

Call for expressions of interest

Development of guidelines for legislation on the social and solidarity economy (SSE)

April 28, 2023

1. Background

Through its Cooperatives Unit (COOP), the ILO has been providing legal and policy advice on cooperatives to its member States, building on its [Promotion of Cooperatives Recommendation, 2002 \(No. 193\)](#). Since its adoption, more than 118 countries have used the Recommendation in the revision and development of their cooperative policies and legislation. Provision of legal and policy advice remains a key area of work where the ILO supports its constituents. In the last decade, the ILO has also been responding to a growing number of requests by the constituents regarding the development of legal framework for the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE).

This situation has brought to light the need to make practical guidance in the formulation of SSE legislation. available for ILO's constituents A similar approach had been adopted with the production of [guidelines for Cooperative Legislation](#) centred on ILO's Recommendation 193 on the Promotion of Cooperatives. The adoption of the [Resolution concerning decent work and the social and solidarity economy](#) by the 110th session of the ILC followed by the adoption by the 346th Governing Body of the Office-wide [Strategy and Action Plan \(SAP\) on Decent Work and the SSE](#) have reinforced and further justified the relevance and need for the guide.

2. Scope of the assignment

Under the supervision of [ILO's Cooperatives Unit](#), the objective of this consultancy is to produce guidelines for legislation on the social and solidarity economy. These guidelines aim to assist legislators in designing and implementing legislation on the SSE based on internationally accepted instruments and national good practices. Similar to the ILO guidelines for cooperative legislation, these guidelines on the SSE will accommodate national circumstances recognizing the diversity of the SSE and related legislation.

The guidelines are intended primarily for legislators, especially in developing countries. Considering the commonly agreed principles of the SSE as outlined in the ILC¹ and UN² resolutions: voluntary cooperation and mutual aid, democratic and/or participatory governance, autonomy and independence, and primacy of people and social purpose over capital in the distribution and use of surpluses and/or profits as well as assets, the guidelines should suggest the adoption of a participatory approach to SSE law-making.

¹ ILC.110/Resolution II: Resolution concerning decent work and the social and solidarity economy (2022)

² A/77/L.60 UN GA Resolution on promoting the social and solidarity economy for sustainable development (2023)

Therefore, representatives of SSE entities, and other SSE stakeholders including workers’ and employers’ organizations, practitioners, researchers among others should also represent possible target audience of the guidelines.

Specific tasks to be covered by this assignment include:

- Identify and analyse relevant publications/reports on the state-of-the art knowledge related to the social and solidarity economy with an emphasis on policy trends at national, regional and international level³;
- Review existing national laws on the SSE and carry out a comparative analysis of international experiences in the field of formulation of SSE laws based on comparison criteria (e.g. structure of SSE laws, common sections of SSE laws)⁴;
- Identify and analyse relevant existing materials (incl. tools) on legal frameworks for the SSE from the ILO⁵ and other institutions (e.g. SSE International⁶, OECD⁷, UNRISD⁸)
- Develop a detailed outline based on the desk review defining key questions;
- Produce draft guidelines based on the agreed outline;
- Finalize guidelines based on feedback received from the ILO and selected partners.

3. Deliverables

Specific deliverables expected from the consultant include the following:

Deliverable	Explanation	Working days	Tentative deadline
Brief note on the comparative analysis of SSE laws	The note should include an analysis of main common features of SSE laws (approx. 5 pages max)	3	11 June 2023
Detailed outline	This document should include: - Key questions to be addressed by the guidelines - Structure of the guidelines as well as main elements to be covered	5	18 June 2023
First draft of the guidelines	A full first draft of the guidelines will be shared for comments	20	16 July 2023
Final version of the guidelines	Based on the inputs provided by ILO and key partners the Consultant shall review the first draft and finalize it	5	31 July 2023

³ See ILO: [Report VI: Decent work and the social and solidarity economy](#) (2022)

⁴ See ILO: [Legal Compendium on the Social and Solidarity Economy](#) (2022)

⁵ This will include the review of [ILO guidelines on cooperative legislation](#) (2012)

⁶ See for instance, SSE International [Guide to the writing of Law for the Social and Solidarity Economy](#) (2021)

⁷ See for instance, OECD : [Policy Guide on Legal Frameworks for the Social and Solidarity Economy](#) (2023)

⁸ See for instance, UNRISD : [Guidelines for Local Governments on Policies for Social and Solidarity Economy](#) (2021)

4. Qualifications required

- i. Advanced University Degree in law, social and solidarity economy, social sciences or other relevant field;
- ii. At least ten years of experience in SSE or cooperative development, at national and/or international level;
- iii. Demonstrated experience in conducting legal analysis;
- iv. Experience developing practical training manuals, and/or research instruments;
- v. Strong demonstrated analytical ability;
- vi. Ability to verbally convey complex technical issues to a diverse audience;
- vii. Excellent analysis and report writing skills, including ability to elaborate high quality documents in English; and
- viii. Demonstrated ability to develop presentations and verbally convey complex technical issues to a wide range of stakeholders.

5. Application process

Candidates interested in this consultancy are invited to submit their application (not exceeding 10 pages) which should include: i) CV of the person who will undertake the assignment; ii) cover letter expressing interest in the position; iii) a technical proposal (with writing samples if possible); and iv) a financial proposal. Applications should be sent to coop@ilo.org by **May 12, 2023** with "Development of guidelines for legislation on social and solidarity economy" as the subject line.