

Terms of Reference Open Call for Peer (and Language) Review of a Study Report

Cognizant of the challenges related to a socio-ecological transformation, and in the particular inclusive energy transition in Southeast Europe, the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Regional Dialogue Southeast Europe (FES SOE), together with its partners, conducted a region-wide “Inclusive Energy Transition in Southeast Europe as an Opportunity” Study.

The primary objective of the Study was to determine and eventually communicate the potential for and opportunities connected to an inclusive energy transition in Southeast Europe (SEE) based on contextualized geographical, political, social, and economic information as well as bottom-up, local, and community perspectives. The emphasis was on the co-benefits of an inclusive energy transition. A secondary objective was to identify political avenues (not technical details) and platforms that would likely receive popular and/or political support for an inclusive energy transition in SEE.

The term “inclusive energy transition” is understood as an energy system based on energy democracy and the involvement of the citizens. The term encompasses but also goes beyond the idea of a “just transition”, a concept coined by the trade unions and aiming to heighten environmental protection while supporting workers and communities in the transition process. “Energy transition” is understood as both phasing-out coal and phasing-in renewable energies.

Having conducted the Study, the FES SOE is now calling for the **external open peer and language review** of the Study report. The report is based on desktop research, semi-structured interviews with experts, and a large public survey. It covers all the six Western Balkan¹ countries and Bulgaria and Romania. The peer and language review is expected to be completed **by the end of November 2021 at the latest**.

As a peer and language reviewer(s), you will be expected to:

- Review paperwork provided by the FES SEO and Study partner undergoing external review
- Provide written feedback on each output highlighting possible points relevant for further research
- Provide succinct and coherent peer review report summarizing main findings of the Study
- Effectively work online with others and within agreed procedures, and deadlines.
- Proofread, or where needed rewriting of the peer-reviewed report.

Eligibility of the applicants

Applicants wishing to apply are expected to document the following for any researchers and/or specialists involved:

¹ Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia

- Ability to effectively work online with others and within agreed procedures, and deadlines
- An advanced degree in social sciences or other fields related to the call
- A minimum of 5 years of relevant experience delivering peer reviews, research of projects in energy, environmental, or climate matters, with international organizations and think tanks
- A solid understanding of energy and climate landscape in the SEE region
- Critical and analytical skills
- Experience in writing clear and concise reports and other deliverables
- Native or C2 level of English language command.

To apply, please send your technical and financial offer.

The technical offer must include:

- CV(s) of expert(s)
- A list of active weblinks to some selected published work
- Example of past peer and language reviews
- Estimate of max needed days for the work based on the information provided in the TOR
- In the case of companies/consortiums, in addition to the above:
 - Profile with a description of most relevant past work
 - Registration excerpts
 - Financial audit reports for the past two years.

Financial offer must:

- Be expressed in EUR specifying VAT, if applicable.

Applications should be sent in **English, by 12 pm, CET, 5 November 2021**, to selma.sehovic@fes-soe.org and info@fes-soe.org with reference to the peer and language review of *"Inclusive Energy Transition in Southeast Europe as an Opportunity Study 2020-2021."* The accompanying documents should be referenced with names indicated under the technical and financial offer.

Evaluation Criteria

The call will be awarded to the highest qualified bidder. Technical offer carries 70 points and financial offer carries 30 points. The maximum score is 100 points.

Notification

Applicants will be notified of the outcome within 5 days of the last day for the submission of applications. Please address any questions or needs for clarification regarding the TOR to: info@fes-soe.org