Q: The commission tool only allows expert of up to 1000 projects at a time as a limitation of the website. Does Salto PI have direct access to the database to help her around this limitation?
A: SALTO PI does not currently have any special access, but we do not foresee that there will be a need to exceed this 1000 project export threshold anyway (see the question and answer below).

Q: Could SALTO PI provide an estimate of the total number of projects that need to be analysed, even though the exact filters will be determined in cooperation with the selected researcher? This would help with drawing up a comprehensive and realistic price offer.
A: Our estimation is that the total number of projects shall not exceed 1000 projects (this includes both Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps projects). This is the maximum total number for quantitative project analysis, while the actual number might be smaller eventually, depending on the mutual agreement on how exactly the projects will be filtered in the databases. For qualitative project analysis, filters 'completed' and 'good practice' can be further applied, which means that the maximum total number of projects shall not exceed 20 projects for more qualitative analysis purposes (i.e. these 20 projects will be identified as outstanding examples from the total pool of up to 1000 projects).
The databases can be found on the following links:
- Erasmus+ project results:
  https://erasmusplus.ec.europa.eu/projects/search/?page=1&sort=&domain=eplus2021&view=list&map=false&searchType=projects
- European Solidarity Corps project results: https://youth.europa.eu/solidarity/projects/

Q: Could you please provide a rough estimate of the number of project proposals after applying the most basic filters that you´ve mentioned?
A: Erasmus+ project results platform gives 49422 projects and European Solidarity Corps project results platform gives 4457 projects (i.e. total of 53879 projects) when the most basic filters are applied (i.e. call years 2021 and 2022, as well as activity types KA1 and KA2 (for Erasmus+) and Solidarity Project and Volunteering Projects (for European Solidarity Corps)). As mentioned below, these numbers are before any further narrowing down options/filters are

Q: Are the hyperlinks not working in the call document?
A: Unfortunately, the hyperlinks in the pdf did not work, so I will add the new version in the attachments.

Q: Could you indicate how many candidate service providers you have approached or invited to respond to this call?
A: This is an open call, but we contacted 25 different potential researchers or research organisations directly by Email.

Q: Is there a budget ceiling for the contract that may not be exceeded? If not is there a budget range that you had in mind for this call?
A: The estimated cost of the procurement is 16000 (VAT incl.).

Q: Will the report resulting from this contract be published in the public domain?
A: Report will be published in the Participation Resource Pool.

Q: If so, will the service provider own the copyright for the final deliverable?
A: A contract will be signed with the successful candidate, in which the copyright is regulated as follows:
5. Confidentiality, copyright and other information related rights
5.1. The Service Provider shall keep confidential all data related to the contract, which Harno has a legitimate interest in keeping confidential, above all the personal data of any third persons, any data related to the content of activities Harno is engaged, and all data legally marked as "for internal use". The Service Provider shall inter alia not use the confidential data in any manner inconsistent with the purpose of the contract. The Service Provider is not required to maintain confidentiality if Harno has granted a permission to disclose the relevant data or if the duty to disclose arises from the law.
5.2. In case the Service Provider violates the obligation of confidentiality in respect of personal data of any third persons, the content of such or any other data Harno has specifically indicated as confidential, Harno shall have the right to demand a contractual penalty up to the amount of 2000 Euros, depending on the gravity of the violation. In case of continuous violation, Harno may, at its sole discretion, demand up to 1/30 of the stated amount per day until the violation has ceased.
5.3. All information disclosed to the Service Provider or created by the Service Provider in the course of fulfilling the contract is and remains the property of Harno. All possible documentation obtained or created by the Service Provider

in relation to Works or Services is considered part thereof and is subject to delivery (excluding documentation that considering its purpose is clearly and reasonably not subject to delivery – in case of disagreement, the Service Provider bears the burden of proof).

5.4. In case the Works or Services, or any documentation or other materials pertaining thereto include copyrighted works, all copyrights that are possible to transfer under the law shall in their maximum possible amount automatically transfer to Harno, and in respect of all the rest of the copyrights, the Service Provider hereby grants Harno a perpetual and exclusive license for their use in the maximum amount possible under the applicable law. The moment of transfer of rights or granting of license in such case is the signing of the relevant instrument of acceptance. The remuneration for all possible copyright transfers or licenses is included in the fee stipulated in article 4.1 above.

5.5. If the Service Provider retains possession of any information, documentation or copyrighted works that Harno has the right to receive (either because the Service Provider is also entitled to such possession or because Harno has not taken over the possession) the Service Provider shall preserve such information, documentation or works during the validity of the contract and for at least 3 years after its expiry, unless the law prescribes a longer period. If the law does not require preservation of such information, documentation or works by the Service Provider and the Service Provider has no legal right to demand preservation, Harno may request deletion or destruction.

An example of the contract will also be added as a separate link.

Q: What is the number of projects that need to be analysed in the project results platform?
A: The most basic filters for Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps project mapping will be Call Years 2021-2022 and activities: KA1, KA2, Solidarity Project and Volunteering Projects. Furthermore, together with the research team we would like to explore if it is worth considering filters like 'Completed' and 'With Results' (the latter only available for E+) and 'Good Practice'. We expect to decide upon further filtering criteria in cooperation with the selected research team, in order to determine the most optimal way to identify projects touching upon MIL and DP from this pool of projects, so most likely, the total number of projects will be further narrowed quite significantly.

Q: What is the approximate number of individuals that SALTO PI expects the service provider to involve:
- in the survey;
- in focus groups?
A: The recipient list of the survey will be defined together with the research team to bring the most relevant results. The survey needs to be sent out to all National Agencies within Youth, Education and Training fields and 3 regional SALTOs. Furthermore, we would like to include organisations working on MIL and DP in Youth, Education and Training Field. We expect 1 response per NA/stakeholder organisations. The survey will be disseminated by SALTO PI. For focus group(s), there are options to either assemble focus group(s) out of these NAs and stakeholder organisations (i.e. handpick the members of the focus group(s)) or leave an option at the end of the survey form for respondents to sign up for focus group(s). Focus groups can be combined as group interviews either based on Key Action and/or fields involved. We do not expect more than 15 people involved in focus group interviews.

Q: It is foreseen that surveying and interviewing will be carried out in parallel with collecting data about the projects. What will be the criteria for selecting the interviewees (as the process of project data collection based on jointly defined quality criteria will be completed at a later stage)?
A: In procurement call document article 7, under task of data collection, it is stated that "surveying and interviewing will be carried out in parallel with collecting data about the projects". This means that project data collection and surveying+interviewing must be commenced in parallel, but it leaves open the possibility to make the survey first and follow it up with focus group interviews. So therefore an option to consider would be to use the survey in a way that allows for the respondents (i.e. National Agency (NA) employees and stakeholder organisation members) to sign up for focus group interview(s) at the end of the survey. If the selected research team advises that it would be be☐er to conduct the survey and focus group interviews simultaneously, then this is also possible and in that case SALTO PI can identify potential focus group(s) depending on the input from the research team as to the size of the group(s) and which different types of roles from NA and stakeholder organisations should be represented in the focus group(s).

Q: Please send the direct links to:
- the existing youth field report about 2021 youth projects;
- the report on Media- and Informa☐on Literacy 2021.
A:

Erasmus+ projects results platform: https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/projects
European Solidarity Corps Projects Results Platform: https://youth.europa.eu/solidarity/projects/
MIL report:
https://participationpool.eu/resource/report-media-information-literacy-in-the-eu-youth-programmes-empowering-youth-participation/

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