

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Post Assignment:

INDEPENDENT ETHICS AND DATA PROTECTION EXPERT

Location	Athens, Greece
Application Deadline	30/11/2020
Languages required	English
Starting Date	
End of the contract	31/8/2022

Background:

EXUS SOFTWARE MONOPROSOPI ETAIRIA PERIORISMENIS EVTHINIS - EXUS SOFTWARE SINGLE MEMBER LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY is coordinating an innovation action project funded by the Horizon 2020 Programme of the European Commission with the title: S4AllCities - "Smart Spaces Safety and Security for All Cities" (Grant agreement no: 883522).

S4AllCities aims at bringing not only securely shielded access to highly automated digital intelligence on the Smart City spaces and systems in context with the City operations and actors involved; but also the remote automated detection of human behavior, measurements and identification of contents in suspicious in-situ objects and vehicles within the smart space; cyberactivity and the diagnosis of potential encountered threats; the actuation of steps towards management of critical situations and; the confirmation of threat elimination.

The S4AllCities will consist of a digital-twin system of systems; comprising three modular and interconnected digital twins processing data obtained from an edge-operating IoT sensor network. The project culminates in three pilot/demonstration activities of the system of systems in relevant environments by the actual authorities/end-users in three European Smart Cities.

Within the S4AllCities project, specific attention has been given to the ethics and data protection issues. The project aims to ensure that all the research activities are in no breach of the fundamental rights of the individual and gives specific measures and regulations in order to ensure full compliance with European and national legal framework for data and privacy protection.

Duties and responsibilities:

The Independent Ethics and Data Protection Expert will assist and closely collaborate with the S4AllCities Ethical and Legal Committee (ELC) in monitoring the project's research activities from an ethical and legal point of view and verifying the effective compliance of the adopted procedures with ethical principles and data protection law.

The main normative references to be followed by the Independent Expert, in order to verify and assess the full correspondence of each project activity to the current requirements are constituted by:

- Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (2012/C326/02)
- European Convention on Human Rights
- Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation) and national data protection laws
- Other EU and national regulations, directives and measures (e.g. on health and safety procedures, video surveillance, UAVs)

Specifically, the Independent Expert will carry out the following tasks:

- Monitoring and assuring that the requirements in relation to ethical, privacy, data protection issues are met within the research and development activities of the project throughout the project lifetime.
- Advisory activities for the S4AllCities Ethical and Legal Committee in defining the operational protocols aimed at ensuring full respect of EU and national legislation for the protection of privacy and ethical principles in the processing of personal and sensitive data, identifiable by the different project partners.
- Providing advice to the project's Ethical and Legal Committee, the Project Coordinator and other project partners regarding the precautions to be taken and procedures to be followed in respect of national and Community requirements for the protection of privacy and ethical principles;
- Reviewing project activities and deliverables upon request by the Project Coordinator or the Ethics manager.
- Preparing, elaborating, and providing yearly reports, upon request, connected to matters related to privacy and ethical principles in the framework of the S4AllCities activities.
- Attending the project's plenary meetings (physical or virtual) and the Ethical and Legal Committee's meetings (virtual).

Competences:

- Ability to carry out research, to contribute to the formulation of policies, procedures and guidelines;
- Strong analytical, reporting and writing abilities;
- Very good communication and drafting skills in English language;
- Promoting ethics and integrity, creating organizational precedents;
- Creating and promoting enabling environment for open communication;
- Fair and transparent decision making; calculated risk-taking;
- Displaying cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability;
- Experience in analysis of data protection and ethics for projects/missions is an asset.

Compensation:

The project will cover all travel expenses required, as well as the corresponding daily allowance. In addition, a structural compensation will be provided on a per case basis (deliverable review, yearly report) according to EC independent experts' compensation fee. The structural compensation scheme will be described in details in the relative contract.

Required Skills and Experience:

Education:

- Minimum Master Degree in Computer Science, Law, International Relations, Public Administration or related fields

Experience:

- At least 10 years of proven consultancy experience and/or proven track record of research on data protection and ethics
- Experience in monitoring, evaluation and consultancy work for research projects funded by the European Union.
- Experience working for research projects financed by the European Union as independent expert or as part of a partner institution is considered a strong asset.
- Experience in national or EU and international data protection or human rights law is considered an asset.

- Experience in City-Space Surveillance Ethics will be considered as an asset.

Language skills:

- Excellent writing, editing, and oral communication skills in English.

Criteria for Selection of the Best Candidate:

The qualifications will be weighted with a maximum of 100%. The 100% rating shall be based on how well the Candidate meets the minimum qualifications/competencies described above.

Desk review of applications according to the following criteria (Total 100 point):

- Relevance of education/degree - (max. 20 points);
- Years of relevant experience (max. 45 points)- minimum 10 years of relevant work experience;
- Adequacy of competencies for the assignment and technical skills- (max. 20 points);
- Language skills – (max. 15 points)

The candidate obtaining the highest score will be considered as the most compliant candidate and will be awarded a contract.

How to apply:

Applicants should read and agree to the Public Notice available at <http://www.s4allcities.eu/> and submit their proposals by email to info-s4allcities@exus.co.uk.

The subject of the e-mail must indicate the reference code of "S4ALLCities 883522". The application should contain:

1. CV in Europass Format
2. Cover letter
3. Copy of University Degrees
4. Copy of any other relevant documents demonstrating your skills and experiences.

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please make sure you have provided all requested materials.