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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Review of the Indonesian referencing report to the ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework (AQRF)

Terms of reference for an independent international reviewer

About SHARE

The EU Support to Higher Education in the ASEAN Region (EU SHARE) project is a 57 months project with an overall objective of contributing to the regional cooperation, enhancing the quality, regional competitiveness and internationalisation of ASEAN Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) contributing to an ASEAN Community in 2015 and beyond.

The project has two specific objectives:

- To enhance the harmonisation of ASEAN higher education (HE) area through the formulation of ASEAN higher education frameworks taking into account the EU experience
- To support mutual recognition and student mobility among HEIs in ASEAN to strengthen people-to-people connectivity

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DAAD is the technical lead for Result Area 2a – Qualifications Frameworks of SHARE's programme implementation. In this current phase, we are seeking a Technical Consultancy.

Background

The ASEAN Charter, which was signed by the ten ASEAN Leaders in Singapore on 20 November 2007, provides the basis for an ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework (AQRF). The Charter aims to:

“create a single market and production base which is stable, prosperous, highly competitive and economically integrated with effective facilitation for trade and investment in which there is free flow of goods, services and investment; facilitated movement of business persons, professionals, talents and labour; and free flow of capital” and “develop human resources through closer cooperation in education and life-long learning and in science and technology, for the empowerment of the peoples of ASEAN and for the strengthening of the ASEAN Community”.

The ASEAN Member States (AMS) adopted the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Blueprint, which called for cooperation, including the recognition of professional qualifications. Another important component of the AEC Blueprint was the creation of the free flow of skilled labour through *‘harmonisation and standardisation*. In the “ASEAN Regional Qualifications Framework” forum held in 2011 in Bangkok, the participants noted the need for an ASEAN common reference framework. The ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework (AQRF), a common reference framework, will function as a device to enable comparisons of qualifications across AMS.

Within this context, each AMS is requested to develop a report describing actions that have been carried out for referring its NQF to the AQRFC. The development of NQF's in ASEAN varies, whereby some AMS have established comprehensive NQFs, others have sectoral frameworks in place, and others have yet to develop or implement qualifications frameworks. Therefore, an independent review by an expert in Qualifications Framework is considered essential to provide inputs and critical scrutiny.

Objectives

The main objective of the consultancy is to conduct an independent review of the referencing report submitted by Indonesia, as an ASEAN Member State. The specific objectives are to,

- provide comments and recommendations on the structure of the report;
- identify weaknesses of the report and recommends actions to rectify them;
- identify issues missing from the report;
- commend the strengths of the report; and
- provide inputs on other aspects as necessary to strengthen the report.

The outcome and expected output of this assignment is a comprehensive review report that at minimum encompasses all aforementioned points.

Eligibility

Quantity: One expert/consultant.

Qualifications: Expert or consultant in Qualifications Framework Referencing, preferable in having experiences in the field of:

- a) qualifications frameworks or education & training systems in Indonesia or ASEAN Countries;
- b) design and development of a regional framework, including level descriptors and referencing process;
- c) recognition of prior learning;
- d) experience in the development of a National Qualifications Framework in Europe;
- e) experience as member of a referencing committee

Scope of work

- a) The scope of this ten workdays assignment includes the following activities,
 - Desk review of the submitted reports (first and revised version)
 - Conduct discussion sessions via video conference (e.g. Skype, Zoom, Google) with the Indonesian NQF team | minimum of three meetings;
 - Intensive interaction with the SHARE and NQF team through email; and
 - Submit a comprehensive review report.
- b) Attend the AQRFC Workshop in October 2019 in Indonesia, with the specific task of presenting the review process (methods and criteria of the document's assessment) to the AQRFC.

Budget foreseen

Daily Rate	Up to EUR 500
Billable Days	Up to ten days
Per diem rate	EUR 130 per over-night stay
Travel to Indonesia	Economy Class (booked by DAAD)

Schedule

17 August 2019	Submission of the first version Indonesian referencing report to the consultant
31 August 2019	Submission of the first version of the review report by the consultant
5 September 2019	Submission of the revised version of the Indonesian referencing report to the consultant
16 September 2019	Submission of the final review report by the consultant
28 October 2019	Attend the AQRFC Workshop in Yogyakarta, Indonesia as resource person and technical expert.

Submit your proposals to gries@daadjkt.org and ellyzar@daadjkt.org until **2 August 2019** (23:59 GMT+7) at the latest.