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Terms of Reference

Consultants on the Energy Landscape in Vietnam and the Just Energy Transition policy in the scope of the IKI project: “Green Youth Labs: A Training Program for Innovation and a Socially Equitable Energy Transition”

1. Background and purpose

Vietnam is experiencing high economic growth rates, combined with a rapidly growing energy demand. Although the expansion of renewable energies (solar, wind) is gaining momentum, a large proportion of energy is still generated from coal (2019: 37 percent). For a comprehensive energy transition, however, not only electricity production but also the transport sector must be decarbonized and energy efficiency in the building sector expanded. To advance the energy transition, increased awareness, and sensitization about the overall benefits of fossil-free energy and mobility concepts is necessary. Young people have developed an increasing awareness of climate change due to the country’s high vulnerability to its impacts. Yet, they are often excluded from the political decision-making processes and lack the necessary experience, expertise, or institutional support to implement their ideas about how to advance the energy transition.

Funded by the International Climate Initiative (IKI), **training program for innovation and a socially equitable energy transition Green Youth Labs** aims to harness the creative potential of young people to develop innovative low-carbon model projects and introduce them as future leaders to a low-carbon transformation of society.

The project aims to engage young people in low-carbon production and climate-friendly energy use at local and national levels through a two-stage training program: basic training modules in North, Central, and South Vietnam (with 50 participants each) and an advanced module in Central Vietnam, whose participants (30 in total) are selected based on pre-submitted project ideas. This is followed by a public Youth innovation challenge in which young people (16 - 35 years old) submit proposals for projects in various categories (e.g. technology, science research, or awareness-raising). These programs are held annually from 2022 to 2024.

In August 2024, Young Energy Summit summary event will take place. With the support of experts, the alumni of the program reflect on existing political frameworks and translate their own experiences into political recommendations, which are published in a position paper and presented to government and business representatives at the summit. The participation of climate activists from Germany and alumni from other FES young leadership programs promotes a North-South exchange.



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Regarding promoting energy transition in Vietnam, with strong commitments and striving to achieve the net zero emissions target by 2050 at COP 26, Vietnam has been focusing on building and promulgating new strategic and policy frameworks to realize this goal. We are seeking an experienced and empowering expert to support in provides inputs to the position paper, give views on the government's Just Energy Transition plan, and facilitate dialogue between youth and policymakers.

2. Overview of tasks and responsibilities

The advisor will work closely with the Key authors' team, FES, and the Center for Adaptive Capacity Building (CAB) to perform the following tasks:

- Participating in designing and presenting articles on policy frameworks related to energy transition in Vietnam (JET-P implementation plan, commitments and emission reduction roadmap)
- Supporting the Key authors' team in building content and recommendations for position paper, which is appropriate to the Vietnamese context
- Participating in panel discussion at the Youth Energy Summit summary event on August 15-16, 2024 (1 session)

3. Timeframe

The advisory work shall be delivered between 1st April to 30th October 2024. If necessary, the number of working days for each task might be adapted based on the actual needs in consultation with FES and shall not exceed 30 days in total.

4. Honorarium fee and contract modalities

The bank fee for the transfer will be borne by FES. FES Vietnam is responsible for withholding 10% of personal income tax payments in accordance with Vietnamese law.

The honorarium fee will be transferred monthly basis. The working days and completed tasks shall be documented in a time sheet, which is signed by the contractor and the deputy resident director of FES at the end of every month.

The contractor will work on a freelance basis. Therefore, it is his/her responsibility to take care of necessary social insurance (health insurance, pension funds, etc.).

In addition to the honorarium fee, FES Vietnam will cover travel costs for business trips within Vietnam, namely: transportation costs to and from the place of deployment and accommodation.

5. How to apply

Application package should include:



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Technical proposal:

- Proposed workplan and consultation methodology;
- Signed Curriculum vitae;
- Two sample reports, reference list of experience in similar or related projects to be submitted for evaluation.

Financial proposal:

- The financial proposal shall specify a total lump sum amount in VND for Vietnamese Consultant and in EURO for international consultant.

6. Evaluation:

Technical proposal:

- Project understanding and plausibility of the workplan, consultation methodology (45 points);
- Professional capacities: the strength of CVs, past reports, reference list of experience in similar or related projects (20 points);
- Other added value to the project (5 points).

Financial proposal: 30 points.

Applications submitted as one file with subject line "Adaptation Position Paper Consultant" no later than 1st May 2024 to ngan.nguyen@fes.de