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## INVITATION TO TENDER // THE EUROPEAN JOURNAL 2022

The European Journal is a flagship project of New Direction – Foundation for European Reform. It is our annual publication that looks ahead towards the next year, highlighting key areas of interest in the world of politics, culture, and conservative academics in Europe.

The European Journal will cover a wide range of topics including:

- European Politics
- China
- The Three Seas Initiative
- European Energy Security
- Book, Film, and Culture Reviews
- Global politics from a European

New Direction – Foundation for European Reform is looking for a publishing company to produce our annual European Journal. The ideal candidate would have a full editorial team ready to commit to the production of the European Journal.

### *Description of the services under this call*

The publisher should be able to commission and edit articles from a broad range of professionals and work to put them together in a high quality professional final product with licenced photographs.

The ideal length of the final product should be around 140 pages, with high level articles and analysis ranging in length from short pieces of around 500 words to longer editorial works of around 3000 words. Additionally we would expect to have an appropriate number of book, film, and other cultural reviews.

The publication will take a liberal conservative editorial line, with articles in line with the values and principles of New Direction.

We are looking to sign a contract between €40,000 – 50,000.

### GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THIS CALL

The final papers will have to be original work created in response to this call and should be about:

Authors will also be asked to possibly provide consultancy services in the form of regular interactions and discussions on the subject field with New Direction staff (amounting to no more than approximately 30 working hours).

Moreover, at the request of New Direction, authors should also be ready to present their work at a New Direction Conference, followed by comments of discussants and a general exchange of views among participants.

### SUBMISSION PROVISIONS

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Submission of a proposal implies that the candidate accepts all the terms and conditions set out in these specifications and in the contract.

### AWARD CRITERIA

New Direction will select a supplier based on:

- The overall cost and value for money
- The ability to meet our required timescale
- Previous experience in similar works (track record of publishing research on issues relating to the subject field) and demonstrable professional standing.

In the event a candidate is shortlisted for more than one proposal, New Direction will autonomously determine which proposal(s) will be retained. Candidates will only be awarded a maximum of three reports.

### RESERVATIONS

*Withdrawal from Process* – New Direction reserves the right to withdraw from the tender process described in this document for whatever reason, prior to the signing of any Agreement/Contract with any party for the delivery of goods or services described in this document.

*Lowest Cost Proposal* – The lowest cost proposal, or any proposal, will not necessarily be accepted.

*Negotiation* – New Direction reserves the right to negotiate with short-listed tenderers after the nominated closing date for tender submission.

*Part Offers* – New Direction reserves the right to accept tenders in relation to some and not all of the scope of activity described, or appoint one, more than one or no organisation on the basis of the tenders received.

*Costs* - All costs incurred in the preparation of the proposal are the supplier's responsibility and New Direction is not obliged to award a contract for these services and reserves the right to withdraw from the procurement process at any stage.

### CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARATION

Tenderers (including their officers, employees, contractors, partners and consultants) must declare to New Direction any matter or issue which is, may be perceived to be or may lead to, a conflict of interest regarding their proposal or participation in supply of the services described. Tenderers must describe a strategy so that any conflict of interest will be avoided.

### FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC CAPACITY

By responding to this call, candidates declare on honour that they have the financial and economic capacity to deliver the services.

### PUBLICATION AND COPYRIGHT ISSUES

New Direction envisages publishing the research papers in a volume collecting all contributions. New Direction will retain the copyright of papers and it governed by the provisions specified in the contract.

### SUBMISSION OF TENDER

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Tenders should be returned no later than 12 noon on 22 November 2021. Tenders received after this time will not be considered. The template for tenders can be found on <https://newdirection.online/about/privacy-policy-legal>

The tender submission must be completed as directed and returned via post or email to [contact@newdirection.online](mailto:contact@newdirection.online) as per the instruction below.

The tender submission can be submitted at any time before the submission deadline specified within the document. Submissions can be re-submitted any time before the submission deadline.

Please be advised that incomplete submissions may be rejected.

New Direction cannot accept responsibility for transmission delays. It is the responsibility of the supplier to ensure that its tender response has been submitted in the prescribed manner and in accordance with the specified deadline.

All submissions must be in English or French and prices in Euro exclusive of VAT.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

Information of a clarifying nature can be requested solely by email on [admin@newdirection.online](mailto:admin@newdirection.online)

Response can be submitted by post to New Direction, Rue du Trone 4, Brussels 1000, Belgium. The assessment procedure is carried out throughout the year and only successful candidates will be informed. New Direction reserves the right to request reference information.

This document does not constitute an offer to provide goods and/or services to New Direction.