

Terms of Reference



Proposed function	Expert to curate and facilitate Study Visit for Tunisian Officials on Youth Policy and Participation
Background	<p>In response to the priorities of the cooperation policy with Tunisia, the EU, in partnership with the Tunisian state, has initiated a support program for Tunisian youth called "EU4Youth Program." The general objective of this program is to contribute to the improvement of the economic, social, and political inclusion of the most disadvantaged Tunisian youth through a local development approach.</p> <p>The EU4Youth program comprises three components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Axis 1: Promotion of decent employment, youth employability, and entrepreneurship, • Axis 2: Culture and Sports, • Axis 3: Involvement and consideration of youth in national and local public policies. <p>This third axis corresponds to the current project. It is implemented by CILG-VNG International and aims to achieve the following two results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Result 3.1: Youth and youth-related issues are included in the design and implementation of local public initiatives and policies, in coherence with municipal planning, identified and implemented in consultation with civil society organizations of the municipality, • Result 3.2: Youth and youth-related issues are included in national policies and the regional and local governance systems for the implementation of said policies. <p>The study visit is a critical component of this project, designed to expose Tunisian officials to best practices in youth policy and participation from European countries, specifically the Netherlands and Belgium.</p>
Objective	The objective of this study visit is to provide Tunisian officials with insights into the implementation of effective youth policies at the national and local levels as well as participation mechanisms for more inclusive governance. The visit also aims at fostering knowledge exchange and collaboration between Tunisia and European counterparts.
Outputs/activities	<p>Output 1: Itinerary and Program Development</p> <p>Activities:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate with the team to develop a day-by-day schedule outlining visits including meetings and site visits to key institutions and organizations in the Netherlands, Belgium. Ensure the program aligns with the objectives of the EU4Youth project and addresses the needs of the Tunisian delegation. <p>Output 2: Stakeholder Identification and Engagement</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and reach out to relevant stakeholders in youth policy and participation sectors. Confirm meetings and engagements with government officials, NGOs, and youth organizations. Prepare background information and briefing materials for each engagement. <p>Output 3: Facilitation and On-site Support</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accompany the delegation throughout the study visit, providing guidance and support. Facilitate discussions and ensure active participation during meetings and workshops. <p>Output 4: Comprehensive report documenting the study visit</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a final report summarizing outcomes, lessons learned, and recommendations for implementing best practices in Tunisia.
Experience	<p>The expert should possess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrated experience in the field of youth policy and participation, with a strong understanding of the challenges youth face; A strong comprehension of Dutch/Belgian and EU youth institutions (CSOs, NGOs, governmental institutions), their interrelations and associated policymaking on youth; A strong network within youth policy and participation circles in the Netherlands and/or Belgium; Experience in organizing international study visits and knowledge exchange program would be an asset; A strong understanding of the socio-political context of youth in Tunisia would be an asset Proficiency in French would be a plus
Timeline	<p>The study visit is planned for September 2024, with preparations commencing promptly. The expert will be expected to provide a</p>

	detailed timeline and work plan upon commencement of the assignment.
Period of the assignment	July-September 2024
Place of the assignment	The Netherlands/Belgium
Application process	Interested experts are invited to submit their proposals, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A cover letter outlining relevant experience and proposed approach. • A detailed CV highlighting expertise in youth policy and international program coordination. • References from previous similar assignments.
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