**Terms of Reference**

**The Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit - “From Education to Employment – E2E“**

**Position: Proofreader**

**Duration:** 16th November 2020 – 31st December 2021

**Resources:** On-call basis

**Position: Consultant**

# Background

The accession to the EU is one of the key priorities of the Government of Serbia and at the same time the main driver of structural reforms. Negotiations for EU acquis chapter 19 – Social Policy and Employment – and relevant Action plan concluded that Serbia is moderately prepared in the area of social policy and employment. Some progress was made in further aligning the legislation with the acquis, mainly in the area of working conditions. In the coming period, Serbia should ensure adequate financial and institutional resources for employment and social policies to more systematically target the young, women and long-term unemployed, a priority indicator of the E2E in the second phase. The Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit (SIPRU), a part of the Prime Minister’s Office, will support this process of social dimension of EU accession and relevant youth employment policies.

In the previous period, the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) funds were unsuitable for developing and testing ideas for policy reforms before the wider implementation. The Government of Serbia (GoS) has invited Switzerland to support the ESRP process within the E2E main phase, as the Swiss support to the GoS reforms so far has been assessed as the very influential in the social and economic field. As Switzerland also leads the Human Resources and Social Development (HRSD) Sector Working Group, in the frame of donor coordination, and within the already established strategic partnership with SIPRU, Switzerland is well positioned to influence positively youth employment policy framework through proposed interventions. The good reputation is further supported by the excellent results of the Swiss engagement in the education reform support.

The education system still fails to develop skills relevant for the Serbian labour market. This mismatch between skills supply and demand on the labour market affects mainly young persons and among them the young women that face a long transition from school to work and thus often become long-term unemployed or even inactive. The impact hypothesis of E2E is reflected in the strategic policymaking approach whereby improved employment policies and capacities of institutions are built up to promote a more efficient use of public resources in the field of employment and education.

The Project “From Education to Employment – E2E“ is part of the larger E2E program launched by the Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) in 2015 with the overall goal to increase decent youth employability in Serbia in a socially inclusive and sustainable way. E2E improves the position of youth on the Serbian labour market through modernization of youth employment policies and the development of young skilled labour demanded by the private sector.

The E2E program supports evidence-based approaches in the youth employment policies in Serbia. Under the lead of the SIPRU, it facilitates the policy dialogue between key national and local stakeholders. By including good practices from the main phase’ pilot regions, SIPRU advocates changes in the youth policy framework. The key line ministry in charge of the implementation of the youth employment and employability policies in Serbia relevant for implementation of the E2E is the Ministry of Labor, Employment, Veteran and Social Affairs (MoLEVSA) with the support of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development (MoESTD). Line ministries were actively involved in the design and implementation of the main phase and the 2nd phase is continuation of the joint efforts for youth employment up to 2021.

1. **Introduction**

The overall goal of the E2E programme is to increase decent youth employability in Serbia in a socially inclusive and sustainable way. The project has two outcomes:

* Outcome 1: Relevant national and local key stakeholders apply effective and evidence-based policies on youth employment and employability through increased performance capacities and diversified funding portfolio.
* Outcome 2: Young jobseekers are better able to position themselves on the labour market through employment promotion measures and non-formal training offers required by the private sector in selected regions of Serbia.

These specific Terms of Reference are related to achievement of both Outcomes and following key Outputs:

for Outcome 1:

Output 1.1: Legal and policy framework for youth employment and training is more effective and responsive to the needs of the private sector.

Output 1.2: Improved quality of existing and new public services to promote employment and employability.

Output 1.3: Established competence of local labor market players to ensure funding for and provide better services for young people - building up local networks and alliances.

for Outcome 2:

Output 2.1: Work-Based Learning opportunities and private sector industry solutions for young people in selected regions of Serbia.

Output 2.2: Established Career Guidance & Counselling and Traineeship Matching Services for young people in Serbia.

Output 2.3: Socially innovative and inclusive models for youth employment and employability are disseminated and regularly practiced within the supported CSOs/broker organizations.

1. **Objective of the Assignment**

The Consultant will read all the relevant documents within the Project “From Education to Employment – E2E“, and ensure that documents contain no spelling, grammatical or typographical errors. The consultant shall be engaged on an on-call basis during the Project implementation and shall be paid upon the report delivered for the pages that are proofread.

1. **Scope of Work and Tasks**

Specific Duties of Consultant:

* Proofreading of project documentation (analysis, studies and other types of documents) in Serbian language in the area of social inclusion and poverty reduction;
* Delivery of proofread documents in electronic form by the agreed deadline.

1. **Outputs/Deliverables**

The consultant will be responsible in delivering the following outputs:

* A monthly report delivered for the pages proofread, not later than last day of the each month during the contract period. Each proofreadpage will be calculated by 1.800 character with spaces (1.800 character with spaces per 1 page).

1. **Consultant Requirements**

The consultant shall have the following skills, experience and qualifications:

* University degree in Serbian language and literature and/or more than 5 years of experience in providing proofreading services;
* Experience in working with government institutions and civil society organizations, especially in the area of social inclusion and poverty reduction;
* Familiarity with the social inclusion and poverty reduction in Serbia and EU context;
* Advanced computer skills.

1. **Reporting**

The Consultant shall submit outputs to the SIPRU Team Manager.

1. **Duration of the Assignment**

This assignment will be done in the period from November 16th 2020 to December 31st 2021.