



AWARD PROCEDURE

Seeking religious stakeholders for our PARTES Interreligious Experts' Committee (IEC)

OVERVIEW

The PARTES team is currently looking to identify Europe's leading experts in creating and improving inter- and intrafaith coalition building as well as cooperation between places of worship and local authorities. Selected experts will be invited to join our Experts' Committee, which supports and advises the project in different capacities. PARTES project partners are research and practitioner organisations, security agencies and religious communities from 10 different European countries (Austria, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Portugal, Romania, Spain, The Netherlands). **We will select one expert member per country to be part of the IEC.** As many of the formats (e.g. interfaith dialogue forums, workshops and other events) will be implemented on a national level, all countries that are part of the Consortium will need to be represented in the IEC.

Period of performance:	Award of contract until 28 February 2025
Estimated number of working days:	up to 10 working days, depending on scope of tasks individual experts will carry out
Daily rate:	450 € (incl. taxes and reverse charge, if applicable)
Location:	mainly remote
Application Deadline:	10 September 2023, 11:59 pm (CEST) (formerly: 16 August 2023)

PROJECT BACKGROUND

PARTES proposes a comprehensive prevention model for the protection of places of worship that is evidence-based, inclusive and participatory. In order to effectively combat security threats posed to synagogues, mosques or churches, it is essential to understand the underlying violent extremist phenomenon and its concrete manifestations in relation to these targets. It also needs to involve religious communities in policies and measures and educate the broader population on toxic extremist rhetoric, but also specific features and manifestations of various faiths.

Specifically, the PARTES project seeks to get a more comprehensive **understanding of the current threat landscapes** different places of worship are facing and to improve **local cooperative work** across different religious communities, local authorities and security experts, by:



- Mapping the specific **threat landscape** of involved religious communities (including cyber threats)
- Assessing and deriving lessons learned on **vulnerabilities and existing security concepts** of involved religious communities and exchange best practices on protective measures Europe-wide
- Establishing **cooperation and communication structures** and channels between religious communities and local authorities
- Developing **proactive and preventive security measures**
- Carrying out **trainings and workshops with religious and local authorities**
- **Raising awareness** among the wider population about the threat and strategies of extremist organisations targeting places of worship, and involve them in prevention strategies

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ROLE OF EXPERTS' COMMITTEE

The Committee will consist of **10 experts** in building, training and supporting partnerships between religious communities, local authorities and security experts. Experts will advise on the **regionally diverse acquisition** of religious stakeholders and communities to participate in the PARTES trainings, exchange platforms and capacity-building workshops. To ensure a network of engaged participants, experts will **ensure regular exchange** with participating **stakeholders** throughout the project.

Interreligious experts will contribute to the development of **workshop modules** for interfaith dialogue forums, capacity building workshops and other event formats. Individual experts might be tasked with moderating or contributing to panel discussions or roundtables.

Selected experts will further be tasked to give guidance and advise consortium members and participating stakeholders with regards to **awareness raising campaigns** in the context of the safety of places of worship.

The services are provided as part of a project funded under the funding guideline ISF-2022-TF1-AG-PROTECT-01-PoW.

TASKS

- Outreach to local authorities & other stakeholders to participate and contribute to the project activities
- Co-develop concept and support implementation of Interfaith Dialogue Forums, capacity building workshops and communication channels between local authorities & places of worship
- Monitor the quality and the progress of the project, e.g. by providing feedback on event formats & publications
- Establish contact to religious communities in countries represented in the project consortium to participate in different event & exchange formats
- Provide strategic advice on the contents and formats of awareness raising campaigns

Please note: Not all experts of the Interreligious Experts' Committee will be involved in all tasks described above. Tasks will be assigned according to the expertise and areas of interest of the experts in consultation with the PARTES project consortium.



NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS

- Affiliation with a religious community/ place of worship within one of the ten countries listed on page 1
- Demonstrated connections with stakeholders of (different) religious or faith-based communities
- Network of public and private stakeholders (public authorities, law enforcement, media, civil society organisations etc.) is an asset
- Capacities and interest to contribute to and participate in PARTES meetings and events
- Ability to work in English
- Demonstrated experience in interfaith dialogue & coalition building processes
- Interest in security-related topics (esp. security implementation measures for places of worship)
- Independent working style
- Interest to work in diverse and international teams

Service contracts are concluded with **up to 10 Experts**. The estimated value and maximum limit per contract is € 4.500 (gross) for the period up to 28 February 2025.