



Terms of References

For the position of

Senior Economy Analyses Expert

Project name:	River Basin Management and Transparency
Location:	Republic of Albania
Description of the agreement:	Legal and institutional support for CSOs and civil society networks in Albania
Period of duration of agreement/services:	25 effective days starting from January 2020
Application Deadline:	November 15, 2019

Background:

In April 2018 Milieukontakt Macedonia (MKM) in partnership with Institute of Collaboration for Integration and Development (ICID) Albania and Institute for Research in Environment and Civil Engineering and Energy (IECE) Macedonia, started the project "River Basin management and transparency". The total duration of the project is 30 months, starting from April 2018, and ending in October 2020. Overall objective of the project is to strengthen CSOs capacities for involvement in the process of development of River Basin Management plans in Albania, thus contribute toward wider public support of RBM Plans.

As it is widely recognized general public mainly through CSOs and civil society networks engagement must play one of the most important roles in the process of public involvement in the development and implementation of River Basins Management Plans (RBMP). This is also clearly recognized in the Water Framework Directive (WFD) which is obligatory for Albania and which states that "the success of the WFD relies on close co-operation and coherent action at Community, Member State and local level as well as on information, consultation and involvement of the public". Fact is that Albanian development success depends not only on a private sector and an efficient public sector, but also on a vigorous civic society sector. The link between government and civil society is nowadays crucial for the Albanian development. However, CSOs often lack capacity in some areas of expertise, which means that they are not able to fulfill their expected and desired roles, such as facilitation, information-provision, awareness creation, lobbying and advocacy. CSOs in Albania that are mainly focused on environment, especially water issues need to expand their expertise to water resources management (WRM) with the accent on RBM plans development and implementation.

The participatory approach must secure that different interest groups such as: business community, local or national institutions, media etc. will benefit from the action. The action is mostly directed toward relevant civil society organizations that will show that they are able to demonstrate how the proposed action is compatible with their long-term plans and to demonstrate advocacy skills in development and improvement of public participation, decision making and consultation in designated region or district, either by introducing or reinforcing principles of Public Participation to the public. They will also have to set an example by applying a set



of accountability and monitoring tools to their current work and practices. The project is designed to ensure identification of all interest parties, recognize their needs, and direct the action toward meeting those needs.

Specific objectives of the Project:

- a) to strengthen CSO's capacities to increase their influence in the working process and outcomes of RBM plans in all stages of their development and implementation;
- b) to strengthen CSOs capacities for involvement in characterization of the River Basin Districts of Shkodra, Vlora, Pogradeci and Durresi in Albania for data collection, information and experiences sharing, identification of conflicts and establishing common understanding as well as for active involvement in development of the Programme of Measures;
- c) to support CSO's advocacy work for improving public participation, information exchange, consultation, decision-making, creation of awareness and promotion of environmental issues related to development, update and implementation of RBM plans, and
- d) to raise public awareness related to the key environmental issues and problems that affect the aquatic environment and the promote new ways to address them.

Scope of work

The position is to provide a common understanding with regard to economic analysis, to provide guidelines by explaining the requirements regarding the implementation steps and stages of the economic analysis; to provide recommendations and experiences of how to make the public participation in the economic analysis for River Basins operational. The contractor/expert shall:

1. Focus on training of the concepts of ecosystem services for identifying the types of goods and services that are provided by aquatic ecosystems (including wetlands), the main beneficiaries of these goods and services and ultimately the evaluated economic value of these ecosystem services. To enable a better sharing of this concept, the expert will develop a 4 steps approach which goes from benefits that are easy to understand to benefits that are more hidden. The four steps of the analysis include:

1.1 Identification of the ecosystem services for different water bodies in Albania in general and in particular in districts of Districts of Shkoder, Vlore, Pogradeci and Durres and the public awareness about the economic aspects of those services.

1.2 An assessment of the gains that can be obtained by some water users if the water quality is improving (for example, the increase of tourism revenues). In some cases, it won't be possible to evaluate precisely the gains for the water users. In this case, it's interesting to provide some information about the economic weight of water uses which can give a good view of the stakes. The expert shall be required to provide evaluation based on the appropriate service and by application of the appropriate methodology, including: contingent valuation method and at least one market-based method valuation.

1.3 A prioritization of measures is to be developed. The economic analysis, described in Annex III of the EU WFD is essential for prioritization of measures. Thus, according to EU WFD the economic analysis will help to make judgements about the most cost-effective combination of measures in respect of water uses to be included in the plan, based on estimated potential costs of such measures.



1.4 An Implementation scenario should be developed based on the approach indicated in the EU WFD CIS Guidance Document No 1 “Economics and the Environment – The Implementation Challenge of the Water Framework Directive”. This guidance document aims at guiding experts and stakeholders in the implementation of the EU WFD and focuses on the implementation of its economic elements in the broader context of the development of RBMPs as required by the Directive. The guidance document also explains the role of economics the EU WFD, describes the methods of planning the economic analysis and provides methodologies for undertaking the economic analysis.

2. Prepare a Manuel on Interpretation of RBMPs in terms of economic analysis, based on the above-mentioned types of analysis. The Manuel should be a great and understandable tool which would be used by CSOs in the process of RBMP preparation and implementation.

3. Include Case Studies in the Manuel or separately for economic analysis conducted based on the above-mentioned principles in already existent RBMTs in Albania, e.g. Shkumbini, Mati etc.

4. Present his/her findings in front of audience when required;

5. Contribute to the preparation of the SWOT analyze;

6. In cooperation with other experts engaged on the project to develop draft agenda for onsite trainings and summer school activities in districts of Districts of Shkoder, Vlore, Pogradeci and Durres;

7. In cooperation with other experts engaged on the project to develop training curricula for onsite trainings and summer school participants. Curricula to contain subjects related to economy aspects of RBM planning process; and

8. To train CSOs on how to:

a) set up a trend scenario which predicts the socio-economic trends for the future;

b) evaluate current levels of cost recovery, and

c) analyses the cost-effectiveness of measures.

9. Contractor/expert to participate in project events when requested.

Deliverables:

The contractor/expert will deliver the following:

1. Identification of the ecosystem services for different water bodies in Districts of Shkoder, Vlore, Pogradeci and Durres.
2. Assessment of the gains that can be obtained by some water users if the water quality is improving (for example, the increase of tourism attendance);
3. Prioritization of measures;
4. Implementation Scenario;
5. Case Studies of economic analysis and interpretation of existent RBMPs in Albania.
6. Trend scenario which predicts the socio-economic future trends;
7. Report on the evaluation of the current levels of cost recovery;
8. Analyze of the cost-effectiveness of the measures;
9. Agenda for summer school and onsite trainings, and
10. Training curricula for summer school training programme and onsite trainings.



Required Qualifications and Experience:

General professional experience

- Minimum 7 years of working experience in the field of Economy & Legal analyses (ecosystem services will be considered as an advantage)

Specific professional experience

- Experience in implementation of at least 2 projects with duration of at least 6 months related with environment, ecosystem services or other relevant field;
- Experience in training/on-the job support/workshops and consultation process.

Civil servants and other staff currently employed by public administrations of the beneficiary country are not eligible to apply as experts.

Experts must be independent and free from conflicts of interest in the responsibilities defined by the Terms of Reference.

Qualifications

- Minimum master's Degree in Economics, Law, Environmental Management or another relevant field; PhD and other academic titles are preferable to the position of expert required;
- Fluency in written and spoken English and Albanian;

Competencies

- Is up to date of new developments and concepts in the Water management legislation and EU water framework directives;
- Extensive experience in economy analysis in environment;
- Good ICT skills;
- Works with communities and a positive, constructive attitude;
- Demonstrates good oral and written communication skills, and
- Results orientation

Project language:

The working language of the project is English

Time frame

The consultant shall be scheduled to work from January 2020 until project completion, for up to 25 days. The working time will be documented in the respective time sheet (see Annex 1.).

Payments

The daily fee is 95 EUR including personal income tax.



How to apply?

Send an e-mail with your CV, Reference letter, letter of interest along with the financial offer for the engagement to the e-mail address: info@icialbania.org using the subject line: Senior institutional Expert.

Deadline for submissions of documents is November 15, 2019 (Friday), 17.00 p.m. We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date.

If you need help, or have queries, please contact: info@icialbania.org

Annex 1

TIMESHEET FOR Employee/Consultant			
Beneficiary:			
Contract No:			
Contract Title:			
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