Terms of Reference
Advisor – Spain
Global Partnership for Education
Short-term Consultant (STC)

Description
Are you a passionate advocate with a strong track record in having successfully influenced the Spanish government and Spanish parliament in the field of development cooperation? Do you want to make a difference in the lives of children in the world’s poorest countries and ensure education remains a priority on the political agenda of Spain? Then, the Global Partnership for Education Secretariat (GPE) would like to hear from you.

Who we are
GPE is a shared commitment to end the world’s learning crisis. It is the only global partnership and fund dedicated entirely to helping children in lower-income countries get a quality education, so they can unlock their potential and contribute to building a better world.

We bring together governments, teachers, civil society, donors, United Nations agencies, development banks, businesses and private foundations to achieve our shared vision that every child deserves to learn.

What we do
GPE is the largest global fund solely dedicated to transforming education in lower-income countries, and a unique, multi-stakeholder partnership. We work to deliver quality education so that every girl and boy can have hope, opportunity and agency.

Since 2002, 160 million more children in GPE partner countries have set foot in classrooms for the first time, more than half of them girls.

In 2020, GPE was also the largest provider of education grants in the global COVID-19 response, rapidly providing partner countries with vital resources to ensure that learning could safely continue.

A fully funded GPE would enable up to 175 million children to learn and help get 88 million more girls and boys in school by 2025. In the longer term, this investment could add $164 billion to economies in GPE partner countries, lift 18 million people out of poverty, and protect 2 million girls from early marriage.
**About the role**

We are seeking an experienced *Advisor – Spain* to develop and implement a strategy for more political support and financing for GPE. You should be an experienced advocate having successfully influenced the Spanish Parliament and government and being able to demonstrate in your application concrete successes.

The Advisor Spain position holder is expected to be based in Madrid and to have strong experience in partnerships work with the Spanish government, Parliament, Spanish CSOs and other relevant Spanish stakeholders.

The contract ideally starts in mid-January 2023 with an average of 8 days a month until June 2023.

- **Application deadline:** 26 December 2022.
- **Preferred starting date:** Mid-January 2023.

**Duties and Accountabilities**

The position sits within the Donor Relations Team, which takes a “whole of country” approach managing relationships with government, parliament, civil society, foundations, media and political influencers.

The position reports to the Acting Head of Donor Relations | Senior Donor Relations Lead Europe.

An initial identification of tasks includes the following:

- **Under the supervision of the Acting Head of Donor Relations | Senior Donor Relations Lead Europe,** this role will work closely with other External Relations colleagues to:
  - **Lead on GPE’s relations with the Spanish Parliament** and to develop and implement an impactful Parliamentary strategy to strengthen tangible political and financial support for GPE. To update the power mapping of the Spanish Parliament, identifying potential champions of education.
  - **Lead on GPE’s relations with CSOs in Spain,** including the Alliance for Education in Crisis, GCE Spain and other relevant CSOs.
  - **Support and coordinate the work of GPE national youth supporters** in Spain on joint campaigning and stunts, under the supervision of the Campaigns Specialist.
  - **Further position GPE vis-à-vis the Spanish government** under the leadership of the Acting Head of Donor Relations.
• **Position GPE on Spain’s EU presidency program** and work on a joint event with the Spanish government

• Develop, constantly update and implement a strategy for GPE’s work with Spanish stakeholders in support of GPE’s innovative financing instruments.

• Identify and liaise with possible new influencers and champions in Spain, who help channeling education and GPE into the public debate in Spain and help promoting education and GPE in the national context.

• In close collaboration with GPE’s communications team, map relevant Spanish journalists and media, liaise with them and position GPE to raise its visibility.

• Develop a social media strategy targeting key Spanish policy-makers.

• Identify and organize (virtual and in person) key events in Spain for GPE and position GPE’s leadership and youth at these events.

• Increase the profiling of Spain as a key actor on “Team Europe”.

• **Draft qualitative briefings in English** as well as develop and tailor advocacy and comms tools in Spanish such as OPEDs, blogs and campaign tools.

• Support GPE’s work on the “Team Europe” strategy.

**Selection Criteria**

• Masters’ degree (or equivalent combination of education and experience) and a minimum of 7 years’ experience working within the field of international Partnerships, Campaigns and/or Advocacy.

• Solid advocacy experience with the Spanish Parliament and other relevant Spanish stakeholders working on aid.

• Flexible and enthusiastic team player with a track record of delivering in a fast-moving environment.

• Strong project-management skills.

• Ability to work effectively under pressure, prioritize and juggle multiple tasks within tight deadlines, and to deliver time-sensitive high-quality work.

• Demonstrated strength in written and oral communications in Spanish and English and proven record in having developed or contributed to campaigns for social change, political change and fundraising purposes.
How to apply
Please, only apply if you can answer all pre-screening questions below with “yes”.
Please also refer to these questions in your motivation letter.

1. Are you based in Madrid?
2. Are you fluent in Spanish?
3. Do you have experience having worked with the Spanish Parliament or having influenced the Spanish Parliament?

In case of interest, please send your application (motivation letter and CV) by 26 December 2022 to abiurrunruiz@globalpartnership.org.

Only complete applications with motivation letter (answering the above questions) and CV will be considered.

Diversity and inclusion statement
Poverty has no borders. Neither does excellence. This is why we continually search for qualified individuals with a diverse set of backgrounds from around the globe. Individuals from minority groups, indigenous groups and persons with disabilities, as well as nationals from under-represented regions are equally encouraged to apply.

We are proud to be an equal opportunity and inclusive employer with a dedicated and committed workforce, and do not discriminate based on gender, gender identity, religion, creed, race, color, ethnicity, sexual orientation or disability.

GPE has a zero-tolerance policy against all forms of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment in line with its PSEAH policy.