

EU-China Social Protection Reform Project

Component 2 macro-activities

One European senior social security specialist

(Annual Work Plan 2019 – Macro-Activities 2.6)

RESULT 6

The capacity of MoF financial management and supervision of central and local model of social security system and the extension of social security system coverage are enhanced, in particular in the fields of division of expenditure responsibilities, mid -terms budgeting of fund, and performance assessment model.

Topic 2.1.3 Alternative policy measures to cope with the impact of ageing on the financial sustainability of the social security system

Pilots studies

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” and, together with NDRC and MoF, the “Chinese Ministries”),

These ToR fall under Component 2 of the project.

2. Description of the Assignment

2.1. Overall and Specific Objectives

The overall scope of the SPRP project is to further develop social equity and inclusiveness of economic development throughout Chinese society. For the Component 2, the main target is to enhance the institutional capacity for financial management and supervision concerning social security funds.

The 2019 Activity plan foresees that C2 will carry out up to two pilots at the provincial level in Tianjin and Guanxi. The general objective of the activity is to deepen the dialogue at the local level in the areas of financially sustainable policies in the fields of the pension insurance system, the medical insurance system, and the social assistance system to cope with the issue of a rapidly ageing population. The pilot activities will provide specific suggestions to improve the financing and the management of social security funds and reduce the risks of default and frauds.

This ToR falls under the topic:

2.1.3 Alternative policy measures to cope with the impact of ageing on the financial sustainability of the social security system

The activity will contribute to the achievement of Result 6:

The capacity of MoF financial management and supervision of central and local model of social security system and the extension of social security system coverage are enhanced, in particular in the fields of division of expenditure responsibilities, mid -terms budgeting of fund, and performance assessment model.

2.2. Specific Objectives

The main objective is to provide comprehensive policy suggestions on the financial management and supervision of the social security system in two provinces.

The target group is represented by the local staff: provincial, county and city/township level and local/community leaders

During the local missions in the provinces, a few meetings and workshops will be held to share and transfer information among central and local departments of MoF.

The European expert will actively take part in the local activities. The missions could also provide knowledge to provincial and local staff on drafting and consulting procedures used by EU countries in the fields of financial management of social security funds. After the missions, and after reading the material and data gathered by the Chinese expert, the EU expert will submit two comprehensive policy suggestion reports based on the local situations.

2.3. Requested Services

2.3. Outputs

- two policy recommendation reports on the pilots of around 15 pages each, in English

3. Experts' Profile

Requirements for Experts	Requirement/Asset
Qualifications and skills	
University Degree within the relevant sectors of Demography, Social Protection, Law, Political Science, and Economics	R
Excellent organizational, communication, writing and interpersonal skills	R
Strong analytical and drafting skills	R
Previous experience in execution tasks in other international projects	A
Fluent in English both verbally and writing	A
Ability to develop and maintain good professional relations with stakeholders, particularly counterparts and staff members in an international setting	R
General professional experience	
At least 5 years of experience working in areas related to Social Protection and/or Employment policies	R
Public servant within one of the Applicant Entities of the Consortium or staff from public institutions cooperating with the Applicant Entities of the Consortium or researcher from the research institution outside Consortium. Public servants and staff from public institutions cooperating with the Applicant Entities who fulfill the requirements take precedence over candidates outside Consortium.	R
Previous working experience in international projects, preferably with EU funded projects	A
Previous working experience in China	A
Specific professional experience-related to action	
Possessing professional experience relevant to the ToR for his/her specific assignment	R
Previous experience in research or previous publications in the area of social sciences	A

3.1 Working Languages

The incumbent should be fluent in English both verbally and in writing.

4. Location & Duration

Location: Experts' countries, Beijing and other provinces

Timing: March-May 2019.

- Take part in the local missions tentatively schedule in the first week of April (total 5 days)
- Submit the final report before 10th May 2019.

Working days: 20w/days (including the provincial missions in China)

5. How to apply:

Interested Expert(s) are requested to submit three documents:

1. Candidacy – Letter of intents
2. A CV in English (Europass format suggested), pdf format
3. A copy of her/his Identification Document

Applications are to be sent to C2 Resident Expert, Mr. Michele Bruni: Michele.bruni@eucsprp.org and the C2 Coordinator, Ms. Valeria Bonavolontà: valeria.bonavolonta@inps.it by or before March 4th, 2019.

6. Personal data protection

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