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Promoting comprehensive human rights- based
concept of freedom of expression in BiH
Freedom of Expression HUB

Call for proposal

Terms of Reference: Development of digital platform

About the project

The project “Freedom of Expression Hub” promotes a comprehensive, human-rights based understanding of freedom of expression that creates trust in democratic institutions and empowers civil society (youth in particular) to understand and promote the right to freedom of expression but also its limitations through partnership with media professionals and representatives of the judiciary/ institutions. It also capacitates media professionals to address misinformation, hate speech, misogyny, and defamation. The right to freedom of expression (henceforth FoE) is declared in **Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and enshrined in several international and regional human rights instruments**. It is a fundamental pillar of any democratic society and plays a crucial role in safeguarding individual rights, promoting social progress, and ensuring the healthy functioning of democratic institutions. FoE empowers individuals, fosters accountability and transparency. However, **freedom of expression must** not be abused or exploited in ways that cause harm, spread misinformation, incite violence, or infringe upon the rights of others. The abuse of FoE has significant negative consequences for individuals, communities, and society. States may restrict the right to FoE under very limited circumstances. Criminalizing defamation and blasphemy laws are unlawful restrictions to freedom of expression.

*The **Overall objective** of the project is to contribute to a comprehensive, human-rights based understanding of freedom of expression that creates trust in democratic institutions.*

***Specific Objective 1** is to support and empower civil society (youth and youth CSOs) in BiH to understand and promote the right to freedom of expression and its limitations through partnership with media professionals and representatives of the judiciary; and*

***Specific Objective 2** is to create a knowledge-based hub and develop capacities of youth and media professionals to address misinformation, hate speech, misogyny, and defamation.*

Call

JaBiHEU is currently seeking for individual or IT company to perform the task of Development of digital platform within the project: “Freedom of Expression Hub”. The digital platform aims to serve as a tool for youngsters to explore the full spectrum of freedom of expression through educational modules presented via quizzes, video content and checklists. Developing a digital platform accessible and appealing to youth and stakeholders involves a multifaceted approach that considers both technical and user experience aspects.



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Scope of work

The specific work will include following tasks:

- Design and programming of digital platform as the project's web platform to be placed as a landing page on www.jabiheu.ba and on www.wus-austria.org
- Maintaining and updating the platform over the remaining 24 months of the project (when/if needed)
- The platform will include Freedom of expression Toolkit for youngsters, interactive quizzes, videos, checklists, documents etc.

Digital platform is intended a collaborative space for young individuals, young media practitioners and other stakeholders to explore the full spectrum of freedom of expression. It will be one of the tools for an interactive and experiential learning process on freedom of expression, disinformation, hate speech, misogyny and defamation. Digital platform should feature capabilities for posting documents, relevant case studies and video contents but also it will be necessary to incorporate interactive self-check quizzes. Establishment of digital platform will further multiply effect of the project's activities and support interaction of youth with media, judiciary and institutions.

Delivery time for development: 40 days from signing of the contract.

Subsequently, a 10-day notice will be provided for any adjustments to the initial web platform, when/if needed, aligning them with the activities carried out during the project implementation phase.

Qualifications and skills:

General professional experience:

- ✓ At least 5 years of experience in web page development.

Specific requirements:

- ✓ Advanced knowledge of working with back-end programming languages, such as PHP, NodeJS
- ✓ Experience in designing, creating and maintaining a MySQL or MongoDB database
- ✓ Experience in user interface design and programming
- ✓ Experience in working with the REST API
- ✓ Proven experience in creating, maintaining and improving security protocols

Open positions

1 (one)



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Workplace

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Note:

All deliverables produced must satisfy European Union visibility requirements including European Union logo, information on funding as well as disclaimers.

Intellectual Property

All deliverables produced during the assignment shall be the property of the European Union.

Selection criteria:

The applicant companies or individuals are required to provide their CV and portfolio. The evaluation will be based on 80% technical bid and 20% financial bid.

The applications need to be submitted by email: info@jabiheu.ba, or directly to JaBiHEU, Ćumurija 2, Sarajevo, no later than 1 July 2024.