



## **The Secretariat of ProtectDefenders.eu is looking for a Project Officer (ProtectDefenders.eu Meetings 2022) | Short-term consultancy**

The objective of this consultancy is the successful organization of the annual meeting of beneficiaries of the EU HRD Mechanism ProtectDefenders.eu, which should take place in Brussels in autumn 2022. The annual meeting of beneficiaries brings together human rights defenders who have benefited from the support programs included in ProtectDefenders.eu, with decision-makers, political actors and international civil society from around the world around the issue of protecting human rights defenders at risk.

The project officer will work in cooperation and under the supervision of the senior coordinator of the secretariat and the relevant program officers of ProtectDefenders.eu and will be the focal point for the logistical organization and running of this event in all its dimensions, from the preparation to the immediate follow-up of the outcomes.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Event planning within time limits.
- Secure venues and accommodations, coordinate and supervise supplies, vendors, subcontractors, and providers needed for the event.
- Determine and monitor resource needs - while managing budget parameters.
- Act as the deputy focal point for all aspects of the event from pre-planning, pre-event activities, and on-site coordination, to post event follow up
- Develop effective and collaborative relationships with internal and external stakeholders.
- Liaise with guests and participants to identify their needs and to ensure satisfaction.
- Specify staff requirements - including volunteers at event, and coordinate their activities, assign duties, and provide general direction.
- Organize facilities and details such as decor, catering, entertainment, transportation, location, invitee list, special guests, equipment, promotional material etc.
- Provide feedback and periodic reports to stakeholders and managers.
- Ensure compliance with insurance, legal, health and safety obligations.
- Cooperate with communication and advocacy activities and plans.
- Proactively handle any arising issues and troubleshoot any emerging problems on the event days
- Conduct post-event data and strategic analysis to inform future events.



## **EXPERIENCE REQUIRED AND PERSONAL SKILLS**

- Bachelor's degree, preferably in Hospitality Management, Human Rights, or Communications.
- 2-3 years experience planning and executing events of varying sizes with international civil society organisations.
- Ability to manage external vendor resources and relationships.
- Demonstrated project management skills, including budget oversight.
- Excellent time management and communication skills.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English is a must. Ability to effectively communicate in French, Spanish, Arabic, or Russian is a valuable asset.
- Ability to multi-task and adapt to changing priorities and duties.
- Sensitivity, ability to adapt to various sociocultural contexts and a vocation for inclusivity and diversity is essential.
- Knowledge about or previous experience working with human rights defenders is a very valuable asset.
- Knowledge of and previous experience with European Union institutions is an asset.
- MS Office / LibreOffice proficiency.
- Discretion and respect of confidentiality.

## **HOW TO APPLY?**

Applications must include:

- CV.
- Cover letter.
- Financial proposal.

Please send the requested documentation in PDF and by 25 May 2022 to [recruit@protectdefenders.eu](mailto:recruit@protectdefenders.eu).

## **OTHER**

- Immediate start for an estimated duration of 4.5 months
- For more information, please visit our website: [www.protectdefenders.eu](http://www.protectdefenders.eu)



## **INFORMATION ABOUT PROTECTDEFENDERS.EU**

ProtectDefenders.eu is the European Union Human Rights Defenders mechanism, established to protect defenders at high risk and facing the most difficult situations worldwide.

ProtectDefenders.eu:

- Operates a permanent and rapid response mechanism to provide emergency support and material assistance to Human Rights Defenders in danger, their families and their work.
- Manages a support program of temporary relocation for Human Rights Defenders at risk to relocate inside their country, within their region or abroad in case of urgent threat.
- Supports and coordinates an exchange platform for organizations and stakeholders working on temporary relocation for Human Rights Defenders, including through the EU temporary relocation platform.
- Provides training, support and capacity building to Human Rights Defenders and local organizations.
- Monitors the situation of human rights defenders and advocates for a protection agenda for Human Rights Defenders at local, regional and international level.
- Promotes coordination between organizations dedicated to support for Human Rights Defenders, EU institutions and other relevant actors.

The implementation of ProtectDefenders.eu is led by a Consortium of 12 NGOs active in the field of Human Rights, namely Front Line Defenders, Reporters Without Borders (RSF), World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT), International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Network (ESCR-Net), International Gay and Lesbian Association (ILGA), Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights (UAF), Protection International (PI), Peace Brigades International (PBI), Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders (EMHRF), Forum Asia and East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project (EHAHRDP).

ProtectDefenders.eu is coordinated by an independent Secretariat based in Brussels.