Call for expressions of interest

CEDEFOP/2026/CEI/0001

Scientific and Technical Support to Assist Cedefop research and policy analysis in the areas of VET, skills, and qualifications

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1) Are permanent residents of one of the 27 EU Member States who hold nationality outside of the EU are ineligible to apply to this call for expression of interest?

   Permanent residents of one of the 27 EU Member States who hold nationality outside of the EU are not eligible to apply to this call for expression of interest. Please refer to corrected point 4.2 of the CEI Specifications and to the corrected application form.

2) What is the deadline for applications under this call?

   The CEI has been published on 18/02/26. As per points 5.2 and 5.3 of the CEI Specifications, it is therefore valid until 18/11/2030, i.e three months before expiration of the list on 18/02/2031. Applicants are kindly requested to submit their application by 18/11/2030.

3) The specifications (Section 4.2) list eligible countries including EU Member States and EEA/SAA countries. The United Kingdom is listed under 'Other countries' on Cedefop's website. Could you please confirm whether UK nationals resident in the United Kingdom are eligible to apply and, if selected, to enter into a contract with Cedefop under this call?

   No, UK citizens are not eligible to apply for this CEI. Please refer to Cedefop answer under above question 1.

4) Eligibility - I am a UK citizen currently based in Denmark where I am a permanent resident. Am I eligible to apply?

   No, UK citizens based in Denmark as permanent residents are not eligible to apply for this CEI. Please refer to Cedefop answer under above question 1.

5) Regarding this role as an expert in scientific and methodological knowledge related to CEDEFOP's activities, is it linked to a service contract or is it limited solely to the reimbursement of travel expenses for meetings, as indicated in Annex 4?

   As per points 5.3 and 5.4 of the CEI Specifications, once the expert or the definitive list of experts retained for a particular task (including a reserve list if necessary) has been drawn up by the competent authorising officer, the selected expert(s) shall sign an individual contract (or Order Form). In addition, and where applicable, the travel and subsistence expenses will be reimbursed under the conditions set out in the contract according to the conditions stipulated in Annex IV, outside of the above-mentioned threshold.

6) In the event that there is a service contract (beyond the reimbursement of expenses for external experts invited to meetings), would this be compatible with my current professional activity in a public institution?

   Cedefop bears no responsibility on the compatibility of your employment contract with remunerated external assignments. If you consider you are not in a conflict of interest situation and you may receive an external remuneration, then you could consider applying.

7) Could you please provide me with the email address to which I should send the application, specifically Annexes 1 and 2?

   Please submit your application to email address CEI-applications@cedefop.europa.eu, including the application form, the questionnaire on eligibility and selection and your CV.

8) In the text of the call, I read that in order to be eligible, candidates' publications have to be listed. Are in this sense, bachelor and master's thesis considered as publications? Is this an essential criterion for eligibility?

   As per point 4.3 ii of the Specifications, publications must be ‘published in scientific journals or on EU institution, Member State public authority (including ministries and governmental agencies) or research institute, or international organisations’ websites;’

   Should bachelor and master’s thesis not be published as above, they may not be eligible.

   Yes, this is an essential criterion for eligibility of an application.