

## CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Calls for expression of interest (EOI) – in French "appels à manifestation d'intérêt" (AMI) - serve to invite economic operators to put themselves forward as candidates in advance of a public procurement operation by a contracting authority. The shortlists generated this way may be used and updated many times for future procurement procedures.

The purpose of this EOI is to provide the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD or the Organisation) with a list of candidates who might be invited to participate to the upcoming Call for Tenders/Market Consultations. Applicants can be individuals, companies, cabinets or any entity authorised to perform the contract under applicable national law, i.e. by way of inclusion in a trade or professional register or sworn declaration or certificate, membership of a specific organisation, express authorisation or entry in the VAT register.

The EOI and any further information communicated to the Entities or which come to their knowledge in the course of the EOI and the performance of the work are confidential and are strictly dedicated to the purpose of the EOI.

Call for Tenders/Market Consultations are published on the eSourcing Portal of the OECD (<https://oecd.bravosolution.com/web/en/login.html>).

Calls for Tenders are open for participation to all the interested and eligible parties who will register to the Portal. Market Consultations are accessible only by invitation.

Once they are registered on the eSourcing Portal, the candidates will be informed of any other tender launched on the Portal, and in connection with activities related to the areas of expertise that they have selected.

Interested applicants are asked to fill in and submit the standard application form. Submissions may start from the date of publication on the OECD web site.

<b>Title of the EOI</b>	Call for Expression of Interest to Participate in the Peer-Learning Partnerships of the OECD Global Action "Promoting Social and Solidarity Economy Ecosystems"		
<b>Directorate</b>	Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities		
<b>Field of Activity</b>	Social economy		
<b>Publication date of the EOI</b>	04/06/2020	<b>Closing date for reception of EOI</b>	05/07/2020
<b>Address EOI responses</b>	<a href="mailto:socialeconomyandinnovation@oecd.org">socialeconomyandinnovation@oecd.org</a>		

<b>by e-mail to:</b>			
<b>Subject of the e-mail:</b>	EoI_019 to Participate in the Peer-Learning Partnerships of the OECD Global Action “Promoting Social and Solidarity Economy Ecosystems”	<b>E-mail address:</b>	<a href="mailto:socialeconomyandinnovation@oecd.org">socialeconomyandinnovation@oecd.org</a>

## DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENTS

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Peer-learning Partnerships (PLPs) constitute one of the main outputs of the OECD Global Action “Promoting Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) Ecosystems” funded by the European Union (EU), along with the production of two international guides focusing on legal frameworks for the SSE and social impact measurement for the SSE.

PLPs aim to stimulate knowledge sharing on the importance of building or reinforcing conducive ecosystems for SSE development. PLPs proposals can focus on the following topics:

- legal frameworks for the SSE;
- social impact measurement for the SSE;
- the internationalisation of SSE organisations;
- women and/in the SSE;
- the SSE in the face of the COVID-19 crisis and recovery; or
- other relevant topics identified by candidates, which might be related to the objectives of the Action.

The objective of PLPs is thereby to provide a peer-learning platform for stakeholders and organisations with relevant experience and expertise on the aforementioned topics, to exchange lessons, experiences and methodologies with peers from other countries, in view of developing activities of mutual interests.

Stakeholders eligible to participate in the PLPs include practitioners in the fields of social and solidarity economy and social entrepreneurship (e.g. networks or umbrella organisations and incubators; leading SSE/SE organisations or enterprises), experts, academics, and representatives of governments (at national, regional and local level) working on these areas. More specifically, PLPs will bring together stakeholders from EU Member States and from non-EU countries targeted by the Action (i.e. the United States of America, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, the Republic of Korea, and India).

Stakeholders involved in each PLP can participate either by managing a PLP (consortium coordinator) or by taking part in the activities organised (consortium participant). Each PLP will involve up to 20 participants.

A PLP can take the form of one or several:

- thematic or group-assessment workshops (preferably physical, or virtual if not possible due to the pandemic),
- capacity building seminars,
- study visits,
- peer reviews,
- a mix of the above, or
- an innovative activity proposed by the candidate.

Note that selected candidates will be provided with a PLP toolkit including methodological options to organise these activities. The call for interest and the call for tenders are however meant to stimulate innovative proposals

including in terms of activities and methodologies proposed by the candidates.

In the course of the Action, six to eight PLPs will be funded in accordance with OECD procurement rules. The activities under each PLP will be organised by the consortium coordinator, with the participation and inputs from the consortium participants, all of which will be selected through the call for tenders that will follow this call for interest. In addition to a series of peer-learning activities, the consortium coordinator will produce a PLP outcome paper summarising the lessons learnt and good practices, with inputs from the consortium participants.

**OBJECTIVE OF THE CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST:**

The EOI submitted by candidates should:

- specify how they meet the eligibility criteria described in the following section;
- indicate whether they apply to be consortium coordinator or consortium participants; and
- describe the activities and methodologies proposed to enhance peer-learning on the topics above mentioned.

Candidates shortlisted following the call for interest will be invited to submit a more detailed proposal for the call for tenders. The Call for Tenders will be published on the eSourcing Portal of the OECD (<https://oecd.bravosolution.com/web/en/login.html>).

The Call for Tenders will be open for participation to all the interested and eligible parties who will register to the Portal. Interested applicants will be asked to fill in and submit the standard application form. Submissions may start from the date of publication on the OECD website (to be communicated in the next months).

**WHO CAN APPLY UNDER THIS CALL? ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

The call for expression of interest targets:

- Practitioners in the fields of social and solidarity economy and social entrepreneurship (e.g. SSE/SE Networks or umbrella organisations; leading SSE/SE organisations or enterprises, incubators, etc.);
- Experts and academics specialised on the SSE;
- Representatives of Governments at national, regional and local levels and policy makers working on/with the SSE.

To be considered for the expression of interest, candidates will have to meet all the following eligibility criteria:

- The candidate is from an EU Member State or from the United States of America, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, the Republic of Korea, or India.
- The candidate has the possibility to appoint a dedicated interlocutor to work with the OECD on the PLP.
- The candidate has relevant experience/expertise on the SSE.
- The candidate is strongly motivated to be a PLP consortium coordinator or PLP consortium participant and is committed to devote the needed human resources, skills and time for this goal.
- The candidate has pre-identified an area where further opportunities for peer learning to promote the development of conducive ecosystems for SSE, are needed.
- The candidate has pre-identified partners to form a consortium including practitioners, experts and academics, and policy makers at national regional and local level, working on/in the SSE field.

**CRITERIA FOR SHORTLISTING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST:**

The eligible expressions of interest will be assessed against the following assessment criteria:

- The level of motivation and commitment as demonstrated by the expression of interest.

- Description of the main area chosen to developing peer-learning partnership.
- Identification of partners to form a consortium.
- Capacity to involve one or several government representatives from national, regional or local levels.
- Quality of the proposal: The candidate is able to motivate its interest to be a PLP consortium coordinator or PLP consortium participant on the basis of pre-identified areas where further peer-learning opportunities to promote the development of conducive ecosystems for SSE, may be needed.
- Sustainability and dissemination: the candidate is committed to ensure the implementation and dissemination of the outcomes and results of the PLP.
- Relevance: extent to which the expression of interest is addressing areas where further peer-learning to promote conducive ecosystems for the development of the SSE, is needed.

#### PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST:

Candidates expressing their interest to participate to PLPs should complete the application form provided in this call [Candidate Response Form included below].

The application form is to be completed in English.

The expression of interest is to be submitted electronically to the following email address:

[socialeconomyandinnovation@oecd.org](mailto:socialeconomyandinnovation@oecd.org)


#### DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST:

The deadline for submitting an expression of interest is: **05/07/2020 cob.**

Expression of interest submitted after the deadline of this Call will not be considered.

#### CONTACT:

In case of any questions, please contact [socialeconomyandinnovation@oecd.org](mailto:socialeconomyandinnovation@oecd.org)

Additional information:	More background information about the Action can be found in the flyer available here:  Flyer-SSE-Ecosystems-final.pdf		
Approved By:	CPG	Date:	04/06/2020
Last Updated By:	CFE	Date/Time:	04/06/2020

## EOI - CANDIDATES RESPONSE FORM

### NOTICE

The OECD requires all Vendors interested in participating to the Call for Tenders to register to the OECD eSourcing Portal (<https://oecd.bravosolution.com/web/en/login.html>) Once they are registered on the eSourcing Portal, the users will be informed of any other tender launched on the Portal, and in connection with activities related to the areas of expertise that they have selected.

### ENTITY INFORMATION

Legal Entity Name			
Entity Contact			
Address		City	
Postal Code		Country	
Phone Number		Phone Number #2	
E-mail address			
Entity Website (if applicable)			
Years of operation (if applicable)			
Number of staff (if applicable)			
Areas of specialisation and expertise			

### OECD Sourcing Platform


Registered on the Sourcing Platform of the OECD (YES / NO)		User ID	
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### RELEVANT INFORMATION FOR THE EOI

Description of how the applicant meets the eligibility criteria	(Max 200 words)
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<p><b>Motivation of the application to be PLP consortium coordinator or PLP consortium participant</b></p> <p>Please describe your motivation to be a PLP consortium coordinator or PLP consortium participant.</p>	<p>(Max 500 words)</p>
<p><b>Candidate relevant experience/expertise on/in the SSE field</b></p> <p>Please describe your previous experience in the SSE field.</p>	<p>(Max 500 words)</p>
<p><b>Topic identified for the PLP:</b></p> <p>Please identify the peer-learning topic that will be addressed by your PLP proposal and explain the rationale (e.g. specific need or strengths of a given country). Note that topics can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- legal frameworks for the SSE;</li> <li>- social impact measurement for the SSE;</li> <li>- the internationalisation of SSE organisations;</li> <li>- women and/in the SSE;</li> <li>- the SSE in the face of the COVID-19 crisis and recovery; or</li> <li>- other relevant topics identified by candidates.</li> </ul>	<p>(Max 500 words)</p>
<p><b>Type of activities proposed</b></p> <p>Please describe the</p>	<p>(Max 500 words)</p>

<p>type of activity proposed for the PLP and note that it can take the form of one or several:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- thematic or group-assessment workshops,</li> <li>- capacity building seminars,</li> <li>- study visits,</li> <li>- peer reviews,</li> <li>- a mix of the above, or</li> <li>- an innovative activity proposed by the candidate.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Partners identified to form a consortium</b> Please describe which practitioners, experts and policy makers (at national, regional and/or local levels) you have identified for the PLP. Indicate if you are already in contact with these organizations or stakeholders. If you are not in contact yet, this is fine at this stage. Please simply specify which organizations or stakeholders you plan to involve/contact.</p>	<p>(Max 200 words)</p>
<p><b>Sustainability and dissemination</b> Please explain how you plan to disseminate PLP outcomes in the medium-long term.</p>	<p>(Max 200 words)</p>
<p><b>Additional information</b></p>	
<p><b>MINIMUM GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR OECD CONTRACTS</b></p>	
<p>Please acknowledge the Minimum General Conditions for OECD contracts</p>	



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Name and title:		Date:	
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## PREREQUISITES OF ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for participating to the Call for Tenders launched by the OECD, the Tenderer must declare :

- i. That it is not bankrupt or being wound up, is not having its affairs administered by the courts, has not entered into an arrangement with creditors, has not suspended business activities, is not the subject of proceedings concerning those matters, and is not in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;
- ii. That it has not been convicted of an offence concerning its professional conduct by a judgment which has the force of *res judicata*;
- iii. That it has not been the subject of a judgment which has the force of *res judicata* for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organisation or any other illegal activity detrimental to the interests or reputation of the OECD, its members or its donors;
- iv. That it is not guilty of misrepresentation in supplying the information required as a condition of participation in this call for Tenders or fail to supply this information;
- v. That it is not subject to a conflict of interest;
- vi. That its employees and any person involved in the execution of the work to be performed under the present Call for Tenders are regularly employed according to national laws to which it is subject and that it fully complies with laws and regulations in force in terms of social security and labor law;
- vii. That it has not granted and will not grant, has not sought and will not seek, has not attempted and will not attempt to obtain, and has not accepted and will not accept any advantage, financial or in kind, to or from any party whatsoever, constituting an illegal practice or involving corruption, either directly or indirectly, as an incentive or reward relating to the award or the execution of the Contract.