affairs (“MoCA”).

Works under each component will address a number of selected topics. They will include an **Identification phase** where will be conducted a situational analysis (macro-activity 1), the Identification and review of possible relevant EU experience (macro-activity 2) and a Discussion panel with stakeholders on the Identification phase (macro-activity 3). Other subsequent phases of the project are an **Analysis phase** (macro-activities 4 to 7) and a **Follow-up phase** (macro-activities 8 to 12)

These ToR fall under Component 1 of the project, macro-activity 1.7, which corresponds to the elaboration of reform proposals

2. **Description of the Assignment**

2.1. **Overall and Specific Objectives**

2.1.1 Overall Project Objectives

The overall scope of the SPRP project is to further develop social equity and inclusiveness of economic development throughout Chinese society.

2.1.2 Specific Objectives

Among the topics assigned to Component 1 programme of activities for the year 2018, the Project Advisory Committee meeting in February 2018 noted that studies should be conducted that “include issues like removing the obstacles to developing entrepreneurial spirit among the active population, the role of social protection in promoting lifelong training and personal development and the possibilities to extend active life for senior citizens, including through enterprise creation and innovative employment.” In its programme of activities for 2016, 2017 and indeed 2018, the project Component One also devoted research and assessment works to reviewing the implications of demographic ageing affecting the Chinese society, including in the realms of employment and social protection.

While pursuing the development of a New Normal economy in the country, it was considered important to take into account the experiences conducted in Europe in terms of promoting what is called “active ageing” for residents of demographically vulnerable countries, and to envisage the

extent to which these experiences and related underlying concepts and methodological tools would be of use for China.

These Terms of Reference therefore provide for the completion of an in-depth study on the concept and tools for Active Ageing, as developed in Europe in Europe, with a view of appreciating their potential interest and applicability in China.

2.3 Requested Services

The incumbent will take all necessary action so that a study be produced to the satisfaction of the Project represented by the Component 1 coordinator (Expertise France) on the concept and methodological tools for developing an active ageing index in European Union member states including its possible relevance and applicability in China, in the form of a research paper in English of some 50 pages (20 to 25.000 words). The services will also include the presentation of the research findings in national and international forums at the request of the project, subject to availability of the Consultant. The value of the contract attached to these ToR includes expenditure covering two visits to China and participation in one international event in Europe. Each of the above-mentioned events would imply a presence of up to 5 working days by the incumbent. The lump-sum amount of the contract attached to these ToR include the standard value of return tickets (economy class) from Europe to China or within Europe plus five days subsistence allowance according to project rules.

2.4. Expected Results

The result of the assignment will be a research paper relating the experience of EU Member states concerning active ageing index, with special reference to its relevance and applicability in the Chinese economic and social contexts.

The output of the assignment will be a research report in English language.

3. Procedure and Selection criteria

This call for interest is primarily intended at research and other institutions located within one of the Consortium member countries or in China (incl. HK and Macao).

Criteria for selection are summarized in the table below.

Requirements incumbent institution	Requirement/Asset
Proven experience in conducting comparative research in Social protection and Labour market fields	R
Publication/research record in English language	R
Previous participation in international research projects	R
Knowledge of Chinese ageing situation	A
International network of labour market and social protection correspondents	A
Based in one of the Consortium members 'countries or in China	A

Entities from the Consortium are as follows: from **Italy** INPS – National Social Security Institute; from **Belgium**, Federal Public Service Social Security; from **Poland**, Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Policy (MRPiPS); from **Romania**, Ministry of Labor, Family, Social Protection and Elderly (MoLFSPE); from **Spain**, Ministry of Employment and Social Security (MEySS) and International and Ibero-American Foundation for Administration and Public Policies (FIIAPP); from **France**, EXPERTISE FRANCE. Associates of the Applicant also participating in the action are Scuola Nazionale dell'Amministrazione (National School of Administration) from Italy and the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the **Czech Republic**.

Candidatures should be submitted via e-mail to the Coordinator of Component 1, Expertise France, with the following addresses: Mr Laurent de Lespinay, Coordinator C1 EU-China SPRPP, Expertise France, laurent.de-lespinay@expertisefrance.fr BY OR BEFORE 15 APRIL 2018. Copy of the

candidature to be sent to the EU C1 Resident expert in China Mr Jean-Victor Gruat, contact@sprp-cn.eu

3. Location, Duration and Budget

Location:	At place of location of the incumbent. Honorarium includes 3 missions outside place of location. If more visits to other places are required, cost is to be covered by the honorarium
Timing:	Outline of the report to be delivered by 30 April The first draft of the report to be delivered by 15 June, finalized version by 1 October 2018
Working days:	--
Budget	Honorarium lump sum, 8.000 euros. Advance payment up to 20% could be made, the rest paid upon presentation of an invoice after submission of the finalized report to the satisfaction of the Project C1 component coordinator

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