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EU-India Think Tanks Twinning Initiative 2020 - 2022

**CALL FOR SHORT POLICY PAPERS AND
PARTICIPATION AT THE
EU-INDIA EXPERTS' WORKSHOP ON 03/11/2020**



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Dear Madam/ Sir,

EU Policy and Outreach Partnerships project (EUPOP India), funded by the European Union, invites you to submit a policy paper for peer review and discussion at the EU India-Think Tanks Twinning Initiative Experts' Workshop to be held on 03 November 2020. The workshop will be conducted as a webinar.

The deadline for policy paper submissions is 01 October 2020.

The proposed policy paper, to be written as per the details on the following pages, should be sent to Ms Stefania Benaglia, EUPOP Think Tanks Twinning Initiative Manager at stefania.benaglia@eupublicdiplomacy.in and Mr. Anil Patni, EUPOP Team Leader, at anil.patni@eupublicdiplomacy.in

The selection process will be carried out by an internal ad-hoc selection committee nominated by the Delegation of the European Union to India and Bhutan.

We remain at your disposal for any questions and queries at stefania.benaglia@eupublicdiplomacy.in and anil.patni@eupublicdiplomacy.in



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TTTI BACKGROUND:

The EU-India Think Tanks Twinning Initiative (TTTI) was launched under the framework of EUPOP India project with the support of the European Union in 2015 to promote better understanding and stimulating joint research between leading Indian and EU think tanks. The first edition of the TTTI was carried out between 2015 and 2017, and the second one between 2017-2020. Building on the results of the previous two editions of the initiative, TTTI 2020-2022 will aim at consolidating EU-India think tank networking and exchanges and seek to contribute to strengthening of the EU-India relations.

EU-INDIA EXPERTS' WORKSHOP

EU-India experts' workshops are to be held as hands-on discussions on the main global political and security developments with impact on the EU, India, and on EU-India relations. They will tackle issues of particular interest to the EU-India strategic partnership through discussions/peer-to-peer review of short policy papers prepared by the invited participants prior to the workshop, closed-door discussions, and by employing other approaches for brainstorming and sharing of ideas. Three workshops are tentatively planned in the TTTI 2020-2022 edition.

EU-INDIA EXPERTS' WORKSHOP IN 2020

Experts are invited to submit an original policy paper with recommendations of **maximum 1500 words**, on one of the following topics:

- (a) Opportunities for enhanced cooperation between the EU and India in the international fora (e.g. in WTO/UN/WHO/etc.);**
- (b) EU-India cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region;**
- (c) EU-India cooperation on one of the core sectoral issues (e.g. addressing challenges related to climate change, or health, or digitalization, or connectivity, etc.)**

Authors should only address in their policy paper one of the above-mentioned issues.



10 experts representing 10 different EU and Indian think tanks (tentatively 5 from the EU and 5 from India) will be selected by an ad-hoc selection committee to participate in the Experts' Workshop to present and discuss their policy papers. Each selected policy paper will be awarded with €1000.

The workshop will be conducted via webinar and will be structured in 3 parts:

(a) Virtual overview on the state of play and on current core issues of relevance in the EU-India relations will be given by EU representative/s for 10 selected participants of the Experts' Workshop prior to the workshop. Participants will be informed of the precise time of the virtual exchange in due time.

(b) A closed-door discussion will be organized in a virtual manner among the authors of 10 selected policy papers. The papers, along with their recommendations, will be presented by the authors, shared with other participants, and discussed among peers and with other relevant stakeholders.

(c) Policy recommendations stemming from the selected papers will be presented in a public webinar that will be organized, preferably on the same day, allowing participants to engage in dialogue with EU officials and other stakeholders.

The selected policy papers will be collected in a joint publication, which will be uploaded online on the TTTI website <http://euindiathinktanks.com>. The ownership of policy papers, including copyright and other intellectual or industrial property rights, will be vested to the European Union.

ELIGIBILITY:

- The call is open to individual experts representing think tanks, universities, or political foundations etc. registered and based in one of the EU 27 Member States or in India.
- Each expert participating must have published at least one scholarly paper or article on EU – India relations or on the technical issue being addressed in the paper.
- 3 or more years of experience in the field of International Relations or any scientific/technical/professional field relevant to the subject matter of the paper.
- Holding a minimum of master's degree in the relevant academic field.
- Female experts are particularly encouraged to apply.
- Experts born after 1980 are particularly encouraged to apply.
- Experts will be required to provide their Organisation's support letter for participating in this initiative.



FORMAT AND METHODOLOGY:

Interested experts are requested to submit by 01 October 2020 to stefania.benaglia@eupublicdiplomacy.in and anil.patni@eupublicdiplomacy.in the following documents:

- (a) Cover letter with signature (scanned copy)
- (b) updated CV – including with reference to relevant publications
- (c) the proposed short policy paper of 1500 words (more information on the format below)
- (d) superior's support letter for participating in this initiative.

Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

The submitted policy paper will consist of max. 1500 words, and have the following structure:

- a) Identification of the problem and relevance to the EU-India strategic partnership (max. 400 words)
- b) Critical analysis of the issue (max. 600 words)
- c) Minimum three policy recommendations to the EU and/or Indian Government or to both parties to address the issue (max 500 words). Recommendations must be clear and concrete, indicating gaps and actions that the two parties should focus on to boost their relationship, and suggest the next steps to be undertaken, indicating whether your recommendation is addressed to the EU, to India, or both.

SELECTION PROCESS:

An ad hoc selection committee will be nominated by the Delegation of the European Union to India and Bhutan to assess the eligibility and evaluate the quality of the proposed policy papers submitted. The decision of the selection committee will be final.



EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF POLICY PAPERS FOR EXPERTS' WORKSHOP:

STAGE 1: CHECKING ELIBILITY:

Eligibility criteria	Response
	Yes/No
1. Is the applicant an individual expert representing think tanks, universities, or political foundations etc. registered and based in one of the EU 27 Member States or in India?	
2. Has the applicant published at least one scholarly paper or article on EU – India relations or on the technical issue being addressed in the paper?	
3. Does the applicant have 3 or more years of experience in the field of International Relations or any scientific/technical/ professional field relevant to the subject matter of the paper?	
4. Does the applicant have a minimum of master's degree in the relevant academic field?	
5. Has the expert attached his/her Organisation's approval for participating in this initiative?	
6. Female experts are particularly encouraged to apply. Is the expert a female?	
7. Experts born after 1980 are particularly encouraged to apply. Was the expert born after 1980?	

NOTE: Only the applicants who score Yes in all rows from 1 to 5 above will move to the next stage.

STAGE 2: EVALUATING THE PAPER SUBMITTED:

EVALUATION CRITERIA	MAXIMUM MARKS	MARKS OBTAINED
a) Identification of the problem and relevance to the EU-India strategic partnership (max. 400 words)	25	
b) Critical analysis of the issue (max. 600 words)	35	
c) Minimum three policy recommendations to the EU and/or Indian Government/both parties to address the issue (max 500 words). Recommendations must be clear and concrete, indicating gaps and actions that the two parties should focus on to boost their relationship, and suggest the next steps to be undertaken, indicating whether your recommendation is addressed to the EU, to India, or both.	30	
d) Female experts are particularly encouraged to apply. Is the expert a female?	5	
e) Experts born after 1980 are particularly encouraged to apply. Was the expert born after 1980?	5	
TOTAL	100	