

Nisma për Ndryshim Shoqëror ARISIS

Terms of reference for conducting a survey among elementary and high school students

Consultancy	Company for conducting a survey among elementary and high school students
Location	Albania
Starting date	17 March 2025
Type of contract	Service Contract

Nisma për Ndryshim Shoqëror ARISIS is seeking an experienced Research Company to a conduct survey among elementary and high school students. The Company will play role to gather evidence on the attitudes and level of information among young people, providing insights into their environment and identifying the key factors that contribute to their involvement in criminal activities, as well as factors that protect their integrity, in the frame of the project “Building resilience of youth towards criminal activities”, led by NGO Juventas from Montenegro in partnership with Nisma ARISIS in Albania and Belgrade Centre for Human Rights in Serbia, supported by the Regional grant of the “SMART Balkans – Civil Society for Shared Society in the Western Balkans” regional project implemented by Centar za promociju civilnog društva (CPCD), Center for Research and Policy Making (CRPM) and Institute for Democracy and Mediation (IDM) and financially supported by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (NMFA).

Introduction about Nisma ARISIS

Nisma për Ndryshim Shoqëror ARISIS (abbreviated as NISMA ARISIS) is a non-profit organization established in February 2016. NISMA ARISIS is an influential non-governmental actor in the civil society sector in Albania.

The mission of NISMA ARISIS is the commitment to advancing the rights of children, youth and their caregivers facing vulnerability, providing comprehensive services, and facilitating their dignified integration into society. “NISMA ARISIS advocates and lobbies at both local and central levels on issues of child and youth protection, development and participation, improving the socio-economic conditions of their families, and empowering the capacities of service providers, non-profit organizations, professionals, and other actors who work with vulnerable children.

Introduction with the project

The project aim contributing to fight against organized crime and building a new paradigm in current socio-economic breakpoint, by strengthening the resilience of youth and providing systematic solutions and support. Specific objective(s) (outcomes) are presented as follows:

- Improved understanding of push and pull factors for recruitment in criminal activities through conducting research among elementary and high school students through two research.

- Strengthening capacities of police, sport clubs, journalists and youth NGOs for building resilience of youth.
- Building trust between youth and police.

The aim of this consultancy is conducting a survey in Albania among 3000 elementary and high school students with an aim to gather evidence on the attitudes and level of information among young people, providing insights into their environment and identifying the key factors that contribute to their involvement in criminal activities, as well as factors that protect their integrity. To achieve this, the project will utilize the standardized questionnaire known as the International Self-Report Delinquency Study (ISRDS).

Objectives of the survey

The primary objective of this survey is to gather evidence through the standardized questionnaire known as the International Self-Report Delinquency Study (ISRDS), conducted among elementary and high school students in Montenegro, Albania, and Serbia. The survey will:

- Identify attitudes, reported behavior, and levels of information among young people.
- Determine key factors contributing to youth involvement in criminal activities.
- Assess protective factors that preserve youth integrity.
- Facilitate discussions with decision-makers to develop systematic solutions based on the findings.

Scope of work for Albania

The selected company will be responsible for:

- Adopting the International Self-Report Delinquency Study (ISRDS) questionnaire to reflect the specific conditions and goals of the Western Balkans.
- Conducting data collection among at least 3,000 students (elementary and high school levels).
- Ensuring a survey completion rate of at least 70% and data reliability of at least 80%.
- Performing one set of data analyses for Albania to examine attitudes, reported behavior, and levels of information.
- Identifying key push and pull factors leading to youth engagement in criminal activities.
- Organizing round table discussions with at least 15 decision-makers per session to present findings and recommendations.
- Developing systematic recommendations based on the findings to enhance youth resilience against organized crime.

Expected deliverables

- A finalized adopted ISRDS questionnaire tailored for the Western Balkans region.
- A database of survey responses with clear documentation of data collection methodologies.
- One analytical report presenting survey findings, including youth attitudes, risk factors, and protective elements.
- A final synthesis report with key conclusions and policy recommendations.
- Documentation and reports from round table discussions with key stakeholders.

Required qualifications

The selected company must have:

- Proven experience in conducting large-scale social research and surveys.
- Expertise in youth studies, criminology, or social sciences.
- Experience in applying standardized research methodologies such as ISRDS.
- Strong analytical and report-writing skills.
- Capacity to work across different regions in Albania and Western Balkans.
- Ability to organize and facilitate multi-stakeholder discussions.

Child Protection Policies

All individuals working with Nisma ARSIS programs are required to adhere to child protection policies, policies on protection from sexual abuse and exploitation, internal regulations of Nisma ARSIS, code of conduct, complete legislation on child protection, as well as any other relevant documents they should be aware of. The consultant will carry out their duty in accordance with the Child Protection Policies and the Convention on the Rights of the Child signed by Nisma ARSIS.

Timeframe:

Terms of reference launched	20 February 2025
Deadline for submission	05 March 2025
Evaluation and selection	12 March 2025
Survey commencement	17 March 2025
Methodology and survey plan	31 March 2025
Final report submission	31 May 2025

Application Process:

Interested companies are invited to submit:

- their CV,
- a cover letter detailing their relevant experience,
- financial offer,
- a sample of previous research work

Proposals should be submitted electronically to info@nisma-arsis.org with the subject line: "Proposal for youth attitudes and resilience research." The application deadline is 05 March 2025, midnight at the latest.

Nisma ARSIS is committed to creating a diverse environment and is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race,

color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, disability, age, or veteran status.

Annex 1: About ISRDS

The ISRDS is a large, international, collaborative study of victimization and delinquency among adolescents, which produces robust self-report data on offending and victimization among young people, with a strong methodological and theoretical foundation, building knowledge for policy and prevention.

The aims of ISRDS are to describe and explain adolescents' experiences with crime and victimization, to test criminological theories, and to develop recommendations for prevention and interventions. The main objectives are to contribute to the empirical knowledge through lens of observing and comparing cross-national differences, similarities and trends, identifying and analyzing the correlates of offending and victimization.

The focus is on students from 13 to 17 years old (8th, 9th, 1st and 2nd grade), in part because offending and victimization rates are higher for those age groups, and in part because of the interest in comparing student samples with samples of young people recruited via the internet.

Regarding the concept, the ISRDS uses an analytical framework based on three levels.

- An epidemiological data on youth offending and victimization, capturing prevalence and incidence or a core set of behaviors which can be used to inform both theory and policy.
- An additional variable which have been proposed by theories as explanations for offending and victimization.
- A multinational framework to explore similarities and differences between participating countries and to test for the generalizability of theory.