

Terms of Reference

Development of "The 100 Most Pressing Problems of the Republic of Moldova" study

Purpose of Assignment

Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Moldova announces a call for quotations for the development of the study "The 100 Most Pressing Problems of the Republic of Moldova." The primary objective of this study is to conduct a thorough examination and categorization of the most significant challenges confronting the Republic of Moldova in 2024. The study seeks to offer actionable insights and recommendations that address the challenges comprehensively, thereby contributing to the country's sustainable development and societal well-being. By presenting these problems in a structured and detailed manner, the study shall act as a tool in informing policymakers, stakeholders, and the general public about the main pressing issues of the country, ultimately fostering a more informed and active dialogue on potential solutions.

Proposed Methodology

The analysis tools shall include among others the following: Fundamental analysis of key statistical data about economic, financial, and social trends; analysis of various studies and publications; perception analysis of public opinion polls and other representative country surveys; interviews with public figures, sectorial platforms, independent experts, decision-makers, and academic representatives; overview of the main topics and problems addressed by the media in 2024.

The identified problems will be classified into seven general categories:

- Foreign Policy and European Integration
- National Policies
- Justice and Anti-Corruption
- Economy
- Social Issues
- Environmental Concerns
- Local Public Administration

Each identified problem will be analysed in a short chapter with the following structure:

- **Description of the Problem:** Areas of manifestation, sources, and reasons for the problem's relevance to Moldovan society
- **Target Groups:** Individuals and social groups affected or privileged by the problem
- **Impact:** Costs, difficulties, risks, and effects of the problem's existence
- **Dynamics:** Trends of the problem and its persistence over time
- **Factors:** Elements that have perpetuated the problem or play a significant role in its relevance
- **Evolution:** Possible scenarios considering current developments
- **Questions:** Key questions capturing the essence of the problem and engaging the reader's interest

Timeline for Report Development

The deadline for the report development is 30 March 2025.

Requirements for the implementing organizations

- Well-established and reputable think-tank with at least 5 years of activity;
- Proven experience in conducting similar reports/ analyses; References to similar reports and analyses;
- Deep knowledge of the economic, social, and political situation of Moldova and the region;
- Proven capacity to identify relevant experts to ensure the successful implementation of the project.

Application process

All organizations interested in this assignment shall submit their quotations including the following:

- **Technical offer:** Detailed description of the approach to problem identification and analysis, including methodology and tools proposed.
- **Financial offer:** A budget that will include all the costs pertaining to the report development.

The quotations shall be assessed based on the following methodology:

Evaluation methodology: technical offer – 65 points, financial offer –35 points.

Deadline for submission of quotations: 09 August 2024.