Call for Experts

Tax Expenditures Country Reports
for France, Ireland, Mexico, South Korea, Uganda, and the United Kingdom

CEP is an international non-profit non-partisan economic policy think tank for sustainability with a focus on fiscal, monetary and trade policy. We formulate and promote economic policy solutions that strengthen individual opportunity, social cohesion and environmental stability.

Our work is driven by the conviction that changes to economic policies are vital for sustainable prosperity. Whether governments align fiscal policy with a sustainability agenda, whether central banks integrate social and environmental considerations into their decisions and whether trade agreements account for their effects on climate change, employment and public services has significant ramifications for people and the planet.

In this context, one of the projects within our fiscal policy program, in partnership with the German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS), and with support from the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), is the development of country reports on tax expenditures.

The country reports will consist of a series of short reports (between 5,000 and 8,000 words, to be defined between the expert, and CEP and IDOS) that follow a standard structure (template) and provide a deep dive into national tax expenditure systems. The series shall cover all countries in the Global Tax Expenditures Database (GTED) and build also on information from the Global Tax Expenditures Transparency Index (GTETI). It will be published on the Tax Expenditures Lab website.

The country reports will focus on topics such as tax expenditure transparency, the fiscal cost of tax expenditures, benchmarking, tax expenditure evaluations, and the political economy around tax expenditures. They will be issued regularly (possibly every two years) and provide a detailed but, at the same time, reader-friendly overview of national tax expenditure systems. Technical information will be complemented by tables, graphs and charts based on the GTED, the GTETI as well as other sources.

To that end, we are seeking to hire six experts to start the series with an initial batch of six country reports on France, Ireland, Mexico, South Korea, Uganda, and the United Kingdom. The tasks of the experts are the following:

1. To provide feedback on the country report template.
2. To write the country report for one of the six countries.
   - Each country report shall be written in the local language of the country the expert will focus on, or in English (to be defined between the expert, and CEP and IDOS).
   - Each report shall be between 5,000 and 8,000 words long (10-16 pages), excluding references, graphs and charts, etc.
3. To contribute to organizing as well as to present and discuss the country report at a roundtable on the topic of tax expenditures in the country the expert focused on.
The writing of each country report shall be led by the expert with support by CEP and IDOS. Each report shall be finalized by February 29, 2024.

Profile

- Mid to late-career professional with vast (10+ years) experience working on tax policy, including on tax expenditures, ideally in an international organization, national government, think tank or research institution.
- Deep knowledge of the tax expenditure policy landscape in the country the expert would focus on.
- Fluent in the language of the country the expert will focus on is a must.
- English (written and spoken) is highly desirable.

Estimated days

- Providing feedback on the template (0.5 days)
- Writing the report (8 days)
- Supporting the organization of a round table on tax expenditures (1 days)
- Attending the roundtable (0.5 days)

Physical presence at the CEP premises in Zurich is not required.

To apply, please send your application, including an indication of your daily fee, together with a detailed CV to getinvolved@cepweb.org. The position will be open until filled. We look forward to hearing from you.