

Call for Experts for the international project “Cross-border Sustainability Alliances”

About DVV and DVV International

DVV International is the Institute for International Cooperation of the Deutscher Volkshochschul-Verband e.V. (DVV), the German Adult Education Association. DVV represents the interests of the approximately 900 adult education centres (Volkshochschulen) and their state associations, the largest further education providers in Germany. As the leading professional organisation in the field of adult education and development cooperation, DVV International has committed itself to supporting lifelong learning for 50 years. DVV International provides worldwide support for the establishment of sustainable structures for Youth and Adult Education.

About the project

The project “Cross-border Sustainability-Alliances – an international initiative for Sustainable Adult Education Institutions” aims at developing a global network with adult education centres in Germany (Volkshochschulen) and institutions of adult learning and education internationally. The main objective is the exchange of experiences on transformative education, Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), the Whole Institution Approach and subsequently the development of tools and instruments for further interested institutions.

The project is coordinated through a project team at DVV International's headquarter in Bonn, Germany. 12 institutions of adult learning and education are participating (six Volkshochschulen in Germany as well as six international institutions). Besides the hereby sought experts, a network of consultants will be initiated for further in-depth support, stemming from various relevant organisations and institutes.

The six international institutions are situated in Austria, Japan, Philippines, Slovenia, South Africa and Switzerland.

Tasks of the experts

We are looking for three international experts who will support 1-3 institutions of adult learning and education and the project team throughout the project period (08/2021 – 04/2024). At the same time, three German experts are called for to attend to the six German Volkshochschulen (the German Call for Experts can be found on the DVVI website). The all together six experts as well as the participating institutions will be organized within a virtual communication structure, which enables all participants to interact and communicate with each other.

The tasks of the experts are in detail:

- Participation at a **conceptualizing workshop in Germany** with other experts and the project team (Oct. 2021)
Output: Discussions on ESD, WIA and transformative education from different perspectives. Further the development of concepts and instruments for “positioning” workshops at participating institutions.
- Preparation and participation at a **virtual kick-off meeting** with all participating international institutions (Dec. 2021)
- Preparation, organisation and wrap-up of “**positioning**” **workshops** at 1-3 participating international institutions (March – June 2022)
Output: Application of above mentioned tools/instruments and adaptation of WIA approaches and development of roadmap with each institution
- Preparation and participation at an **international exchange conference** at one of the European partner institutions (*exact place will be determined at a later point*) (Oct. 2022)
- Preparation, organisation and wrap-up of **closing workshops** at 1-3 participating institutions (July – September 2023)

Output: Adjustment and adaption of results of the exchange conference and collaborative work as well as alignment of the previously set goals

Following the exchange conference, several virtual working groups will be formed to discuss specific topics further in-depth and to enhance the planning of specific project results and instruments. In this course, additional tasks for the experts might arise. The specifics of such tasks (timeframes, number of working days etc.) would be discussed at that time.

The above-mentioned periods are estimations and can change marginally. As of today, all workshops are planned as face-to-face events if not stated otherwise (e.g. virtual kick-off meeting). These plans are subject to potential changes due to the current pandemic situation. In case of need, face-to-face meetings may be transferred into virtual formats.

In addition to the described tasks, the project team of DVV International will develop print publications as well as e-learning courses, to both of which the experts are asked to share insights and knowledge. In spring of 2024, a virtual closing conference is planned to enhance the transfer of the project results and instruments at which the experts' participation is highly desired.

The above-mentioned tasks necessitate a willingness to travel to Germany and a European partner as well as to assigned institutions internationally. For the project's success, working closely with the other alliance members and specifically with the DVVI project team is essential.

Our offer

The remuneration per working day depends on the above-specified tasks and consists of 450 EUR (gross) for participatory tasks and 550 EUR (gross) for process support tasks. Altogether, there are 9 – 15 working days; depending on the number of partner institutions each expert will be assigned. Additionally, DVV International covers costs for travel, accommodation and meals according to the German Travel Expenses Act (Bundesreisekostengesetz).

Performance period: 01.09.2021 – 30.04.2024

Remuneration in detail

TASK	WORKING DAY RATE
2021	
Conceptualizing workshop	2 days at 450€
Virtual kick-off workshop	1 day at 450€
2022	
Positioning workshops	2 days at 550€ per institution <i>(number of partner institutions for each expert not yet determined)</i>
Exchange conference	2 days at 450€
2023	
Closing workshops	2 days at 550€ per institution <i>(number of partner institutions for each expert not yet determined)</i>

The modus operandi will be annual service contracts (see annex). Depending on prior arrangement, partial services can be billed as well. Precondition for continuing contracts is the quality of the performed works.

Profile and requirements

Assessment criteria:

- Proven expert knowledge in the field of Education for Sustainable Development and transformative education, preferably in the context of Adult Education (30%)
- Proven expertise in organizational development, Whole Institution Approach, coaching and process support (20%)
- Proficiency in English and possibly additional languages (15%)
- Proven intercultural competence and experience in international collaboration (10%)
- Proven presentation and moderation skills (15%)
- Personal virtual interview (10%)

Eligibility criteria:

- University degree in Education / Adult Education / Social Sciences or a similar degree in field relevant to the subject
- Expertise in Education for Sustainable Development
- Expertise in Adult Learning and Education in general and particular to the partner countries
- Expertise of Education for Sustainable Development structures and processes
- Proficiency in English (certificate or equivalent)

Please provide evidence to the stated eligibility criteria in your CV. Furthermore, we ask you to provide further insight via the attached “standard self-declaration”.

Your application

We are looking for **three international experts**. Applications should consist of

- a motivation letter
- a CV
- evidence of eligibility and assessment (published works / references)
- the signed standard self-declaration

All documents should be written in English and presented in PDF. Applications can be sent via e-mail until **31 July 2021** to Anne Lukas (lukas@dvv-international.de) with the subject “Expert ESD-Alliances”.

Following examination of all applications received, the six best assessed candidates will be invited to a personal virtual interview. These interviews will most likely take place in calendar weeks 32/33. Successful candidates will be informed until latest 31st August 2021.

Should you have any questions, please contact Eva Heinen (heinen@dvv-international.de / +49 (0) 228 – 9756927).

We are looking forward to your application!