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To whom it may concern

We would like to inform you that The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MYES) of the Czech Republic, as the Managing authority (MA) of the Operational Programme Research, Development and Education (OP RDE) is currently looking for international external evaluators mainly within its R&D priorities.

International experts are a valued and important part of the project appraisal, assessment and evaluation and their participation enables us to provide a fair, transparent and objective project selection process. Therefore we are seeking experts from all the fields of R&D and higher education.

All experts applying for OP RDE evaluator position will be required to submit a registration via our new national level information system MS2014+. Ownership of a personal qualified digital signature certificate is a mandatory condition to register within the system. You can find a list of EU trusted certification service providers here: [https://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/policy/esignature/trusted-list/](https://ec.europa.eu/information_society/policy/esignature/trusted-list/). This falls under an EU Directive 1999/93/ES.

Please note that we will only be able to accept applications signed with the above mentioned EU approved authorities' certificates (issued within EU, evaluators can obtain them within EU regardless the EU/non-EU nationality of an applicant) as required within the Directive mentioned in the previous paragraph. Currently we can accept certificates of authorities listed in an attachment of this document, this list is to be updated with the EU trusted list updates.

The call has been launched with the duration of six months to enable interested experts to obtain the certificate and submit their application. You can find the call itself, including all the conditions, on: <http://www.msmt.cz/strukturalni-fondy-1/international-evaluators>. Experts can submit their application at any point during the call, the MA will be collecting the registrations on monthly basis (or as relevant) and will have the evaluators selection process running on-going.

At this point we would like to ask you to notify any experts within your organisation and/or other organisations that might be interested in participating in the project appraisal process within OP RDE and, where you consider relevant, forward this information to such experts and organisations.

Any interested expert can submit their application without further notice to MA, the MS2014+ is set and ready to accept applications. However, if you or any interested party

have any questions regarding the process please do not hesitate to ask via [evaluation@msmt.cz](mailto:evaluation@msmt.cz).

We will be grateful for any experts interested and registered as well as for forwarding this information to any entity that might have an interest in this matter. We are looking forward to future cooperation with you and your colleagues.

Kind Regards

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