

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CONSULTANTS

I. Background

The aims of the project ASK Asia are to assess how the **Erasmus Mundus (EM) graduates in Agriculture and related Life Sciences perform on the professional job market in Asia and to identify specific competences and skills** that provide these graduates with a comparative advantage in meeting the expectations of their first destination employers following the education/training period.

For this purpose will be launch a survey on the totality of the EM students graduated to date from selected Erasmus Mundus programmes in 6 following countries in Asia (Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Mongolia, Thailand and Vietnam). The survey will allow updating the professional data on the EM alumni from these programmes in Asia. It will also include a self-assessment of the skills and competences acquired in Europe.

The consortium of ASK Asia project search for high level experts for evaluation of employers opinion in each Asian country (Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Mongolia, Thailand and Vietnam).

Experts assignments:

Selected experts will have to contact and evaluate the current employers of EM graduates.

- **Contact personally and/or via phone the employers** who were identified by the online survey (detailed list will be provided at the end of April) in selected country during June and July 2014 and ask them the questions according to structured questionnaire provided by ASK Asia team.
- **Write a report** with results of the answers in English.
- Experts will be requested to **attend the workshop on Employability of EM graduates** in respective country which will be organized between end of August till October 2014.

II. Applications

Application procedure:

Interested experts are invited to apply, through sending a short CV (required condition of the CV format: up to 4 pages)¹ **before 3rd May 2014** to the ASK Asia Secretariat (askasia@ftz.czu.cz).

CVs clearly highlighting the experts' specific competence according to the selection criteria below will be given the priority.

¹ European Commission format of the CV should be preferable:

<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/europass/home/vernav/Europass+Documents/Europass+CV/navigate.action>



Selection criteria:

Criteria for selecting experts are:

- Experience in monitoring and evaluation of projects
- Significant background in management of research activities
- Good knowledge of English and local language according to the selected country

Selection procedures:

A specific Selection Committee, gathering five representatives of EU partners and one representative of each Asian partner according to the selected country will be set up.

III. Administrative, financial and time issues

ASK Asia project through the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague will contract the consultants directly.

The budget includes:

- **Expert fees:** on the basis of a lump sum of € 1,800 for each expert.
- **Travel costs** for visits of employers and workshop will be on the basis of real expenses (we expect around of € 350 for each expert).

Indicative timetable:

- 3rd May: deadline for applications
- End of May: final selection of candidates, interviews via skype call
- June-mid to July: survey with employers
- August: writing the reports
- End of August to October: participation at one – day workshop mentioned below

Workshops On Employability of Erasmus Mundus graduates

Country	University	Date	Participation of EU partners	Proposal of joint activity/ies
Cambodia	Royal University of Agriculture	October 10,	CULS,	Lotus meeting, Agricultural fair and carrier days
China	Nanjing Agricultural University	late September	CULS,	Lotus meeting
Indonesia	Tadulako University	26-27 August	CULS,	Agricultural fair
Mongolia	Mongolian State University of Agriculture	late October	CULS,	CULS project activities
Thailand	Prince of Songkla University	18-22 August	CULS,	Annual Agricultural fair, Council of the Dean of Agricultural Science in Thailand
Vietnam	Hue University	September	CULS,	