

EU Support for Rule of Law - Republic of North Macedonia

VACANCY – international short-term expert Component 2 – enhance investigation capacities. in the project EU Support for Rule of Law

Component 2: Stronger capacity to effectively implement modern investigative techniques for organised crime and terrorism control.

Activity 2.1.1: Survey for improving comprehensive investigation in certain fields here: THB and illegal migration/human smuggling investigation under EU standards.

Activity 2.4.1: Survey for support to the National Coordination Centre for suppression of organized and serious crime.

Name of expert	Member of THB and illegal migration national office with technical expertise – EU member state.
Organisation/Institution:	Expert for the area combating human trafficking and human smuggling in an EU member state.
Place of work:	Ministry of Interior, OC Department, unit for combating THB and illegal migration. NCC. Border Police. Public Prosecution Office, Task Force leaders. Customs, Financial Police, FIU and possible intelligence community like ANB and IA.
Mission dates:	12.07.2021 till 16.07.2021
Working days:	4 ½ days for expert mission foreseen
Working time:	8 hours per day

Employer: Agency for European Integration and Economic Development GmbH

Location: Skopje, North Macedonia

Type: short term engagement

Expected start: 12.07.2021

Expected duration: 5 days in July 2021

BACKGROUND

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The International short-term expert in the field of THB and illegal migration in Component 2 (enhance of investigation capacities) will work as part of the implementation team for the European Union grant-funded project “EU Support for Rule of Law” in North Macedonia. The project is being implemented by an experienced international partnership led by the Agency for European Integration and Economic Development GmbH and three Co-Applicants - the Ministry of Justice and Administration of the Republic of Croatia, the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Austria and the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Fundamental and Human Rights.

The Overall Objective of the project is to strengthen the rule of law in North Macedonia. The project has four specific objectives: 1. To improve the capacities of justice institutions to deliver justice in transparent and accountable manner, 2. To strengthen the capacities to effectively implement modern investigation techniques in fighting organized crime, 3. To improve the prevention and fight against corruption, and 4. To enhance the protection of fundamental rights.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Activity 2.2.1 Survey

The current situation in Republic of North Macedonia will be identified through a survey, which will clarify the status quo in the areas of human trafficking and combating illegal migration/human smuggling, the objectives and the kind of support required as well as the institutional and legal framework in the Republic of North Macedonia. In addition will be visited the national coordination center for suppression of organized and serious crimes. The analysis of the legal framework, organisational set up and operational workflow will shed some light on what improvements must be made to meet EU standards. Legal background, structure, operational competencies, and existing networks for cooperation inside the country will be compared.

The expert will concentrate his/her activities on:

Based on the findings during the inception phase the legal framework is in line with international standards. The existing specialized unit inside the organized crime department is formed like the unit in Serbia but adopted to the situation in North Macedonia. Representatives of the Public Prosecution are carrying out the function of head and deputy head of the existing task force. The task force has also established international cooperation and is regularly participating on international action days against illegal migration/human smuggling and human trafficking. Special attention should be paid, if regional investigation can be increased. In addition will be included a fact-finding mission related to the status quo of the national coordination center for suppression of organized and serious crime.

Planned results from the mission:

STE report will include clear recommendation for the further development of the fight against illegal migration/human smuggling and human trafficking in North Macedonia. Furthermore, in the review in this field of combating organized crime also the National Coordination Centre for suppression of organized and serious crime will be taken in consideration regarding possible further developments and reorientation of its future tasks. This part of the expert mission will be repeated by several other units such as organized crime, narcotics, and serious crimes to establish a clear picture about the best future for the centre. Those analysis will be completed by a survey from STE for analytics, as the centre is established for the purpose of

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information exchange and analytical purpose as well. STE will work closely with 3 other experts in this field of investigations, trainings and use of technical equipment to extract data from mobile phones for analytical purpose.

REQUIREMENTS

- Member of an office combating THB and illegal migration/human smuggling in an EU member state
- Minimum 5 years of working experience in this field.
- Experience in use of technical equipment to extract data from mobile phone devices for analytics.
- Fluency in written and spoken English
- Flexibility, strong adaptation skills and capability of team work in a potentially stressful environment under tight deadlines

ADVANTAGES:

- Previous involvement in EU support projects in the Western Balkan region.
- Experience of working with law enforcement institutions in North Macedonia in general
- Working with one of the beneficiary institutions previously
- Working in a national competence center with international responsibilities as well.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Applications must be sent to dragan.kovacevic@aei.at (link sends e-mail) by 8 July 2021, indicating "International Short-term expert" for ARO – strategic function - in the subject and including a Europass format CV in English language. Applications sent after the deadline or incomplete applications will not be taken into consideration. Only short-listed candidates will be invited for a personal interview.