

April 6, 2021

**Call for Applications for a Service Contract –
*Coordination of the International Journal on Social Rights***

The Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung (the “client”) intends to award a service contract with a call for competition for the activities mentioned in the attached service description.

Please note the following dates:

End of the offer period: April 30, 2021 12:00 o'clock Central European Time

End of the award and binding period: 15 May 2021

Contract period: 15 May 2021 to 15 Nov 2022

Terms and conditions:

The contractual conditions of the Client shall apply exclusively. The terms and conditions of the tenderer are excluded. Side offers are excluded!

The present Call for Applications shall not be construed as an offer, and the bidder shall not have any rights arising thereof.

To participate in the Call, please submit your Application digitally before the end of the offer period. Documents can be submitted in English or German language.

With kind regards

Eva Wuchold
Programme Director Social Rights

Annexes:

1. Terms of reference
2. Price sheet
3. Self-declaration Form

Annex 1: Terms of reference

Awarding of a Service Contract: **Coordination of the International Journal on Social Rights**

1.1. About Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung

The Geneva office of Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung was founded in 2019 and will be further established throughout 2020. It serves as the liaison office to the UN institutions in Geneva, but also works thematically towards the issues of social rights and international labour work.

The Geneva office of the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung is related to the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung e.V. in Berlin, Germany. Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung e.V. is one of the six major political foundations in the Federal Republic of Germany, tasked primarily with conducting political education both at home and abroad. The Stiftung's work adheres to the legacy of its namesake, German socialist leader Rosa Luxemburg, and seeks to represent democratic socialism with an unwavering internationalist focus. The Stiftung is committed to a radical perspective emphasizing public awareness, enlightenment and social critique. It stands in the tradition of the workers' and women's movements, as well as anti-fascism and anti-racism. Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung e.V. is a registered non-profit organization in Germany. The Stiftung is closely linked to Die Linke, the German Left Party.

The aim of the work of Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung is to promote a critical analysis of society and foster networks of emancipatory political, social and cultural initiatives around Germany. Internationally, it will participate in cooperative development projects and advocate for a dialogue between the Global North and South conducted on equal footing. Like other political foundations, Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung seeks to develop and expand the concept of political education by emphasizing a critical analysis of society as our central task, further underlined by our namesake.

Based on the firm belief that social change requires a reflective confrontation with today's capitalist society as a whole, the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung strives to develop alternative concepts and approaches for a comprehensive process of social transformation enabling the creation of a more united and just society. Education and training in democratic socialist politics, analysis, information and policy advice are therefore the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung's basic tasks.

1.2. Background

The idea for the International Journal on Social Rights is based on the discussion about global social rights. The concept of Global Social Rights (GSR) is an emancipatory appropriation of universal human rights. It is to be applied in such a way that the "right to have rights" becomes part of everyday life - globally. In other words: where people resist, actively engage in changing political and social conditions, they always return to fundamental rights that are denied to them and others. The aim is also to uncover the utopian-normative content of human rights and to expand them to include social components. In doing so, the GSR concept can serve as a signpost to "another world", as an umbrella under which actors come together for political debates with concrete demands in order to get things moving together. The struggle for the right to have rights could become the common crystallization point of concrete struggles of political actors and human rights activists, migrants and workers, NGOs and movements.

The strategic potential of the GSR is that they include contradictions of all social struggles and challenges in their analysis, but also formulate goals of a desired emancipation policy. They constantly call for leaving the nationally limited perspective, since the analyses only become

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coherent when the global context is grasped. The GSR demand unconditional participation. The centre is the unconditional global demand for rights. If they are not granted, they must be appropriated. In doing so, all issues are covered from a global perspective and always bear in mind the need for a just North-South balance involving:

- Ecological requirements
- Food Sovereignty
- Health provision / social infrastructure
- Social aspects of labour and production
- Sustainability / ecological justice
- Migration / freedom of movement
- Abolition of all forms of repression of diversity of life

Global (social) rights are strongly related to the concept of human rights, but go beyond it, since they do not address a state or supranational organization to grant rights, but call for active appropriation of rights recognized as legitimate. Thus, a debate based on unconditional fundamental rights seems to open up new possibilities to come closer to the strategic potential of a global perspective. The GSR concept calls for alternatives to the ruthless exploitation of human life and all natural resources such as fossil fuels, water resources or biological diversity, as well as for an understanding of the contradictions between the need for ecological restrictions and the demands for the development of all. Particularly from a global perspective, there is a need to show internal connections of conflicting interests, such as the consequences of ecological devastation based on the climate catastrophe and the increase of migration movements, while a fairer distribution of resources would enable most people to have a “right to stay”.

The demand for unconditional rights can help to shape framework conditions that enable a globally just distribution of wealth acquired by global society as a whole, equal opportunities in a diversity of different ways of life, emancipation and the greatest possible democratic participation in all areas of society that are universally valid, in other words universal.

1.3. Aim of the service

The aim of the service of Coordination of the International Journal on Social Rights is to manage the production (content, layout, printing) and distribution (print and online) of the first two issues of a new publication format called the International Journal on Social Rights.

The objectives of the International Journal on Social Rights are as follows:

- To initiate an international discussion on social rights.
- To intensifying the discussion about individual social rights.
- To build up an international network for the discussion of social rights.

The target group are politically interested readers, rather younger, familiar with texts that are more demanding, have received higher education or absolved an academic career, no experts.

Specifications of the journal:

The journal is to appear twice a year – online and in print –, has a thematic focus and be about 100 pages long. It is planned to have a German and an English language version. Besides the thematic focus, there will be other, recurring sections. Distribution is carried out by Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung and its network respectively partner organisations.

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1.4. Tasks, contract duration and scope

- a) May-June 2021 (approximately 12 workdays) :
 - a.a. Development of the process from the creation to the delivery of the journal
 - a.b. Preparation of the award of a work contract for the layout
 - a.c. Preparation of the award of a contract with a printing house

- b) July 2021-February 2022 (approximately 8 workdays per month, total 64 days) :
 - b.a. Coordination of the content production of the 1st issue, to be published Feb/March 2022
 - b.b. Coordination of the layout and printing of the 1st issue
 - b.c. Coordination of the print and online distribution of the 1st issue, in Germany and worldwide.

- c) March-November 2022 (approximately 8 workdays per month, total 72 days)
 - c.a. Coordination of the content production of the 2nd issue, to be published in Oct /Nov 2022
 - c.b. Coordination of the layout and printing of the 2nd issue
 - c.c. Coordination of the print and online distribution of the 2nd issue, in Germany and worldwide.

All activities are to be permanently fed back to the Programme Director and the Geneva office. The concepts should be presented both in a longer word document and in a shorter version for presentations (e.g. as power point).

The projected contract period is 15/05/2021 to 30/11/2022.

The estimated work scope for the entire period will therefore be approximately 148 workdays. The concrete work plan will be updated on a monthly basis between the Program Director Social Rights and the contractor. If there are necessary deviations, they can be adjusted later.

1.5. Expected qualifications of the contractor

The Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung expects the following qualifications:

- Several years of experience in journalism and/or in coordination of publications projects.
- Experience in working with designers / layouters and printing houses (preferably in Berlin/Germany).
- Contacts to designers / layouters and printing houses (preferably in Berlin/Germany).
- Knowledge in the field of German and international media.
- Knowledge in the field of Global Social Rights related projects.
- Knowledge of the work of German political foundations.
- Fluency in German and English.

1.6. Travel expenses of the contractor

The travel expenses are covered according to the internal guidelines of the client. This means that the client bears the travel and accommodation costs, regardless of the fee rate. Other costs such as expenses for telephone charges, use of public transport, etc. incurred in connection with the performance of the task will be reimbursed on presentation of appropriate receipts insofar as they are unavoidable and appropriate in the circumstances.

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1.7. Applications

Applicants submit an offer specifying prices. For this purpose, the price sheet (Annex 2) must be used and submitted with the offer. Furthermore, we request a tabular CV, at least three qualified references, a signed Self-declaration Form (Annex 3) and a short conceptual note (1 page), which refers to task b). The time availability during the contract period must be guaranteed.

If the applicants are subject to VAT, this must be communicated with the application together with the amount of the applicable VAT. The VAT is then paid in addition. If no communication is made, the price is the gross amount.

If you have any questions regarding the call for applications or your application, please send an e-mail to Jeanne Planche, Project Manager Social Rights (jeanne.planche@rosalux.org).

Please send your written application (by e-mail) Jeanne Planche, Project Manager Social Rights (jeanne.planche@rosalux.org) by 30/04/2021, 12:00 o'clock Central European Time. The receipt of applications will not be confirmed.

1.8. Award and contract process / time frame

Negotiations are not allowed in this procurement procedure.

- Publication: 07/04/2021
- End of the offer period: **30/04/2021, 12:00 o'clock Central European Time**
- End of the award and binding period: 15/05/2021
- Contract period: 15/05/2021-30/11/2022

1.9. Review criteria

The following points are defined as evaluation criteria for the selection of the most economical offer:

Review criteria	Weighting
B1 Price (Inclusive price for all basic services according to terms of reference)	50%
B2 Performance (concept note, work experience and expertise with regard to the advertised performance, knowledge of the subject area)	50%

Annex 3: Self-declaration Form

1. The bidder declares that

- no person who's behaviour is attributable to her or his company has been issued with a final sentence for or that his/her company has been fined with financial penalties according to administrative or criminal offence acts;
- her or his company's obligations to pay taxes, duties, or contributions to the social security have been met to this day, that in this regard no judicial or administrative proceeding exists, or are about to be initiated and that her or his company has fulfilled its commitments by paying taxes, fees and social security contributions including interest or penalties.

2. The bidder declares that her or his company

- did not violate environmental, social, or employment obligations in the execution of public or private contracts;
- is not insolvent, and that no insolvency proceedings or comparable proceedings have been initiated against her or his company and its assets, that the opening of such proceedings has not been rejected due to a lack of assets, and that the company did not enter into liquidation nor has it ceased its activity;
- has not been guilty of serious misconduct in professional matters which question the integrity of the company or his workers.

3. The bidder declares that there are no reasons for her or his company to be excluded due to undeclared work and illegal employment.

The bidder undertakes to ask subcontractors to comply with the above statements 1 to 3.

Date, stamp (if available) and legally binding signature