



Call for Expressions of Interest

As part of the Words Into Action project, the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) welcomes Expressions of Interest from qualified organizations to develop differentiated curricula and accompanying guidance materials for pre-service training of teachers at primary, secondary, vocational and school director level in how to address intolerance, bias, prejudice, and particularly anti-Semitism, in and through education.

The Words Into Action project includes activities to promote education to address anti-Semitism that ensure a systematic and human rights based approach, and will produce various policy and practical tools to enable this. These tools include policy guidelines, developed jointly by ODIHR and the United Nations Education, Science and Culture Organization UNESCO, classroom challenge aids, and curricula and guidance materials for teacher training that prepare teachers to address the different forms of anti-Semitism which are currently manifested in OSCE participating States. Once final, these publications will be promoted for adoption across the OSCE region, complementing existing materials to promote tolerance, respect and mutual understanding and recognition of the human rights of individuals in all communities. For more information on the project, see www.osce.org/project/wia.

While highlighting the many teaching materials already available, project consultation meetings have raised the issue of the preparedness of teachers to address the issue, as well as the successes and failures of existing voluntary, in-service teacher training initiatives. In response, and as a first step, ODIHR consultants drafted a flexible model to guide further development of curricula and guidance materials for pre-service teacher training, which takes account of the contemporary social relevance of the topic. The current assignment builds on this work. The curricula and guidance materials to be developed will encourage critical thinking and accept that student teachers and children are affected by the anti-Semitism to which they are exposed. They must also allow for the great diversity in teacher preparation programmes which exist within the OSCE region, for differences in the level of a teacher's independence in different national education systems, and for the many specific and different challenge situations for teachers across the OSCE area when addressing this topic. The final curriculum and guidance materials must appropriately reflect and acknowledge: ODIHR's mandate to work within the OSCE commitments and the international human-rights framework; a role for Jewish communities; gender considerations (different impact on men and women); and OSCE quality standards. Teachers trained on the basis of the full version of the curricula and guidance materials should be able to address intolerance and bias, including anti-Semitism, in an informed and competent manner, using all manner of innovative pedagogical tools, as part of the school programme.

Qualifications

Applicant organizations should possess:

- a strong background in education and creating educational materials for teacher training as part of the professional qualification process;
- familiarity with education to address anti-Semitism within a human rights framework;
- demonstrated gender awareness and sensitivity;
- strong publishing, drafting and editing skills;
- expertise in the field of Jewish history and community relations, and of working with Jewish communities on educational initiatives is an advantage;
- experience in working with international organizations on educational initiatives is an advantage.

Timeframe

An online information meeting (Webex) will be held on Thursday, 7 September 2017, at 15:00 CEST. All interested organizations are expected to take part. Please send an e-mail with your contact details and questions about the assignment to Ewa.Marszalowska@odihr.pl by Wednesday, 6 September 2017.

The deadline for receiving Expressions of Interest is **Wednesday, 14 September 2017**.

The next stage of the selection procedure (international open tender/call for implementing partners) will start in October with contractual arrangements expected by the end of December 2017. The assignment should be carried out from January to April 2018.

Application procedure

All Expressions of Interest should be sent in English by the deadline above, with the subject line "Expression of Interest - Curricula Development for Teacher Training", to the following e-mail address: wordsintoaction@odihr.pl. The Expression of Interest should contain:

- a statement of interest in working with ODIHR and UNESCO to produce differentiated curricula and accompanying guidance materials for training teachers at primary, secondary, vocational and school director level in how to address intolerance, bias, prejudice, and particularly anti-Semitism, in and through education;
- documents which demonstrate the applicant organization's experience in the education sector and in similar anti-bias- or anti-Semitism-related assignments;
- CVs of the applicant organization's staff qualified to carry out the assignment;
- document(s) which demonstrate the applicant organization's legal status (private company, not-for-profit, governmental institution, international organization, etc.)

This call for Expressions of Interest, and participation in it, implies no obligation on the part of ODIHR concerning conclusion of contracts or implementing partner agreements.