

## **Call for Tenders for the Study**

# **Ecological Crisis and Left Strategies in Greece and the Eastern Mediterranean**

## **Mapping the Context – Recommending Policies**

### Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung

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### Topic and Questions of the Study

The global ecological crisis is accelerating. Air and sea temperatures are rising. Many species are becoming extinct. Land, air and water are being contaminated. The Eastern Mediterranean and Greece are a hotspot of global warming. Compared to other regions, temperatures are rising faster here. New weather phenomena such as the Medicans, droughts and floods are the result.

Left-wing political actors and social movements are looking for strategies to deal with the ecological crisis. There are anti-capitalist voices in the global movement for climate justice. Many trade unions are looking for concepts for a just transition of production. Political parties of the left are proposing strategies for a socio-ecological transformation in which questions of social justice are considered together with questions of environmental protection.

At the same time, the left is faced with many questions: How can local and global movements for more environmental justice be linked? How can the clash of interests between industrial trade unions and the ecological movement be bridged? How can a progressive ecological industrial policy be enforced at national and European level against the neoliberal strategies of the European Commission? How can local movements against environmental destruction be supported by left-wing parties?

The study by the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung Office in Greece aims to analyze the context of the ecological crisis in Greece. It will also propose left-wing strategies. The Study will serve as an ex-ante Evaluation for the Program on Socio-Ecological Alternative.

Concrete questions are:

- What are the central ecological problems in Greece and in the Eastern Mediterranean region?

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- What ecological struggles have taken place in Greece in recent years?
- How do left parties and social movements discuss the ecological crisis?
- What significance do ecological issues have for left parties and social movements and what problems and conflicts arise in the development of a socio-ecological policy?
- Which regional networks in the eastern Mediterranean are working on the ecological crisis and alternative socio-ecological policy and what is their activities?
- What cornerstones can be proposed for a left-wing socio-ecological policy?
- What are the biggest political and organizational challenges for left actors engaged in ecological policy in Greece and the Eastern Mediterranean?

#### Format of the Study

- The Study should be between 15.000 and 20.000 words
- The Study should be written in English

#### Working process

- Deadline for applications 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2024
- In a first step we expect an outline and a structure of the Study until the 15<sup>th</sup> of July. The outline and structure will be discussed with the author(s) in a meeting at RLS Office by end of July.
- The deadline for the delivery of the complete Study in English is 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2024.

#### Remuneration

- Honorary for the production of the English text is 7.000 EUR net. A first rate of 2.000 EUR will be paid after the outline and draft is agreed (by 15<sup>th</sup> of July). The second rate will be paid after the final draft is completed (by 15<sup>th</sup> of October). Application of individuals or teams are possible.

#### Selection Criteria with Evaluation Points

- Academic English (C1) Language skills is a precondition
- Academic degree max. 4 Points [Bachelor (BA, Bsc) 1 Point, Master (MA, Msc) 2 Points, PhD candidate 3 Points, PhD 4 Points]
- Past Researches and Publications on the topic max. 4 Points (please include bibliography in CV)
- Knowledge of Left Actors in Greece and Eastern Mediterranean Region max. 4 Points (please show in CV)
- Experience in Left ecological activism and political activities max. 4 Points (please show in CV)

**We look forward to receiving your motivational letter and CV by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 at Boris Kanzleiter [Boris.Kanzleiter@rosalux.org](mailto:Boris.Kanzleiter@rosalux.org) (Head of Office) and Vangelis Koltsidas [Vangelis.Koltsidas@rosalux.org](mailto:Vangelis.Koltsidas@rosalux.org) (Office\PR Manager).**