Terms of Reference

Mapping and analysis of civil society working on issues related to technological advancements in the migration space

The Robert Bosch Stiftung is seeking (a) consultant(s) to undertake a comprehensive mapping and qualitative analysis of civil society actors and initiatives working on issues related to technological advancements in the migration space. Submission date for the expression of interest (EoI) is October 14th, 2020.

Background

The Robert Bosch Stiftung (RBSG) is one of Europe's largest foundations associated with a private company. It is a non-partisan, operational and grant-making institution. Based on the legacy of its founder, the Robert Bosch Stiftung is active in the areas of Health, Science, Active Citizenship, Education, and International Understanding and Cooperation. The latter comprises the topics "Peace", "Climate Change", "Migration" and "Inequality". For more information, please visit our website.

The Robert Bosch Stiftung recently completed a profound strategic review of its international portfolio. With regard to the topic of migration, our objective is to help shape migration policy, governance, and practice in a way that combines a long-term focus with respect for human dignity through far-sighted, inclusive approaches. Through our support, we want to facilitate local innovations, applied research, and the integration of relevant stakeholders in policy making by focusing on four strands of action: Future issues of migrant and refugee protection, climate-induced mobility, the role of cities, and technological change. We are committed to cross-sectoral and interregional dialogue, especially between Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

For our future work on technological change, we are seeking to gain a better understanding of different civil society actors and initiatives currently working at the intersection of migration and the role that different technologies and technological advancements may have for migration policy, management, and/or practice. The commissioned

expertise will inform the foundation's strategic priorities in the thematic area.

Purpose and Scope of the Expertise

The consultant(s) shall provide a mapping and analysis of different types of civil society actors and initiatives[1] working on technological advancements as key issues impacting migrants' rights and wellbeing.

1. Civil Society Mapping

The mapping shall comprise information on:

- the different *types of actors and initiatives*
- their *thematic focus* with regards to how new technologies specifically affect migrants and refugees
- which countries or world *regions* they are active in (across Africa, the Middle East and Europe)
- if possible, the *duration and scope* of their engagement in relation to other programmatic areas

The format of the mapping and other details of the assignment be will be decided upon in consultation with RBSG.

2. Analysis and Recommendations

The analysis shall complement the mapping by providing qualitative information on regional and thematic trends, based on the needs of civil society and identifying potential gaps in the migration space with regards to which/how technological advancements in the field are addressed (where possible, identifying funding trends). The analysis shall draw on a sample of 8-12 semi-structured interviews with selected civil society actors from different types of organizations/initiatives and world regions. The interviewees and interview questions shall be chosen in consultation with RBSG.

Methodology and Deliverables

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[1] Our working definition of civil society for this mapping is intentionally broad, as we seek to gain a better understanding of the different kinds of actors and initiatives in the non-profit sector operating at the intersection of migration and technology. This can include, for example, human and civil rights organizations and initiatives, social enterprises, policy advocacy groups and campaigns, donor initiatives, humanitarian efforts and other types of non-governmental organizations. We are open to discuss the definition and set limitations with the chosen consultant(s).

The methodology can be finalized in consultation with the RBSG once the consultant(s) have been selected. However, it should include a combination of desk research and interviews (due to Covid-19, the latter can be conducted virtually).

The results of the study will be submitted as a comprehensive document, including:
- an Executive summary (max. 2 pages),
- a Civil Society Mapping that offers filterable information on the type of actor, thematic focus, regional focus, location of headquarters and regional offices, brief summary of mission statement or objective, duration and scope of engagement on tech issues if possible, contact information (likely to be submitted in table format, but open to recommendations that enhance usability)
- an Analysis of the findings and qualitative interviews and recommendations for an engagement of the foundation (narrative report, 10-15 pages)
- a bibliography incl. a list of interviewees
- Short summaries of interviews optional

Interim results will be presented to members of the Migration team virtually before completion for feedback. If necessary, the deliverables will be revised after the presentation.

Time frame
The assignment period will run from October 2020 through January 2021, with an estimate of 20 working days for research, interviews and write-up. We expect intermediate (written & oral) results by January 15th, 2021.

Qualifications
The consultant(s) shall possess the following minimum qualifications:
- In-depth knowledge and understanding of the migration space and/or technological innovations relevant to the field
- Sound knowledge of relevant stakeholders in the migration space with an extensive network within civil society
- More than 5 years relevant work experience (including similar assignments)
- Excellent analytical and report writing skills
- Excellent English skills (spoken & written)

- Minimum MA degree or equivalent

Expression of Interest
Experts that meet the expected qualification and skills as well as requirements mentioned above are invited to submit an expression of interest (EoI). Individual applicants or organizations can submit an EoI which should include the following:
- Curriculum Vitae of the researcher(s), including credentials from past assignments
- Organizational profile (if relevant)
- Written sample of previous work
- Outline of approach and methodology including a detailed work plan (max. 2 pages)
- Financial offer assigning number of hours/days per person to each deliverable proposed

Please send your EoI or any questions you may have to Katharina Kleynmans (katharina.kleynmans@bosch-stiftung.de). EoIs are welcome in English (preferred) or in German. Deadline for submitting the EoI: **October 14th, 2020 (23:59 CET).**