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CALL FOR SHORT POLICY PAPERS AND PARTICIPATION AT THE

THIRD EU-INDIA EXPERTS' WORKSHOP IN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2021

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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 third virtual Experts' Workshop to be held late September/early October 2021. The deadline for policy paper submissions is Friday, September 3rd, 2021.

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 Coordinator, at stefania.benaglia@eupublicdiplomacy.in and Mr. Anil Patni, EUPOP Team Leader, at anil.patni@eupublicdiplomacy.in and Ms. Deepakshi Vashishth, Senior Executive deepakshi.vashishth@aets-consultants.com .

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 disposal for any questions and queries.

Yours sincerely,

Stefania Benaglia

Think Tanks Twinning Initiative Coordinator

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THINK TANKS TWINNING INITIATIVE BACKGROUND:

The EU-India Think Tanks Twinning Initiative (TTTI) was launched 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 held as hands-on discussions on the main global political and security developments with impact on the EU, India, and on EU-India relations. Three workshops are tentatively planned in the TTTI 2020-2022 edition.

THIRD EU-INDIA EXPERTS' WORKSHOP IN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2021

Experts are invited to submit an original policy paper with recommendations of **1500-1700 words**, on one of the following topics:

1) **Opportunities and challenges for EU-India cooperation on digital connectivity**

Or

2) **Opportunities and challenges for EU-India cooperation in the field of climate change**

Experts are invited to submit a policy paper on ONE of the two above mentioned topics.

Ten experts representing ten different EU and Indian think tanks (tentatively five from the EU and five 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 as a webinar and will be structured in two parts:

(a) Closed-door virtual peer-to-peer discussion among the authors of the ten selected policy papers. The papers, along with their recommendations, will be presented by the authors, and discussed among peers, and with EU officials. The virtual event is expected to take place in late September/Early October 2021.

(b) The results of the peer – to – peer discussion will then be presented and discussed with senior EU and Indian officials at a public event. The public event will take place shortly after the peer – to – peer discussion.

Participants will be informed of the precise date and time of the virtual exchange in due time.

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. These think tanks/universities/political foundations need to be 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 in the English language on EU-India relations or on the technical issue being addressed in the paper. The publication must have been published before the application deadline (i.e., 3rd September 2021). Personal blogs and social media posts are not eligible.
- 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. Experience during PhD studies is eligible.
- Holding a minimum of master's degree in the relevant academic field.
- Female and non-binary experts are particularly encouraged to apply.
- Experts will be required to provide their Organisation's support letter for participating in this initiative.
- In case of joint application, each individual expert must meet the eligibility criteria.

FORMAT AND METHODOLOGY:

Interested experts are requested to submit by September 3rd 2021 the following documents at stefania.benaglia@eupublicdiplomacy.in and anil.patni@eupublicdiplomacy.in. Please provide separate attachments:

1. Cover letter with signature (scanned copy). In case of joint application all co-authors must sign.
2. Updated CV
3. Proposed short policy paper of 1500-1700 words in both WORD and PDF formats, using the template attached.
4. The organisational superior's support letter for participating in this initiative.
5. Web-link to only one publication meeting the eligibility requirement (or attach a copy of the published paper citing the name and date/year of the publication).

Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

The submitted policy paper will consist of 1500-1700 words, and have the following structure:

a) Identification of the problem and relevance to the EU-India strategic partnership (400-450 words)
b) Critical analysis of the issue (500-550 words)
c) Minimum three policy recommendations to the EU and/or Indian Government or to both parties to address the issue (600 - 650 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.
d) References

(Footnotes, end-notes, Bibliography etc. will not be counted in the word limit mentioned above).

Please use the template in Annex.

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.

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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 Experience during PhD studies is eligible?	
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 and non-binary experts are particularly encouraged to apply. Is the expert a female or non-binary?	

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

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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. 400-450 words)	25	
b) Critical analysis of the issue (max. 500-550 words)	30	
c) Minimum three policy recommendations to the EU and/or Indian Government/both parties to address the issue (max. 600-650 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.	40	
d) Does the expert identify as a female or non-binary?	5	
TOTAL	100	

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Annex 1: Template for policy paper application

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Name, Institution of the author

TITLE OF THE PAPER

Overall word count:

Part 1, max 25 points:

Identification of the problem and relevance to the EU-India strategic partnership (400 - 450 words)

Part 2, max 35 points:

Critical analysis of the issue (500-550 words)

Part 3, max 35 points:

Minimum three policy recommendations to the EU and/or Indian Government/both parties to address the issue (600 – 650 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.

References*

*References – footnotes, endnotes, Bibliography etc. are not to be counted in the word limit. Name of the author and title of the paper are not to be counted in the word limit.

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