

## **Tender for the Analysis on the Factors and Conditions in the Production of European Economic Research**

### ***Cooperation for European Research in Economics (COEURE)***

COEURE (Cooperation for European Research in Economics) is a cooperative action financed by the European Commission and coordinated by the Toulouse School of Economics (TSE) under Grant Agreement n°320300. COEURE brings together key stakeholders in economics research in Europe – scientists from different research fields, users of economic research in the policy community, other economic decision makers, as well as funders of economic research. COEURE involves a process of stocktaking, consultation and stakeholder engagement in order to formulate an Agenda for Research Funding for Economics in Europe. All information about the project is available at [www.coeure.eu](http://www.coeure.eu)

### ***Description of Services Required***

In addition to coordinate the activities of COEURE, TSE is committed to contribute to COEURE on Work Package Two “Evaluating Mechanisms for Funding Economic Research in Europe.” In this perspective, **TSE wishes to engage the services of an outside expert to carry out** some of the tasks in this Work Package, as is foreseen in the Description of Work for COEURE and called as a **“qualitative and bibliometric analysis.”**

The tasks to be performed are aimed to identify the factors and the conditions that characterize the production of economic research in Europe. This information will be used to compile a report that assesses the extent to which funding economic research in Europe is supporting research, suggests ways in which funding mechanisms might evolve in the future to more effectively support frontier research in key economic policy issues in Europe (as spelled out in the Work Programme of COEURE) and provides an appraisal of the effectiveness of mechanisms for funding economic research in Europe.

With the assistance of TSE staff, the expert will be required to collect data by surveying the economics research community in Europe. The research community will be surveyed using an online questionnaire. The aim will be to collect quantitative data (in particular on the production of research) as well as qualitative data (in particular on the appraisals of researchers on their research activity).

Deliverables will include:

- Working paper on initial scope and design of the data gathering and analysis
- Working paper reporting data gathered on European economics researchers
- Online survey of researchers concerning their experiences with and access to funding
- Working paper reporting analysis of bibliometric data TSE
- Working paper reporting final draft of the analysis TSE

The expert will also be required to contribute to the Final Report of Work Package Two, that will combine the report on data gathered on European economics researchers with a report produced by another partner of COEURE-namely the CEPR (Centre for Economic Policy Research)- on research funding agencies. To this end, it is expected that the expert will coordinate regularly with the CEPR team.

### ***Expertise Required***

The successful tenderer will be a senior researcher in empirical econometrics with an interest in the economics of research and publications on this domain and with a strong knowledge of the economic research community in Europe, their current areas of research and the resources they need to carry out this research.

The project estimates that these tasks must be completed within one year. There is a 20,000 EUR gross honorarium for the completion of the tasks described above. Payment of the honorarium will be made upon approval of the final report by the Executive Committee and the Scientific Advisory Committee of COEURE, no later than 2 months after its submission. This honorarium includes all the costs of this study (travels, accommodations, etc...).

To apply please provide

- A letter of motivation
- A proposal presenting the methodology
- A CV.

**Deadline:** 4 July 2015

**Contact:** The deadline for the receipt of the proposal is **4 July 2015**. Proposals should be sent to Marc Ivaldi, Coordinator, COEURE, [contact@coeure.eu](mailto:contact@coeure.eu), to whom any queries about the tender should also be addressed.

### ***Note on The Fondation Jean-Jacques Laffont – Toulouse Sciences Economiques (TSE)***

The Fondation Jean-Jacques Laffont – Toulouse Sciences Economiques (TSE), located at 21 allée de Brienne – 31015 Toulouse Cedex 6 France, is COEURE’s coordinator. The origins of the TSE can be traced back to the early 1980s, when Jean-Jacques Laffont began gathering economists with a common ambition of scientific excellence together in Toulouse. In 1990, the Toulouse economists created the Institut d’Economie Industrielle (IDEI) and began to establish long-term partnerships with corporations and develop innovative research topics that contributed to establishing the reputation of economists based in Toulouse. In 2007, the French government and the Academy of Sciences chose TSE as one of 13 “Réseaux Thématiques de Recherche Avancée” (across all fields), enabling the creation of a private foundation, the Jean-Jacques Laffont Foundation - Toulouse School of Economics. This Foundation is building an endowment in order to secure long-term financing for a research centre that will further attract students and researchers from all over the world. The TSE now gathers together around 160 senior and junior researchers affiliated with various research institutions (University of Toulouse, EHESS, CNRS, INRA) and about 100 doctoral students (70% international). Overall, the TSE students (undergraduate and postgraduate), are made up of 75% of international students coming from over 80 different countries. TSE is a dynamic, multicultural research hub, with a high number of international researchers either in permanent residence or as long and short-term visitors. Last year, TSE hosted about 300 visiting researchers from all over the world. TSE also maintains strong links with a number of EU and worldwide research institutions through its various collaborative projects currently underway.