**Expert Services on Procurement of the Services of the organization of the expert survey on the assessment of the level of corruption in Ukraine according to the methodology approved by the NACP (assistance with the implementation of the SACP measure 1.1.1.1.2.) for the National Agency on Corruption Prevention**

**1. Background**

**1.1. General overview**

Supporting anti-corruption efforts in Ukraine is a high political priority for the European Union. By combating corruption, the EU contributes to the consolidation of democracy and economic growth of Ukraine, as well as successful approximation of Ukraine with the EU.

Upon the successful relaunch of the National Agency in 2020, an Anti-Corruption Strategy was developed, approved by the Cabinet of Ministers and finally adopted by the Parliament on June 20th, 2022. As the President signed the respective law on July 7th, 2022, the Strategy entered into force, and the NACP developed the State Program aimed at the Strategy’s implementation (hereinafter, SACP). The Programme, meant to detail and operationalize the Strategy by defining particular activities to achieve the strategic goals, identifying responsible authorities, and setting up deadlines and indicators for their implementation, after several rounds of Consideration by the Cabinet of Ministers, finally was adopted on March 4th, 2023 and its text was published on March 13th, 2023.

The NACP is responsible for implementing significant number of measures provided for in the SACP, specifically those that have to do with increasing the efficiency of the system for preventing and countering corruption, and formation and implementation of state anti-corruption policy. The NACP is tasked to ensure that studies aimed at establishing general indicators and causes of corruption in Ukraine, as well as measuring the experience and perception of corruption by the population are carried out on a regular basis. Besides conducting standard corruption survey, the NACP has to conduct expert surveys in 2023 and 2025 (SACP measure 1.1.1.1.2.). According to the SACP, NACP is allowed to engage funds of international technical assistance projects to ensure implementation of this activity.

To implement the activity provided in the SACP as the 1.1.1.1.2. measure, the NACP needs to:

1) update of the Methodology for conducting an expert survey on assessing the level of corruption in Ukraine;

2) conduct an expert survey on assessing the level of corruption in Ukraine;

3) draft the report based on the results of an expert survey and presentation of its results.

To support the Agency in achieving this goal, the EUACI launches this tender to find a research agency, experienced in conducting social surveys and analyzing their results.

**1.2. Contracting authority**

The contracting authority is the European Union Anti-Corruption Initiative in Ukraine, hereinafter referred to as the “Customer”.

**1.3. Beneficiary**

The beneficiary is the National Agency on Corruption Prevention, Department of Anti-Corruption Policy.

**2. Objective**

The objective of the assignment is to assist the NACP with the implementation of SACP’s measure aimed at increasing the efficiency of the system for preventing and countering corruption, and formation and implementation of state anti-corruption policy by organizing and conducting an expert survey on the assessment of the level of corruption in Ukraine according to the methodology approved by the NACP in 2023 (SACP measure 1.1.1.1.2.).

**3. Scope of work and expected deliverables**

**3.1. Scope of work**

The scope of work of the assignment covers provision of expert services to assist the Agency in organizing and conducting an expert survey on the assessment of the level of corruption in Ukraine according to the methodology approved by the NACP in 2023.

The Contractor will provide the following services:

**During August-September 2023:**

* Update the Survey methodology and questionnaire for the expert assessment in close cooperation with and under guidance of the NACP representatives;
* Assist the NACP with formation of a sample (subsamples) of respondents and in arranging agreements with experts. The sample of respondents should consist of 200 experts, divided into two sub-samples of 100 individuals each. These sub-samples should comprise:
	+ scholars, analysts and independent experts (including representatives of higher education, research institutions, analytical centres) who are engaged in the study of corruption and its forms, the theory and practice of preventing and countering corruption, seeking the ways to improve anticorruption and related legislation, and practice of its application, as well as representatives of public associations, international organizations, donors who have provided international technical assistance to Ukraine in the field of corruption prevention and counteraction in the last year, members of the media, international experts, and independent public activists who actively address the issue of corruption in Ukraine;
	+ representatives of public institutions, which at the national and/or local level are engaged in the formation and/or implementation of anticorruption policy, as well as those involved in pre-trial investigation and adjudication in corruption and corruption-related offenses (NACP, NABU, SAPO, SBI, ARMA, HACC, other government bodies or local self-government institutions authorized to prevent corruption);

Engagement on the level of 80 hours (10 man-days) is expected for the provision of abovementioned services.

**During October 2023 - December 2024:**

* Organize and oversee the survey process;
* Process the questionnaires and analyze the answers received from the survey participants;
* Draft analytical report and present the results of the survey.

Engagement of experts who have prior experience in conducting sociology research on the level of total 160 hours (20 man-days) is expected for the provision of abovementioned services.

**3.2. Expected deliverables:**

The Contractor is expected to contribute their expertise to organization and conduction of an expert survey on the assessment of the level of corruption in Ukraine according to the methodology approved by the NACP in 2023. The following benchmarks will be used to judge upon performance:

* Updated Survey methodology and questionnaire for the expert assessment has been approved by the NACP;
* A sample and subsamples of respondents have been formed; agreements with experts have been arranged;
* The Expert Survey has been conducted;
* The data received from the survey has been compiled and processed according to the NACP requirements and approved Methodology;
* Draft analytical report has been produced and approved by the NACP.

The final report in English of up to 5 pages describing services provided, and outlining further recommendations (if applicable) should be delivered to the EUACI upon the contract completion.

Note: All the materials developed under this assignment shall include the EUACI logo as a part of the EUACI visibility strategy. Logo shall be used in accordance with the EUACI Visibility Guidelines and Brand Book. The Contractors shall consult with Yana Ryzak, the EUACI Communications Experts via e-mail at yanryz@um.dk .

**4. Timeline**

The assignment will start following a notification issued by the contracting authority, but not earlier than the date of signing the contract between the EUACI and the Contractor. The tentative start date is August 20th, 2023. All activities envisaged under this contract shall be completed with a total duration of up to 5 months. The project activities are expected to take place in Kyiv.

**5. Service provider**

**The EUACI will only consider applications submitted by research agencies or NGOs with the relevant experience of providing similar services. Individual applications of experts covering assignment partially will not be considered.**

**5.1. Requirements for the Contractor**

**General qualifications:**

* **Officially registered organization (commercial or non-profit);**
* **Track record of conducting surveys in the area of sensitive social problems, monitoring of electoral processes, exit-polling, political developments, as well as citizen trust towards institutions or political developments; experience in conducting sociological research of the problems of and/or in the field of corruption counteraction or in adjacent areas is an asset;**
* **A previous successful experience in conducting surveys (polls).**

**Adequacy for the assignment:**

* **Necessary organizational capacities to conduct a Survey and respective auxiliary activities (premises, equipment, software, staff of required qualifications, etc.);**
* **Established and developed a network of qualified interviewers and supervisors and/or is capable of engaging a partner with an extended network of skilled interviewers and supervisors (CVs will be required).**

**6. Monitoring and evaluation**

Definition of indicators

The performance of the contractor will be judged upon reaching the purpose of this contract as well as obtaining its results, as indicated in the sections "Objective" and "Expected Deliverables" herein respectively. Moreover, the performance of the contractors will be judged upon successful implementation of all the specific activities indicated above.

Special requirements

By signing the contract, the contractor agrees to hold in trust and confidence any information or documents ("confidential information"), disclosed to the contractors or discovered by the contractors or prepared by the contractors in the course of or as a result of the implementation of the contract, and agrees that it shall be used only for the purposes of the contract implementation and shall not be disclosed to any third party.

The contractor reports to the EUACI. The contractor shall be briefed prior to starting with the assignment. The contractor shall de-brief the EUACI prior to finalising the assignment.

**7. Cross-cutting issues (integration of the youth, equal opportunities)**

The project will be implemented ensuring equal opportunities for men and women and integration of the youth.

**Clarification questions**

Any clarification questions for the request for bid should be addressed to olekom@um.dk not later than 12 August 2023, 18:00 Kyiv time.

**How to apply**

Deadline for submitting the proposals is 16 August 2023, 18:00 Kyiv time.

The bidder must submit the following information to be considered:

* CVs of experts for the engagement in this assignment.
* Financial proposal with price breakdown regarding specific parts of the engagement (elements of the scope of work).
* Letter of interest/motivation letter

The proposals shall be submitted within the above deadline to olekom@um.dk, indicating the subject line “**Organization of the expert survey on the assessment of the level of corruption in Ukraine**”.

Bidding language: English.