



**TENDER FOR  
THE PROCUREMENT OF AN EU RESEARCH COORDINATOR**

**- Restricted call-**

**CAPISCE PROJECT**

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## Background to the CAPISCE project

The CAPISCE project cofinanced by the European commission seeks to enhance the protection of victims of trafficking, more specifically children during criminal investigation and proceedings.

Several existing EU instruments ensure access to justice and the right to be protected in legal procedures for child victims of trafficking in the EU Member states: 2011/36 Directive on trafficking in human beings, 2011/93 Directive on sexual exploitation of children, and the first "*Commission report on the progress made in the fight against trafficking*". These Instruments provide for a comprehensive set of measures to ensure the protection of the rights of child victims of trafficking such as the right to a physical and personal data protection. Among these provisions, the implementation of physical protection measures are of utmost importance not only for the early identification of victims but also to appropriately deal with their case and prevent secondary victimization.

The four countries (Belgium, France, Italy, The Netherlands) concerned by the CAPISCE project have victims exploited in trafficking. Victims may not file a complaint for several reasons: none physical protection, fear of reprisals, fear of sharing personal information, fear of being in contact with the offenders. Victims of trafficking in human beings have, because of their situation, specific rights whose purpose is to guarantee effective protection. Without their victim's right guaranteed, they will not access the protection they need.

The CAPISCE project aims to **ensure victims benefit from an adequate protection during investigation and criminal proceedings.**

**The project proposes to undertake research in four Member States focusing on** the protection of victims of trafficking during criminal investigation and proceedings. By covering the legal proceedings, the research will study the implementation of the minimum standards established by the Directive EU 2012/29 including: the qualification of "victim", the sharing of information and the security of the persons, the risk of secondary and repeat victimization, of intimidation and of retaliation by the offender, the right to avoid contact between victim and offender (art. 19), the right to protection of victims during criminal investigations (art. 20), the right to protection of privacy (art. 21), the individual assessment of victims to identify specific protection needs (art. 22). The research will include the study of obstacles for child victims to obtain their rights and will elaborate recommendations based on national or European practices in order to improve the current systems.

The project will produce a research in the 4 countries (Belgium, France, Italy and the Netherlands) and an EU research report.

The country researches will be done in each country by the **national legal researchers** selected by ECPAT groups. Terms of reference for "national legal researchers" have been published separately and can be asked at [evallat@ecpat-france.org](mailto:evallat@ecpat-france.org).

**The EU research coordinator** will be responsible for proposing common research tools, analyzing all the national reports and elaborate the European research.

### 1) The role of the Research Coordinator

The EU Research Coordinator will be contracted to lead the research programme and coordinate the activities of the other national researchers. The EU Research Coordinator will be responsible for:

- Coordinating the country researches in four Member States (Belgium, France, Italy and the Netherlands)
- Delivering a final, high quality report referred to as “the EU research”

The research will be done in two steps: an initial desk research and a field research. The Research Coordinator will be responsible for:

- Facilitating an initial workshop (in Brussels) to clarify the goals of the desk research, the variety of systems in each country and the level of details expected. The research coordinator will propose a questionnaire for the desk review.
- Working with the National Researchers to set a realistic timetable for the research.
- Devising the general questionnaire and outlining where individual countries may have to depart from the general questionnaire to address country specific issues.
- Collecting the outcomes of the desk research and organising a face-to-face meeting with all the researchers to compare desk research and ideas for substantive research. This second meeting in Paris will discuss the questionnaire and detailed guidance for the field research (fields of research, persons to be interviewed, methodology to be used).
- Collating research and formulating recommendations, based on summary reports provided by national researchers.
- Producing the final report containing recommendations at European level (maximum 60 pages)
- Attending a European workshop in Roma (1.5 days) to present findings of researches and to exchange on good practices developed in EU Member States regarding child victims of trafficking or other related forms of crimes.

## 2) Restricted terms of reference

**Only applicants to the procurement process for national legal researchers** can apply for the EU research coordination. The procurement for national legal researchers can be asked to [evallat@ecpat-france.org](mailto:evallat@ecpat-france.org)

## 3) Work commitment in days

Meetings and conference	6 days	Feb / March / Oct 2020
Elaboration of the EU report	11 days	August / September 2020
Proofreading of national reports and exchanges	3 days	September 2020
<b>Total lot 2</b>	<b>20 days</b>	

## 4) Person specification

The consultant should have:

- A master’s degree in law or relevant experience in the legal field (mandatory)
- Good command of English, with excellent writing and editing skills (mandatory)
- Professional expertise in child protection and children’s rights

- Knowledge of trafficking and/or unaccompanied minors
- Knowledge of the legal framework for children's rights, at European and national level
- Experience in conducting research
- Knowledge of networks of legal professionals

The applicants will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Knowledge of trafficking and/or unaccompanied minors (30%)
- Knowledge of the legal framework for children's rights, at European level (30%)
- Experience in conducting and leading research at European level (40%)

## 5) Location

The coordination can be done by telephone and skype. It is expected that the EU research coordinator also spend: 1 day in Brussels and 1 day in Paris for a meeting with the national researchers, and 1,5 day in Roma for the European meeting.

## 6) Remuneration

The budget has been estimated as a daily rate of €350. The researchers are responsible for paying income tax.

## 7) Contract

The successful candidate will sign a memorandum of understanding with the ECPAT project partner of reference in his/her target country and will be employed on a time-limited consultancy basis.

## 8) Tendering process

### a. Timescale

Tender opening date:	15 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
Tender closing date:	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2019
Winning tender announced:	5 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
Contract signed:	10 <sup>th</sup> December 2019

### b. How to apply

Applicants should send a CV and covering letter to [evallat@ecpat-france.org](mailto:evallat@ecpat-france.org) by 5pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2019. Applicants should explain their suitability for the role, referring to the person specification above. Please note that the application must be in addition to the application to the position of legal researcher.

The selected candidate will be contacted by the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2019.