

Memo for Ukraine working group meeting 05/03/2015

1 Review of the portfolio write-up: Europe and Ukraine. (Goran/Donal)

2. Country research reports: (Donal)

1. Germany:

a. Researcher: Ulrich Spech.

Bio: Ulrich Speck, a visiting scholar at Carnegie Europe in Brussels. His research focuses on the European Union's foreign policy and Europe's strategic role in a changing global environment. Speck writes a monthly foreign policy column for the *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, a leading Swiss daily. He has published widely on German and European foreign policy and transatlantic relations.

b. Changes to ToR: He asked that the \$1700 available for expenses be used instead to pay a research assistant (agreed). The media analysis to focus on the three main opinion forming channels and newspaper websites (agreed). Social media analysis to start with the 30 key opinion formers on the topic (agreed).

c. Status: Work has started.

2. Spain:

a. Researcher: Nicolas de Pedro

Bio: Nicolas de Pedro, a specialist in post-Soviet space (Central Asia, Russia). He is a visiting professor at the National University Al-Farabi Kazakh; associate professor of International Relations at the Barcelona Institute of International Studies (IBEI) and visiting professor at various master's degrees (UPF, UCJ) teacher. He has served on election observation missions of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in Ukraine (2010.2014) and worked as consultant or external evaluator of several European projects in Central Asia in the last ten years.

b. Changes to ToR:

i. An additional clause to specify that if ever OSIFE decides to publish the report he will first be consulted (agreed).

ii. Delay first draft until April 10th due to Easter holidays. (agreed)

iii. OSIFE to make three payments to pay for the research, one to CIDOB, one to Nicolas and one to a research assistant.

iv. NOTE: Very keen on using the social media mapping tool.

c. Status: Contract and terms agreed. Nicolas is currently working on other projects. Work to begin after Friday 13th meeting with Donal to finalize contract terms and learn about social media mapping tool.

3. Greece:

a. Researcher: Iannis Carras

Bio: Iannis is an economic and social historian of Balkan and Russian relations with expert knowledge of Greece's NGOs and social movements.

b. Changes to ToR: Iannis wishes to work with another research to accomplish the task. The total remuneration will remain unchanged (\$8,200).

c. Status: Contract terms agreed. Iannis meeting other researchers this week to find a second researcher, he suggested Vassilis Mourdoukoutas.

4. France:

- a. Researcher: Marie Mendras and two other researchers at CERI
Bio: Dr Marie Mendras, a research fellow with the Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS) and a professor at Sciences Po University's School of International Affairs in Paris. She is a political scientist in the field of Russian and post-Soviet studies and a member of the EU-Russia Centre in Brussels. At the Centre d'études et de recherches internationales, Marie Mendras conducts research on the Russian political system, elite behaviour and society, and Russian policies toward Europe. She runs the Observatoire de la Russie which organizes a seminar series. Dr. Marie Mendras is Associate Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Programme at Chatham House, London.
 - b. Changes to ToR:
 - i. Contract with CERI, remuneration \$11,000 (gross) to cover additional researchers.
 - ii. Reduce the number of profiles of opinion formers to 30 to start with.
 - c. Status: New ToR sent, awaiting agreement and processing.
5. Italy:
- a. Researcher: Eleonora Poli
Bio: researcher at the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI). Her research areas cover the political and institutional implications of the Eurozone crisis and the European role in regional conflicts resolution.
 - b. Changes to ToR: No changes but very interested in accessing a tool to help with the social media mapping.
 - c. Status: Terms agreed, contract processing.

3. Social media mapping research tool: (Antonia/Eleanor)

- a. Graphika contract almost finalized.
- b. Set up internal OSF meeting to learn the softwar.
- c. Set up meeting with Spanish researcher to start using the softwar.

4. Report on meetings with José Román León and Anton Shekhovtsov (Donal).

- a. José Román León: Team leader at the European Commission Support Group for Ukraine. He has extensive knowledge on the current debates on Ukraine at European level and specific knowledge on the debate in Spain.
- b. Anton Shekhovtsov: European Fellow of the Radicalism and New Media Research Group (University of Northampton, UK). General Editor of the "Explorations of the Far Right" book series at ibidem-Verlag: <http://www.ibidemverlag.de/Series/-EFR/> . Member of the Editorial Board of the journal Fascism: Journal of Comparative Fascist Studies: <http://www.brill.nl/fascism> . Blog: <http://anton-shekhovtsov.blogspot.com/es/>

5. Other reports:

- a. Bring Ukrainian activists to the Macedonia-Hungary activist exchange.
- b. Bring Ukrainian activists to the international activist exchange in Bulgaria.