

Terms of Reference

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Mapping and analysis of past and present peacebuilding approaches in the Western Balkans.

Within its topic “Peace” the Robert Bosch Stiftung is seeking consultant(s) to undertake a mapping and analysis of past and present peacebuilding approaches in the Western Balkans. Submission date for the expression of interest (EoI) is December 13, 2020.

Background

The Robert Bosch Stiftung 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 relations portfolio. In its newly established Peace strategy, it focuses on locally-led peace initiatives (LLPI), in order to contribute to sustainable peace. The Foundation has identified the Western Balkans as one of the focus regions for its future work.

There are few post-conflict regions around the world that have received as much international financial and institutional support for peacebuilding and interethnic reconciliation as the territory of the former Yugoslavia. The Robert Bosch Stiftung aims to understand and learn from past and present peacebuilding approaches that have been conducted in the Western Balkans since the 1990s. For this purpose, the foundation is looking for an expert on peace approaches in the Western Balkans who can carry out such a research piece. In the foundation’s understanding, peacebuilding covers a broad range of measures implemented in the context of emerging, current or post-conflict situations and which are guided by a primary commitment to the prevention of violent conflict and the promotion of a lasting and sustainable peace. It is seen as a long-term process that seeks to positively alter structural contradictions, improve relations between the conflict parties and encourage overall constructive changes in attitudes.

Purpose & scope of work

The mapping will consist of three parts:

Part 1: Past peacebuilding approaches in the Western Balkans

A state-of-the-art review and analysis on lessons learned from peacebuilding approaches in the Western Balkans. Rough estimation and assessment on the overall availability, quantity and quality of evaluations from past peacebuilding approaches in the Western Balkans. Review of (published) reports and articles. Key questions: Which exemplary peacebuilding approaches have been most successful, which have not and why? What kind of actors were most/least successful in implementing peacebuilding approaches? Please highlight key lessons learned from both academia and practitioners.

Part 2: Present: Current endeavors to peace and stability in the Western Balkans

Mapping of relevant current peacebuilding approaches on a community, national and regional level, conducted by the international community as well as by actors at local levels. Please include information on: (1) the implementing actor(s) (as concrete as possible, including individual names & positions), (2) the scope of project implementation (on a local, national or regional level), (3) the main aim and group of beneficiaries and (4) the planned duration of support.

Part 3: Conclusion & recommendations

Please analyze the findings and provide specific recommendations for a European, private foundation (like the Robert Bosch Stiftung GmbH) for setting up a locally-led peace initiative in the Western Balkans in regard to best practices and lessons learned based on the mapping and the literature review.

Methodology & Deliverables

This study can be conducted as a desk research. The methodology will be jointly finalized between Robert Bosch Stiftung and the consultant(s) when selected. The results of the study will be submitted as a comprehensive document, including

- Executive summary (max. 2 pages),
- Mapping of past and present peacebuilding approaches
- Elaborated state-of-the-art literature review (summary) and commented bibliography with relevant reports and analyses

The (interim) results of the study will be presented to the Robert Bosch Stiftung (virtually or in person) promptly after completion. If necessary, the study will be revised after the presentation.

Time frame

The assignment starts on January 1, 2021 and ends on February 28, 2021 at the latest. We estimate the research and write-up to take approximately 20 working days. We expect intermediate (written & oral) results by February 15, 2021.

Qualifications

The consultant(s) shall possess the following minimum qualifications:

- In-depth knowledge and understanding of past peacebuilding approaches in the Western Balkans as well as current peacebuilding and conflict transformation endeavors in the region
- Sound knowledge of and good network in the international community having worked in and on the Western Balkans
- More than 5 year's 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

Applicants who meet the qualifications, skills and requirements mentioned above are invited to submit an expression of interest (Eol). Both individual applicants or organizations can submit an Eol. The Eol 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 Eol or any questions you may have to Patricia Degueldre (patricia.degueldre@bosch-stiftung.de) and Julian Hermann (julian.hermann@bosch-stiftung.de). Eols are welcome in English or in German. Deadline for submitting the Eol: December 13, 2020.