**Terms of Reference for Carrying out Research on “Promotion of Gender Equality in EU Integration”**

**Kosovar Gender Studies Center, 08 February 2016**

**Background:**

The mission of the Kosovar Gender Studies Center (KGSC) is to integrate gender-sensitive analysis, programs, and policies in all sectors of Kosovar society by increasing gender awareness and a focus on gender issues, developing gender studies and ensuring the inclusion of gender-sensitive policies through research, policy development, advocacy and lobbying. The center’s vision is to establish itself as a trusted research institute to which local and international governmental and non-governmental institutions look for accurate data, policy recommendations and research that exemplifies an inclusive gender perspective, sensitive to the diversities of the Kosovar society.

**This document is an open call for applications to local research companies/experts who are interested in conducting this particular piece of research in Kosovo for KGSC.**

**General and specific objectives of the project:**

The research exercise specified in this call for applications will be carried out as part of “Equality and Gender Mainstreaming Across Borders” project funded by the EU and managed by the European Office in Kosovo, and “Promoting Gender Equality through Gender Mainstreaming” project, supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and Kvinna till Kvinna. The project strives to address several critical issues related to gender equality and mainstreaming gender in all spheres of life.

**Specific Activities:**

The project involves the conduction of research on **“Promotion of Gender Equality in EU Integration”** carried out.

The thematic study is designed to act as a resource that will provide strong arguments with which local civil society organizations can successfully advocate for issues related to the promotion of gender equality in EU level.

The research results will serve as blue print for future advocacy initiatives as it will provide the local women NGOs with a strategic vision and consequent positioning in the EU integration process and utilizing the process to advance women rights agenda.

As a result of the thematic surveys we expect to provide information and recommendations that respond to the specific needs of women, and guidelines that address issues of high priority in promoting gender equality in EU level.

**Scope of work/Deliverables:**

The study should involve the development of a methodological approach that will provide quantitative and qualitative data and analysis.

The information collected through the mapping exercise will be published and used for advocacy purposes and fine-tuning the project activities. The mapping will entail both analysis of both frequency and quality of content published on gender equality or women rights topics

**Delivery time:**

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| **Description of service**  | **Indicative deadline for delivery** |
| **Research on “Promotion of Gender Equality in EU Integration”**Report results and recommendation on the research theme  |  8 May, 2016 |

**Qualifications and skills:**

* At least three years of experience in the development and implementation of research methodologies with a focus on gender issues.
* A specialized research team with previous experience in conducting research in the abovementioned thematic area.
* Expertise of EU policies in the area of gender equality

**Applications should include technical and financial sections.**

The technical section should consist of the following documents:

* Detailed curriculum vitae (CV) of the research team/expert
* Work Plan

Kosovo Gender Studies Center will sign the agreement with the selected applicant.

Please send the required documents to **Kosovar Gender Studies Center** by  **29 of February, 2016** using this email address: **info@kgscenter.net**, qksgj\_kgsc@yahoo.com