

Call for Proposals

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Cedefop's Questions and Answers 3

Potential candidates have submitted the following questions:

1) We are currently working on our proposal for the 'Cedefop's European Network of Expertise on Vocational Education and Training (VET) ReferNet'. We have a question on the award criteria on the policy brief.

To what extent is content of the policy brief evaluated? More concretely: to what extent should we cover all main developments? Or should we better sketch one development more in detail to be able to show understanding of the system, context, etc.?

Cedefop answer 1:

It is up to the applicants to define the content of the proposal, based on the instructions given in the published documents.

As indicated in Annex V of the call for proposals applicants should draft a country policy brief to report on the VET policies and initiatives in the country in line with the country's national implementation plan. The report will be a coherent and concise snapshot of 2-3 pages (about 1500 words) on national policy initiatives in VET to inform foreign readers of the country's developments in line with the priorities of the Council Recommendation on VET and the Osnabruck Declaration.

Concerning the selection of policy initiatives to be included in the policy brief please find below in underlined how this is addressed in the Scenario and award criteria:

It should contain three main sections:

1. The main national priorities up to 2025 or beyond
2. Description of main policy initiatives from September 2022 to June 2023
3. A conclusion on the progress the country has made and recommendations on steps and actions that need to be taken in addressing the selected priorities

On page 27 of the call for proposals and more specifically in the table under the Section 3.4. Award criteria we mention that "5- Quality of the country policy brief submitted, in terms of:

- relevant selection and use of national sources and policy initiatives in education and lifelong learning and specifically VET, linked to the main national strategic documents including the country's national implementation plan (reference to footnote 9); (8 pts) and
- coherence and conciseness of the text, clarity and readability for foreign readers (12 pts).

2) In the questionnaire for the members proposed you ask about experience two times. What is the difference between:

1. Requirement 1: Experience
2. Experience: Organisation and/or project name

From our point of view, requirement 1 is sufficient.

Please confirm.

Cedefop answer 2:

Requirement 1: Experience is the main title. Applicants have to copy paste the requirement as per A. Criteria of point 3.3.1.

Experience: Organisation and/or project name: Applicants have to state the name of the organisation and/or project.

The term *Experience* here is put in parallel with the next one: *Role or function in the project*. Please also explain how that experience in the project is relevant to meet the criterion above, using short bullets and references to the tasks performed. Applicants have to state the related experience.