

Call for European Social Survey ERIC (ESS ERIC) Policy Consultant

The European Social Survey is a research infrastructure which operates a biennial cross-national general social survey making the data freely available for analysis after each round. Its headquarters is based at City, University of London.

One of the aims of ESS ERIC is ‘to ensure the visibility, accessibility and reach of ESS data among researchers in the social sciences and beyond, policy makers and the wider public, *at both the national and international level.*’

To further this aim in relation to the European Union (EU) policy domain, ESS ERIC HQ is looking to appoint a consultant to undertake a scoping exercise and produce a report which will establish, inter alia:

- In which policy organisations and networks ESS data is most widely used
- Which sections and/or rounds of the ESS questionnaire are drawn upon most
- Which sections and/or rounds of the ESS questionnaire could be drawn upon to inform policy but are currently under utilised
- Which pathways to impact could be established to better link those with knowledge of ESS findings to relevant policy makers
- What, if any, barriers policy professionals perceive to greater use of ESS data
- How these groups best interact with ESS data – for instance, downloaded datasets, interactive analytical tools, digests of findings, and so on.
- What lessons could be learnt from how other research infrastructures have established effective pathways to impact on policy which ESS might be able to learn from.

The appointee will undertake desk research to establish patterns of existing usage, before conducting interviews with stakeholders in the pan-European policy domain. The work will require between 15 and 25 person days and the report is to be produced by June 2023. This is a European Commission (EC) funded project ‘Next Steps in the Sustainability of the European Social Survey (SUSTAIN-2)’ GA871063.

Candidate Specification

Essential:

- Some experience of working with quantitative data, either analysis or interpretation.
- An excellent working knowledge of policy making and policy networks at the EU level.
- A detailed knowledge of EC policy developments and processes
- Previous experience of conducting, or contributing to, similar past exercises

Desirable:

- Previous employment as an analyst or advocate in a policy facing role.

Applications

Applicants should send a CV (max 4 pages) and a covering letter explaining how they would approach this work (max 6 pages). They should also include details of their chargeable day rate (including overheads if applicable) in Euros.

Criteria

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria

1. Candidate experience and specification (30%)
2. Proposed approach (40%)
3. Value for money (30%)

Applications should be sent to Esther Bourne (Esther.Bourne@city.ac.uk) by **Friday 14 October**. A decision and start to the work is expected by early November 2022.