

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

ROMANIA

Romania Secondary Education Project

Loan Agreement No 8481-RO

Assignment Title: Technical assistance to pilot a computer-assisted assessment for students in grade 9 to assist recovery of learning gaps of literacy competence

Reference No.: C 1.2.15.2

The *Government of Romania (GoR)* has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the *Romania Secondary Education Project*, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include *design and administer a standardized test for 9th graders from ROSE eligible high schools, to evaluate their level of literacy competence (Romanian Language), generating individual reports and national sample report with recommendations on recovering identified learning gaps, suggestions and guidelines for teachers to be used in their activities with pupils. Screening all students in ROSE high schools will allow identifying those at risk for potential literacy difficulties and providing interventions to students identified as at risk.*

The *Ministry of Education - Unit for the Management of Externally Financed Projects* now invites eligible consultants (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The shortlisting criteria are:

- At least 5 years of experience in the field of assessment, including standardized assessment at national, regional and/or international level, in areas such as: items - writing and test development, development and administration of assessment and examinations;
- At least 3 years of experience in the field of administration of computer-based assessment;
- Proven experience in evaluation of secondary education students’ competences;
- Understanding of the Romanian system of education, especially the secondary level, and of the Romanian examination system.
- Proven capacity to deliver high quality outputs.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s *"Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA*

Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers" dated January 2011 (revised July 2014) ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the [Selection Based on the Consultants' Qualifications \(CQS\)](#) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours [8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.](#)

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by [April 25th 2023, 2:00 P.M.](#)

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