

EXTERNAL EVALUATION OF LATWORK PROJECT

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION & RESULTS

-Terms of Reference-

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| Project | Developing research and innovation capacities of Latinamerican HEI for the analysis of informal labour market – LATWORK |
| Acronym | LATWORK |
| Application Reference Number | 598651-EPP-1-2018-1-CL-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP |

OVERVIEW

The LATWORK Project is a three-year capacity building project funded by the Erasmus+ Programme- Capacity building in higher education of the EU. Its implementation period is from 15th January 2019 to 14th January 2022.

Objectives

The overall objective of the LATWORK project is to develop LA HEI research structures and innovative methodologies for satisfying the scientific needs of creating knowledge in the field of informal jobs and informal economy.

The specific objectives are:

1. Mapping the current situation in the production of research outputs on informal jobs and economy at Latin-American HEI.
2. Mapping the procedures of production and uses of research output in the internal and external HEI context. Measuring impact and potential.
3. Build capacity in research and innovation through the EU HEI expertise in creating research centres specialized in the field of labour market issues.
4. Creating High Performance HEI Research Centres to produce outputs.
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6. Creating a platform to standardize and upgrade the applicability of the research results at regional level.
7. Create a multidisciplinary research structure of research work to ensure the best possible capture of the informal labour and economy phenomena.
8. To reach higher efficiency of scientific procedures.

9. Develop a networking culture of continually and regular production of outputs in the field of informality in labour market.
10. Increase the level of commitment of HEI, researchers, graduate and more specifically PhD candidates' students, other HEI internal stakeholders and policy makers and external stakeholders, to regularly invest in, produce and make use of quality research output about labour market issues.

LATWORK will develop and improve LA HEI research structures for satisfying the scientific needs of creating knowledge in the field of informal jobs and informal economy through concrete tangible outputs:

1. Need analysis and transfer of know-how: 1 analysis methodology, sites visits to two HEIs, 1 Need Analysis Report and 1 Good Practice Guide.
2. Training Programme for technical and academic staff of informal labour market issues: 3 modules created. 3 modules workshops for technical and academic staff involved in labour market research training, Successful replications of the trainings.
3. LATWORK Research Centres: 9 research centres created equipped with hardware and software for quantitative and qualitative analysis at 9 HEIs.
4. Creation of LATinWORK network for regional research on informal jobs and informal economy: Network status; Network conference and meeting implemented, agreement ratified by at least 9 HEIs of LA countries distribution of the document.
5. Increase external relations cooperation to create more efficient outputs for the analysis and training on informal jobs and informal economy.
6. Increase HEI internal and external awareness about the need of research, training and policy making commitment with decent work and transition from informal to formal jobs: Dissemination strategy created, 200 stakeholders identified in the region and documented. Dissemination materials designed, developed and distributed. Successful implementation of internal and external regular dissemination activities.

Consortium

9 universities of the Latin-American regions and 3 EU institutions are working together on the project:

- Universidad Viña del Mar, Chile (project coordinator)
- Universidad de San Sebastián, Chile
- Universidad de Magallanes, Chile
- Universidade de Coimbra, Portugal
- The University of Aberdeen, United Kingdom
- Universidad de Alicante, Spain
- Universidade Federal da Paraíba, Brazil
- Universidade Federal de Campina Grande, Brazil
- Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Brazil

- Universidad Nacional de Rosario, Argentina
- Universidad Nacional del Litoral, Argentina
- Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

In addition to this, we count with the participation of four associate partners, relevant stakeholders in the subject within the Latin American region:

- GLU
- ILO- Latin American and Caribe
- ALAST
- (CEIL) CONICET

The main beneficiaries of the action are academic, technical staff and PhD candidate students involved in informal labour market research in Latin-American HEIs.

EXTERNAL EVALUATION

Focus

Universidad Viña del Mar, Chile, project coordinator, is seeking for an evaluator with expertise in research in labour market to undertake the external evaluation of LATWORK project, focusing on the specific increase of LA Partners' research and innovation capacity for the analysis on informal labour market, from an expert on the matter's point of view. More specifically, the evaluation should cover at least three areas of capacity developed in research and innovation:

- Related to research structures and procedures:
 - Research structures: level of modernization
 - Knowledge transfer: capacity to channel research outputs to the scientific community.
 - Networking: resources for the cooperation and the use of interdisciplinary approaches.
- Raising awareness on benefits of the research in the field of informal labour market networking:
 - Internal stakeholders (Academic community)
 - External stakeholders (policy makers, employers organisation, unions)
 - Raising awareness of the need of research in informality and informal labour market in society in general.

Methodology

The experts are required to elaborate a proposal of the specific methodology to successfully produce the assessment of the deliverables and results within the terms specified in the Focus section.

The following sources of information on LATWORK project results will be use to feed into the evaluation reports

- Analysis of relevant deliverables from a result oriented and impact of the content point of view.
- Communication with project partners in Spanish and English
- Communication with main stakeholders in Spanish and English

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Participation in one face-to-face project meeting or activity in Latin-America (the expenses must be considered in the quote presented). |
| WORKPLAN | <p>The external evaluation service selected will provide two reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – First Report at half term of the implementation of the project: August 28th 2020. – Second Report before the end of the implementation of the project December 15th 2021. In the case there is a project extension the deadline for providing the second report can be modified. |
| SOURCES OF INFORMATION | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Project deliverables – Annual official reports – Communication with partners – Project website – Project proposal – Dissemination materials |
| SELECTION CRITERIA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – It must involve an expert/s on the topic of informal labour market and experience in research in labour markets and informality. – The experts should prove a specific background on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Research on labour market and / or labour relations ○ Member and/or active cooperation with research centres/organizations/institutions focused on labour market issues ○ Teaching activity at higher educational level in the fields of Sociology/Economy of Work – Experience in report writing – Experience in working with Third Countries – Familiarity with the Latin American Region – Excellent writing skills with the experience of responding to different target requirements – Fluency in English and Spanish – Proactive, flexible and able to work without detailed supervision |
| EXPRESSION OF INTEREST | <p>Expressions of Interest should consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Covering letter expressing interest in participating in the evaluation – CV for individual evaluator – Evaluation methodology proposal – Quote with the price for the evaluation services: the maximum budget is 12.000 EUR. <p>The expressions of interest must be sent to projects@uvm.cl before June 29th 2020.</p> |