

## Call for Tender - External Evaluation of Project LITI-GATE

Victim Support Europe is looking for a provider to develop a monitoring and evaluation plan and prepare an external evaluation of the European Commission co-funded project “**LITI-GATE - Strategic Litigation as a Gateway to address the rights of Persons with Disabilities in the European Union**”.

The project, which started in September 2023 and is running for 24 months, aims to promote the enforcement of the [EU Charter of Fundamental Rights](#) to strategic litigation activities to address breaches of the fundamental rights of persons with intellectual and/or psychological disabilities. More specifically, the project aims to:

- Improving knowledge on how to conduct strategic litigation for the benefit of persons with disabilities;
- Developing practical guidance on how to use the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights for strategic litigation;
- Building capacity of national and regional stakeholders on how to conduct strategic litigation;
- Strengthening cooperation between national and regional organisations of persons with disability (OPDs), victim support organisations and relevant EU networks to enforce the Charter for persons with disabilities victims of fundamental rights breaches.

### Objectives of the evaluation

The evaluation framework and methodology will be fine-tuned in collaboration with the evaluator, including the evaluation questions and indicators. The project proposal suggested the following elements, which will be the starting factor for the determination of the final methodology:

- **Effectiveness:** Assess whether the funds of the European Commission contributed to the development and implementation of strategic litigation activities to address the rights of Persons with Disabilities in the European Union.
- **Impact:** Assess the changes resulting from the programme (positive/negative, direct/indirect, intended/unintended)
- **Sustainability and replicability:** assess whether the impacts achieved through the project are likely to be sustained after the current funding period and if they are replicable in other countries.

Quantitative indicators *might* look into:

- Number and status of participants in the national and international activities (disaggregated by gender, disability status and professional occupation)
- Number of national/regional institutions/professional groups, their gender and disability represented
- Number of EU countries represented in the implementation of the project
- Number and gender of practitioners trained
- Number of EU Member States participating in capacity-building activities
- Number, profile and gender of experts participating in capacity-building activities
- Number of people reached through the dissemination activities
- Baseline and assessment of knowledge, training needs (pre-training/event survey) and post-training/mentoring assessment professionals and persons with disabilities joining the training

events, mentoring programme and international LABs, for relevance and quality through self-rating.

Qualitative indicators *might* look into:

- Availability and quality of resources to facilitate strategic litigation in addressing the rights of persons with disabilities
- Indicators of enhanced knowledge and awareness among target groups and other stakeholders
- Increased cooperation between national and regional organisations of persons with disability (OPDs), victim support organisations and relevant EU networks
- Expanded understanding of strategic litigation activities to address breaches of the fundamental rights of persons with intellectual and/or psychological disabilities

### **Expected deliverables**

**Task 1:** Fine-tuning of the evaluation methodology and evaluation plan: this shall include highlighting the key evaluation criteria, evaluation questions, and related indicators applicable to measure the effectiveness, impact and sustainability of the project. The Evaluator shall also mention all evaluation activities and related methods they intend to perform. The task will be considered completed upon approval of the Evaluation Plan by Victim Support Europe.

**Task 2:** Producing the draft evaluation report. The Evaluator shall produce a first draft report outlining the key findings of the evaluation.

**Task 3:** Producing the final evaluation report.

### **Eligibility criteria**

The selected provider will need relevant subject knowledge and experience conducting justice-related programme evaluations. The tender is open to both natural and legal persons and groups of individuals.

Applicants should demonstrate that they have:

- Sound knowledge and understanding of EU-level decision-making processes and institutions;
- Sound knowledge of EU-level policy areas in which VSE is active (<https://victim-support.eu/what-we-do/>);
- Understanding of strategic litigation topics and the rights of persons with intellectual and/or psychological disabilities.

Applicants must have excellent knowledge of the English language.

### **Budget**

The maximum contract price is EUR 4.000 including fees and VAT. The payment schedule will be agreed to correspond with the timing of the deliverables.

Price should include all costs to execute tasks of the contract (no travel expenses are foreseen).

The amount of VAT should be shown separately on the invoice.

Costs incurred in preparing and submitting tenders are borne by the tenderers and cannot be reimbursed.

## **Application**

To be considered for this service, tenders with the required profile shall submit the following documents:

- Tender submission (max 3 pages), including:
  - o Name and contact information of the tenderer
  - o Proposed methodology and approach
  - o Breakdown of costs explaining the quoted total price
- CV(s) of the evaluator(s)
- Two references with full contact details
- Relevant examples of evaluation work performed as appropriate

The selection procedure will be based on the principles of equal treatment, fairness, transparency and expertise (75%) and price (25%).

All applicants will receive an acknowledgement of receipt of their tender and will be informed of the outcomes of the selection process. VSE is not obliged to provide reasons for its decisions to shortlist; VSE has the right to accept or reject any tender.

The offer needs to be submitted electronically in English by the 17<sup>th</sup> of June, at [info@victimsupporteurope.eu](mailto:info@victimsupporteurope.eu) - with the subject line "LITI-GATE – Evaluation".

## **Background information**

Victim Support Europe (VSE) is the leading European umbrella organisation that advocates on behalf of all victims of crime, no matter what the crime, no matter who the victim.

Since its foundation in 1990, VSE has worked on behalf of all European- and global- victims to ensure their rights and services, whether they have reported a crime or not.

VSE represents 78 national member organisations, providing support and information services to more than two million people affected by crime every year in 35 countries.

We work through advocacy to achieve our mission of improving European and international laws related to victims' rights, using research, knowledge development, and capacity building at the national and local levels.