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Evaluation of Applications for the Selection of one Independent Auditor in the EU

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1 Job Description

Job title: External Quality Evaluator

Job description: The implementation of the External Quality Assessment of the Project in close collaboration with all members of the Quality Committee of the DeCAIR project will include:

- The use of independent tools (e.g. questionnaires, personal interviews) to assess the implementation of the project and its deliverables;

- The preparation of two External Quality Reports as described in the Quality Assurance and Evaluation Plan of the Project;

- Any other contribution to the project that derives from the Quality Assurance and Evaluation Plan and its possible future amendments or specific requests made by the EACEA (Education, Audiovisual and Cultural Agency).

- Visits to Jordan and Lebanon for the purpose of the preparation of the intermediate report might be required, if the circumstances allow it.

Deliverables: 2 Quality Assessment reports

Due date: 14 September 2022 (M20) – 14 December 2023 (M35)

2 Application procedure

Interested individuals were invited to submit their application to Creative Thinking Development, member of the "DeCAIR" consortium via the email: info@crethidev.gr.

Three (3) application e-mail has been received:

1. Mr Vasileios Krestos

2. Mr Panagiotis Lympereas

3. Dr Nikitas Nikitakos

All applicants are from Greece.

3 Qualifications/ selection criteria

The qualification criteria against which the candidates were evaluated were:

3.1 Required qualifications (exclusion criteria)

- Holder of a higher education diploma (for natural persons and legal entities working team members);

- A minimum of three-year experience in the implementation of national, EU or international projects of various topics;

- A minimum of three-year experience in the quality project management of national, EU or international projects of various topics;

- Excellent knowledge of English (C2) (for natural persons and for at least one of the working team members of the legal entities).

3.2 Additional qualifications (rated criteria)

#	Qualification	Rating method
1	Research or working experience in the Artificial Intelligence and Robotics sector.	Up to 1 year: 20 points Up to two years: 30 points More than 2 years: 40 points
2	Experience in the implementation of national, EU or international projects (additional to the 3-year experience in the implementation of national, EU or international projects).	Up to 1 year: 5 points More than 1 year: 10 points
3	Experience in the implementation of Erasmus+ projects.	Up to 1 year: 5 points More than 1 year: 10 points
4	Professional Certifications in project Management or Quality Management.	If present: 10 points
5	Service as Reviewer, Evaluator, Advisory Committee for projects funded by EU, Regional and National funds.	Up to 1 year: 10 points Up to two years: 20 points More than 2 years: 30 points
	Sum	Maximum 100 points

4 Evaluation of candidates

The evaluation of the candidates has been performed by Mrs Lina Tsakalou, Mrs Maya Dimitriadou and Mrs Sofia Papakonstantinou from CreThiDev.

4.1 Required qualifications (exclusion criteria)

Criteria / Name	HEI diploma	Three-year experience in the implementation of national, EU or international projects of various topics	Three-year experience in the quality project management of national, EU or international projects of various topics	Level of English (C2)	Conclusion
Vasileios Krestos	√	√	x	C2 based on self-assessment	Fail
Panagiotis Lympereas	√	√	√	C2 based on self-assessment	Pass
Nikitas Nikitakos	√	√	√	C2 based on self-assessment	Pass

4.2   Additional qualifications (rated criteria)

Two applicants, having passed the basic requirements of 3.1 were further evaluated for the additional qualifications:

Criteria Names	Research or working experience in the AIR sector	Additional experience in the implementation of national, EU or international projects	Experience in the implementation of Erasmus+ projects	Professional Certifications in project Management or Quality Management	Service as Reviewer, Evaluator, Advisory Committee for projects funded by EU, Regional & National funds	Total points
Panagiotis Lympereas	0	10	10	0	0	20
Niitas Nikitakos	40	10	10	10	30	100

5   Conclusion

Based on the evaluation described in par.3, Dr Nikitas Nikitakos is considered as a qualified candidate for the job of the European Union member of the External Quality Evaluator of DeCAIR project.

Dr Nikitas Nikitakos is an Engineer Graduate of Hellenic Naval Academy, holds an MSc in Statistics and Ph. D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering.

He is currently working as a Professor at the Dept. of Shipping Trade and Transport at the University of the Aegean. The main courses that he teaches are: "Applied Informatics", "Marine Technology", "New Technologies in Maritime and Transport Systems", "Electronic Commerce", "Information Economics".

- Has a Membership and Advisory Role in many Organizations & Associations.
- More than 20 research papers in international peer reviewed journals and conferences.
- More than 15 years experience in research projects.
- In last 5 years he has worked in two Erasmus + projects: SeaofSkills (2014-2017) and SHIPSMARTTECH (2020-2024).

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- More than 4 years experience as reviewer evaluator, advisory board for EU, Regional and national projects.

- He holds Professional Certifications in project Management and Quality Management:
  - Project Management Professional- PMP (#1785266) exp. 7 Jan. 2024
  - PMI Risk Management Professional PMI-RMP (#1578308) exp. 13 Feb. 2025
  - Prince2 certificate
  - Quality assurance in shipyards certificate
  - Fellow in Quality certificate