

EU-China Social Protection Reform Project

Component 2 macro-activities

1 Chinese Main Expert Research (CMER)

(Annual Work Plan 2016 – Macro-Activities 2.1 to 2.12)

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

2.1.1 Overall Project Objectives

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

2.1.2 Specific Objectives

The project Grant application form specifies that “A series of specific activities has been planned in order to evaluate the current Social Protection Chinese framework. All these activities will be carried out by the **Component 2 EU Resident Expert in China**, with the **support of the Component 2 Chinese Expert** and in **strong collaboration with MoF’s officers**; the availability and the cooperation from Chinese officers will be essential for the success of this Macro-Activity and for the achievement of the expected results for Component 2. It’s important to highlight that the presence of **the Component 2 Chinese Expert** will help to reduce the time in understanding the China’s current situation providing support to EU Experts.”

The specific objective of the current assignment is for the C2 Chinese Main Expert Research (CMER) to provide support to the EU Resident Expert for Component 2 of the Project in designing, coordinating and monitoring national research activities pursuant to the Project results R.6 to R.8 inclusive, to enhance institutional capacity for financial management and supervision concerning social security funds in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance (MoF).

In particular, this assignment encompasses the following topics:

- (R. 6) 2.1.2 Social security coverage on atypical employment: methodologies and tools of analysis and management
- (R. 6) 2.1.4 Social security benefits and the assessment of the household socio-economic conditions
- (R. 7) 2.2.1 Nominal personal account reform in the basic pension insurance system
- (R. 7) 2.2.2 Models and Methodologies for the Social and Economic sustainability analysis in social protection system
- (R. 8) 2.3.2 Investment strategies of social funds and risk control methodologies

2.2. Requested Services

In close cooperation with MoF, the Expert will propose national experts to conduct research under project activities, propose corresponding terms of reference, liaise with selected experts performing their task, provide comments and suggest amendments for the finalization of research work, contribute to the overall planning of project activities conducted within the framework of C2 component of the project (macro-activities 2.1 to 2.12 to be implemented over project duration).

2.3. Expected Results

The result of the assignment will be a guaranteed high-standard quality level for national research work conducted in line with the objectives of the C2 component.

The outputs are a mid-term report of the expert's activities to be provided within 15 September 2016 and a final report at the end of his assignment.

3. Experts' Profile

Requirements Short Term Expert	Requirement/asset
Qualifications and skills	
University Degree within the relevant sectors of Social Protection, Law, Political Science, Economics	A
Fluent in English and Chinese both verbally and in writing	R
Strong analytical and drafting skills	R
Ability to develop and maintain good professional relations with stakeholders, particularly counterparts and staff members in an international setting	R
Ability to work in team and share knowledge relating to social security to the counterpart	R
Previous experience in execution tasks in other international projects	A
Strong training skills	R
Professional experience	
10 years experience of working in areas related to Social Protection at the domestic and international levels	R
A proven record of accomplishment in conducting research work nationally and internationally in the realm of social protection.	R

4. Location & Duration

Location: Beijing and other locations in China as appropriate, Europe as requested

Timing: 13 June – 16 November 2016

Working days: 30 working days

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), possibly in word format
3. A copy of her/his Identification Document

Applications are to be sent to Mr. Michele Bruni mbbruni.44@gmail.com and Mr. Antonello Crudo antonello.crudo@inps.it with copy to Comp2.InpsProgettoCina@inps.it within the established deadline of 9 June 2016.