**Terms of Reference**

POSITION: Research Expert

Type of contract: Service Contract

Length: February 2024- April 2024

Deadline of application: 19.02.2024 at 23:59

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**About the project**

The Youth-CARE (Capacity building, Action and Responsibility for the Environment) project represents a collaborative initiative involving five civil society organizations, led by the Beyond Barriers Association in collaboration with TDM2000I, MES, TDO, and ANCE. The primary objective of this project is to increase efforts towards environmental preservation and action, with a particular focus on young individuals living in disadvantaged areas.

This project aims at bringing together trainers, educators, decision- makers in a focused effort to raise capacity and responsibility and undertake action related to the environmental issues.

**The project evolves around:**

* Training educators and youth workers
* Creating a toolkit designated for understanding and analyzing environmental issues.
* Spreading awareness and responsibility in international level.

Recognizing the interconnectedness of global environmental challenges, the project underscores the importance of fostering a sense of collective responsibility among youth. Moreover, it capitalizes on the potential of online and digital platforms to disseminate information, encouraging active engagement and participation in environmental preservation efforts.

**Objectives of TOR**

Regarding objectives of the project Youth CARE, “Beyond Barriers” Organization is looking to hire an experienced and qualified expert to conduct a comparative study focusing on understanding the stage of knowledge regarding environmental problems and climate change among young people aged 15-18 years old living in disadvantaged areas. The study will involve a thorough examination and comparison of three case studies conducted in different countries to provide insights into the environmental awareness levels and challenges faced by youth in these communities.

**Scope of work**

Researcher will closely communicate and work under supervision of the Project Coordinator. The research procedure will carry out the following:

* Review existing studies on climate awareness among disadvantaged youth (15-18), identifying gaps.
* Analyze three case studies for methodologies, key findings, and recommendations, emphasizing similarities, differences, and lessons learned.
* To ensure to write a comparative study of approximately 50 pages;
* Analyze collected data using statistical and qualitative methods, presenting clear findings on patterns, trends, and variations among studied populations.
* Prepare a concise comparative study report with an executive summary, methodology, findings, recommendations, and implications. Suitable for stakeholders, policymakers, and the wider community.

PROFILE OF THE RESEARCH EXPERT

**Competences:**

* A Ph.D. or equivalent qualification in Environmental Studies, Climate Science, Sociology, or a related field.
* Proven experience in conducting comparative studies, preferably related to youth and environmental awareness.
* Strong analytical and research skills, with a track record of publishing research in reputable journals.
* Familiarity with survey design, data collection, and analysis techniques.
* Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
* Applicants must demonstrate fluent English language proficiency.

**Reporting**

* Researcher is responsible for creating the template for conducting a case study with the same subject.
* Researcher is responsible to weekly report on research progress and if needed to discuss possible challenges in meanwhile;
* Researcher is responsible to ensure supervision to Project coordinator during correspondence with coordinating organization
* During field work, researcher is responsible to keep and collect source of verification for activity reporting

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

The interested applicants have to send the required documents as below:

* Curriculum Vitae
* Motivation letter
* Evidence of previous experiences in the field of research

Deadline for submitting applications is 19th of Febuary 2024 (late submission will not be accepted) to office@beyondbarriers.org or joana.rista@beyondbarriers.org .

**EVALUATION PROCEDURE**

Main selection criteria will be proven experience in the field, familiarity with topic and research instruments.