

Berlin, 13/07/2022**Type of award: Single tendering procedure (§ 8 Abs.4 Nr. 17 UVgO)****Legal Expert consultancy for the AIDS Action Europe project: Community Led and Based HIV Services - Key to Ending the HIV Epidemic in Europe and Central Asia
"Zeroing In - Ending the HIV Epidemic"**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Deutsche Aidshilfe awards a contract for Legal Expert consultancy for the AIDS Action Europe project: Community Led and Based HIV Services - Key to Ending the HIV Epidemic in Europe and Central Asia "Zeroing In - Ending the HIV Epidemic". Deutsche Aidshilfe intends to award the performance (see item 3) and invites to submit a tender. Please find below the necessary terms and conditions to be met by the tender.

1. Time limit

The deadline for tender submission is **03/08/2022**. The tender must be received by Deutsche Aidshilfe by e-mail before the end of the time limit for tender submission. This time limit shall also apply to subsequent changes and/or additions to the tender. Please send your tenders with the subject **Legal Expert Zeroing In Project** to

Deutsche Aidshilfe
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oksana.panochenko@dah.aidshilfe.de

Tenders may be withdrawn until expiry of the time limit for tender submission.

The **binding period** commences with the expiry of the time limit for tender submission and **ends on 12/08/2022**. The tenderer is bound to his tender until expiry of the binding period. The tender is deemed to be unsuccessful if the contract is not awarded until expiry of the binding period.

The contract will be awarded latest by **09/08/2022**.

Period of completion: **09/08/2022 to 31/12/2022**

2. Content/Form

The tender must be complete (see 3).

The tender must be signed by the tenderer personally.

Where explanations are deemed necessary for better assessment of the tender, they can be submitted along with the tender in a separate annex.

The performance will not be subdivided into lots. Alternative tenders are not permissible.

Should you have any questions concerning the contractual specifications, please contact by email: oksana.panochenko@dah.aidshilfe.de

A list of questions and answers will be provided to all potential tenderers (via circular email).

The maximum amount for the tender is 6000 (six thousand) euros. The tender shall be submitted with a fixed price, showing the value-added tax.

3. Contractual specifications

AIDS Action Europe – The NGO partnership on HIV and AIDS in Europe and Central Asia

AIDS Action Europe is currently looking for a legal expert consultant to conduct specific tasks within the project Community Led and Based HIV Services - Key to Ending the HIV Epidemic in Europe and Central Asia "Zeroing In - Ending the HIV Epidemic" – on legal and policy barriers of Community Based Voluntarily Counselling and Testing and uptake of Self-testing.

Background

Established in 2004, **AIDS Action Europe** has grown to be one of the largest HIV-related networks in the region. Our network reaches beyond the borders of the European Union and covers all 53 countries in Europe and Central Asia. Our mission is to bring together civil society to work towards a more effective response to the HIV epidemic in Europe and Central Asia.

Members of our network comprise a diversity of 400 NGOs, national networks, AIDS service organisations, activists and community based groups of people living with HIV.

Since 2018 AIDS Action Europe together with CEEISCAT (Centre for Epidemiological Studies of Sexually Transmitted Disease and AIDS in Catalonia) provides Secretariat work for the COBATEST Network. The COBATEST network is a network of community-based voluntary counselling and testing (CBVCT) services created since 2014 in the context of the HIV-COBATEST project, hosted by CEEISCAT.

The COBATEST Network is currently conducting a project Community Led and Based HIV Services - Key to Ending the HIV Epidemic in Europe and Central Asia "Zeroing In - Ending the HIV Epidemic".

The consultancy

The consultancy will consist of the following tasks:

- The consultant will be responsible for undertaking desk research on relevant international guidelines, policies and strategies on community based counselling and testing and self-testing, and for producing a needs assessment report on legal and policy barriers to community based testing and self-testing, based on the rapid assessment of legal and policy barriers to the provision of community based and –led testing services, uptake of HIV self-testing and experience of organisation with HIV self-testing
- Based on the findings of the report, the consultant will be responsible for writing two policy papers and policy recommendations: one on legal and policy barriers to community based testing and second on legal and policy barriers to self-testing in the WHO European Region.

The application comes complete with a **price quote**, a **CV** and **motivation letter** proving that **the consultant** has competencies and demonstrated experience in:

- conducting research in legal issues and policies
- legal expertise, ideally with a degree in law with a preference to international law
- excellent knowledge of community based voluntarily counselling and testing and self-testing issues in Europe and on relevant international guidelines, policies and strategies
- producing reports

- excellent writing skills
- proficient English language skills.

4. Award criteria

- Price (100%)

The performance of services, orders, etc., shall be governed exclusively by the provisions of the Regulations on Contract Awards for Public Supplies and Services (VOL) Part B [General Terms of Contract for the Provision of Supplies and Services (VOL/B)], which you can download at <http://www.bmwi.de/BMWi/Redaktion/PDF/Gesetz/allgemeine-vertragsbedingungen-fuer-die-ausfuehrung-von-leistungen,property=pdf,bereich=bmwi,sprache=de,rwb=true.pdf> or request from Deutsche Aidshilfe.

Tenders with deviating GTC will not be accepted.

Best regards,

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