

EU Support for Rule of Law - Republic of North Macedonia

VACANCY Notice – Information technology (ICT) expert EU funded project “ Support for Rule of Law “

Contractor: Agency for European Integration and Economic Development (AEI)

Location: Skopje, North Macedonia

Type: short-term engagement

Expected start: August 2021

Expected duration: 30 days, August 2021 – September 2021

BACKGROUND

During the conducted survey under activity 2.5.1 was identified, that the current situation related to the topic information technology in the AMCP and ARO office requires an urgent update. The foreseen measures are in line with the new national strategy for strengthening of the capacities of financial investigation and confiscation of illegally acquired assets 2021-2023. This strategy is seen as government priority.

The short-term expert in the field of IT technology will provide an urgent need assessment related to the Agency for Management of confiscated property (AMCP) and Asset recovery office (ARO) as two very important institutions in this extremely specific field of financial investigation. The work will be carried out under Component 2 (enhance of investigation capacities) 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

The current situation in North Macedonia was identified in an international survey, which has clarified the status quo in the areas of financial investigation, asset recovery, seizure and confiscation, the objectives and the kind of support required as well as the institutional and legal framework in the Republic of North Macedonia. Related to two particularly important institutions in this comprehensive chain, the asset recovery office and the Agency for management of confiscated property currently IT solutions are identified of utmost

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important. Therefore, to bring the absolutely required IT solutions into place, an urgent need assessment for both institutions is required. It must be underlined, that the expertise should come from one IT expert in both cases to avoid any misunderstanding related to the necessary connection also to other relevant institutions.

The activity purpose is preparation of analysis of the current state of ICT equipment of the AMCP, preparation of analysis of the current state of the AMCP regarding the use of interoperability system and preparation of analysis for procurement of a new website of AMCP.

- Review and analyses the existing institutional structure and the existing technical equipment, including software and other material-technical items, for the AMCP.
- Review analyses of the current state of the AMCP regarding the future connection on the interoperability platform and future connection with other institutions like Ministry of Interior, Public Prosecution Office, Public Prosecution Office for Organized Crime, Customs Administration, Financial Police, Financial Intelligence Unit and the Asset Recovery Office through the interoperability platform.
- Review and analysis for development for new website of AMCP.
- Prepare report and recommendations presenting initial review and verification of the current status.

EXPECTED RESULTS

STE report including with clear recommendation for the further IT development of the asset recovery and asset management process in North Macedonia. The assessment must be of such quality, that it can be seen as solid foundation for a later following IT implementation. Interoperability solutions must be taken in consideration and all technical questions needs to be addressed with practical solutions.

- Prepared analyses for the existing institutional structure and the existing technical equipment.
- Prepared analyses of the current state of the AMCP regarding the future connection on the interoperability platform and future connection with other institutions like Ministry of Interior, Public Prosecution Office, Public Prosecution Office for organized crime, Customs Administration, Financial Police, Financial Intelligence Unit and the Asset Recovery Office of confiscated through interoperability platform.
- Prepared analyses for future development of new website of AMCP.
- Prepared report presenting initial review and verification of current status.

REQUIREMENTS

- IT expert with minimum of 12 years of working experience.
- Fluency in written and spoken English and Macedonian.
- Flexibility, strong adaptation skills and capability of teamwork in a potentially stressful environment under tight deadlines

ADVANTAGES:

- Security clearance if required to conduct the work in AMCP agency and ARO office

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- Experience of working with law enforcement institutions in North Macedonia in general
- Previously established working contacts to ICT experts from the Ministry of Justice
- Working with one of the beneficiary institutions previously

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS:

Applications must be sent to dragan.kovacevic@aei.at and guenther.bechtloff@rol.mk by 05.08.2021, indicating "Short-term expert" for AMCP – ICT support - 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.

The selected expert will sign a service contract with the project. It will be his/her sole responsibility to comply with all legal requirements for this contract as well as to cover all related taxes and charges.

