

Call for tender: rebuilding better: opportunities and risks in the context of COVID-19



The British Embassy to France is seeking a partner organisation(s) to deliver an innovative and exciting research project, under our supervision, including papers and events for the period October 2020 to February 2021. The funding available for the project is in the region of £30,000 in total.

The project should consider the long-term international impact of and scenarios for COVID-19. The project should bring new insights on these issues that are relevant to both the UK and France.

Project proposals should be structured around the following cones:

- COVID-19 societies
- fair and sustainable recovery
- new geostrategic trends

We would expect the contracted partner(s) to consider the interdependencies that may exist between the three cones in their approach.

We have suggested a non-exhaustive list of themes that contracted partner(s) may wish to include in their proposal.

COVID-19 societies

- vulnerabilities and vulnerable groups
- digitalisation of work and education
- health: access to healthcare, vaccines, tests and treatments; R&D

Fair and sustainable recovery

- delivering the Paris Agreement and supporting COP26
- building long-term goals (climate, biodiversity, reduced inequalities) into shorter-term recovery plans

New geostrategic trends

- impact on great power relations
- multilateral responses
- vulnerable countries
- supply chain impacts

A British Embassy panel will select the successful partner organisation(s). The panel will look favourably on projects interested in the above themes and is particularly keen to see applications that foster UK-France cooperation and bring together a broad and diverse range of stakeholders e.g. NGOs, local associations, academia, government, industry.

The panel will also look favourably on bids with strong, impactful communications plans to maximise the reach of the project recommendations. We welcome bids from a consortium of organisations. If two or more project partners are selected, the panel may ask them to work together on a joint proposal.

Partners organisations will be required to follow British Embassy project management procedures.

Closing date for project bids	03 October 2020
Anticipated start date	early November 2020
Project completion date (papers and events)	end February 2021

Applicants should include the following in their bids

- presentation of project components: themes, researchers, formats of research papers and events, delivery including how the project respects equal opportunities and will be managed sustainably.
- detailed project costings.

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Annex

1. Appropriate due diligence has been carried out on all current project implementing partners, with the findings, risks and recommendations recorded, signed off, retained on file (copied to PMO), and risks monitored during delivery.
2. The correct FCO Contract, Grant Agreement or MoU has been signed by both parties before any project activity takes place.
3. Payments to third party implementing partners have been made in arrears

unless prior approval has been granted by the relevant programme central administrators.

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Extended deadline to apply

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