

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR MID-TERM EXTERNAL EVALUATION

SCHOOLS FOR DEMOCRACY PROGRAMME

The European Wergeland Centre

The European Wergeland Centre is inviting organisations to participate in a tender for mid-term evaluation of the centre's Schools for Democracy programme in Ukraine.

Schools for Democracy: Strengthening Democratic Resilience in Ukraine and Moldova, carried out in 2024-2027 with an aim to facilitate systemic democratic reforms in education and strengthen European cooperation by promoting democratic culture and democratic citizenship in policy and practice. The Programme is implemented by the The European Wergeland Centre in close cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine. It is funded by The Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation.

The mid-term evaluation should focus on assessing the programme's relevance, effectiveness and results achieved so far. The evaluation should be based on the OECD evaluation criteria as a guiding framework for assessing relevance, coherence, effectiveness, and results. ([Evaluation Criteria | OECD](#))

Evaluation questions:

1. Is the programme relevant in the implementing context, including for the recipient country's reform agenda, donor priorities, as well as the situation of war?
2. To what extent has the implementation process and approach been complete, appropriate and responsive to date? Are there any emerging inclusion-related findings (e.g., conflict-affected or vulnerable groups)?
3. How coherent are the programme's components and partnerships, including complementarity with other national and international initiatives and avoidance of duplication?
4. To which degree is the programme achieving the expected outputs and outcomes so far, given the evolving context in Ukraine? Provide an evaluation of progress in relation to planned results.

Indicative (Optional) Mid-term Questions

5. What are the programme's contributions to effects at the level of objectives and impact? Are there plausible early signs of longer-term impact and lasting changes at individual, institutional and policy levels, such as changes in school practices, institutional uptake, or strengthened capacities, acknowledging the limitations of mid-term assessment? What measures have been taken to provide for sustainability of changes?

Time period and budget :

- a. Time period: the evaluation will run starting from April 2026 until December 2026
- b. Budget: The total maximum budget for the external evaluation of the programme is set at 450 000 NOK (VAT incl).

Criteria for the selection:

- An organization with a proven track record in delivering high-quality evaluations, recognized professional credibility, and the capacity to mobilize relevant expertise through its own staff or established networks
- Experts included in the evaluation team, with the following proficiency:
 - Knowledge and understanding of the political, social and economic context in Ukraine
 - Background in education
 - Proficiency in English and Ukrainian
 - broad experience in evaluating projects in the field of education or social change
- Experience in evaluating education projects related to democratic citizenship and human rights will be considered an asset.

Tenderers shall be excluded from participation in a procurement procedure if:

a) they are bankrupt or being wound up, are having their affairs administered by the courts, have entered into an arrangement with creditors, have suspended business activities, are subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or are in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations; b) they or persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control over them have been convicted of an offence concerning their professional conduct by a final judgment; c) they have been guilty of grave professional misconduct; d) they have not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of Norway, the country in which they are established, or with those of the country where the contract is to be performed; e) they or persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control over them have been convicted for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organisation or money laundering by a final judgment; f) they make use of child labour or forced labour and/or practise discrimination, and/or do not respect the right to freedom of association and the right to organise and engage in collective bargaining pursuant to the core conventions of the International Labour Organization (ILO).

Contracts shall not be awarded to tenderers which, during the procurement procedure: a) are subject to a conflict of interests, b) are guilty of misrepresentation in supplying the information required as a condition of participation in the tender procedure or fail to supply this information.

Tender offers will be rejected if any illegal or corrupt practices have taken place in connection with the contract award.

Documents to be submitted by the candidate organization:

1. A brief presentation of the organization, including information on the organization's legal form and ownership structure.
2. A brief description of the team, indicating a contact person for communication with the EWC (team leader) and description and/or documents certifying the team members' qualifications required (CVs, etc).
3. A letter expressing the interest in conducting the evaluation with a brief description of approach and methods to be applied for analysis and additional data collection signed by an eligible organization's representative.
4. A document specifying the budget, timeline, and internal allocation of roles and resources within the team
5. Samples of previous external evaluation reports carried out by the organization or by the team, references if available.

Please submit the application to Anders Glette at a.glette@theewc.org by 24 April 2026.

Tenderers will be contacted for an interview (zoom/teams) **after 24. April 2026**. Only applicants who comply with the selection criteria will be contacted.

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