

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

International Expert on Corruption-related Statutes of Limitations

Summary

Transparency International (TI) is inviting expressions of interest from highly motivated international experts/consultants on statutes of limitations for corruption offences.

The expert is expected to prepare a background note on the issue as well as a methodology for national research and present them to a group of TI national chapters at a planning meeting in March 2010 in Berlin.

The expected level of effort is 16-22 days, carried out between mid February and mid April 2010. Further opportunities for engagement can arise.

Background

TI is the global civil society organisation leading the fight against corruption. Through more than 90 national chapters worldwide, and an international Secretariat in Berlin, Germany (TI-S), TI raises awareness about the devastating impact of corruption and works with partners in government, the private sector and civil society to develop and implement effective measures to tackle it.

In 2010/11, TI runs a 16-months research and advocacy project on statutes of limitations in the EU for corruption offences.

This project will first produce information providing stakeholders with an overview of existing provisions in this area across the EU. It will provide (a) a generic overview of corruption-related statutes of limitations across the 27 EU member states and (b) an in-depth assessment of statutes of limitations and their application in eleven EU countries (Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Portugal, Romania and Slovakia). These findings will be analyzed and compiled into a report which will include recommendations on best practice. The related national research will be carried out by TI national chapters in the eleven countries involved in the project, in cooperation with the TI Secretariat.

Based on the findings of the report, the TI national chapters involved in the project will work actively to promote best practice to the relevant stakeholders, including, among other, policy makers, government institutions, private sector, and other NGOs. This will be achieved through a series of national stakeholder meetings, dissemination activities and the international launch of a best practice report.

Description of Tasks

The consultant will be engaged during the first phase of the project which involves developing the methodology and common terms of reference for the subsequent research and analysis. It is expected that the expert/consultant will complete the following tasks:

- Review project documentation and consult on ToR. (1 day)
- Produce a background note on key issues, resources and existing research findings regarding anti-corruption statutes of limitations and their relevance in the wider context of anti-corruption enforcement, covering both common law and civil law systems and



including brief examples of various regimes worldwide. The note should also cover existing international and regional standards for corruption-related statutes of limitations (e.g. OECD Convention, UNCAC, CoE, etc.), including existing provisions and policies at the European Union level. It should also include a complete list of corruption-related offenses and remedies and advise on the scope of coverage of the national analyses (20-25 pages). (7-10 days)

- Develop a draft research methodology for (a) the generic overview of corruption-related statutes of limitations across the EU (incl. a survey questionnaire and guidance note for national researchers) as well as (b) for the in-depth studies in eleven EU member states (incl. common terms of reference), considering different options and engaging in consultations with participants in the project. (5-7 days)
- Attend a project planning meeting in Berlin in March 2010, presenting the draft deliverables for discussion and advising participants on content- and research-related issues. (2-3 days)
- Finalize deliverables, taking into consideration feedback received from participants. (1-2 days)

Profile/Consultancy Requirements

Applicants are expected to have the following profile:

- Law degree.
- Experience with criminal and civil law, particularly related to statutes of limitations, ideally regarding corruption-related offences.
- In-depth understanding of the EU legal and policy framework, ideally related to corruption.
- Experience in designing applied research projects in the field of legal analysis.
- Spoken and written fluency in English.
- Experience in public prosecution is an advantage.
- Experience with administrative and commercial law is an advantage.

Application process

Applications must be sent to SoL@transparency.org by Tuesday, 2 February 2010, with the following elements attached:

- Curriculum Vitae with full description of the applicant's profile and expertise,
- A summary proposal with cost estimate, including draft table of contents for the background note and/or a draft outline of the national research methodology (up to 4 pages),
- A writing sample on a relevant topic, ideally on the issue of corruption-related statutes of limitations,
- Contact details for at least two independent referees with in-depth and proven knowledge of the applicant's expertise and relevant work experience.

Please indicate "Expression of interest – SoL project" in the subject line of your email application.

Applications from consultancy companies or groups of consultants are also accepted, provided that the consultants who would work on this assignment are clearly identified in the application package.

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