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FOR THE SECOND CALL OF INNOVATION

PLEASE READ AND SEND YOU APPLICATION CV AND EXPERT FEE

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In the subject field please identify the specialist category you are applying for!

The deadline for application is <u>10 March 2024</u> (at 23:00)



REPUBLIKA E SHQIPËRISË MINISTRIA E INFRASTRUKTURËS DHE ENERGJISË AGJENCIA KOMBËTARE E PLANIFIKIMIT TË TERRITORIT PROJEKTI ARSINOE/HORIZON2020 TERME OF REFERENCE, DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES

TERMS OF REFERENCE, DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PROCUREMENT AND EVALUATOR SPECIALIST, EVALUATION COMMITTEE

ARSINOE project, Albanian unit European Green Deal- Horizon 2020

General description of the Project

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WP 6 is the coordination and implementation package of the case study. AKPT/NTPA is in a transboundary case study together with Greece and North Macedonia, and it is responsible for the implementation of the system innovation approach and the resilience framework in CS4.

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The Procurement specialist will prepare the documentation for the ePRAG tender procedure, relevant for the call and the financial range.

The Procurement specialist will be part of the evaluation committee to supervise the tender procedure and the documents submitted by the applicants.

The Procurement procedure specialist will be responsible for fulfilling the appropriate procedure and the timeline of the procedure before going on with the contract signature.

He/she shall work in close collaboration with the project unit in line with the conditions of the grant agreement, EU regulations and national laws.

He/she shall prepare a database for the applications and the evaluation range according to the guideline.

He/she shall prepare and archive all the supporting documents for each procurement procedure throughout the project lifetime.

He/she shall prepare all the dossier documents for the relevant procedure and be responsible for the selection criteria of the applicants and the winner.

Work experience and qualifications.

A degree in economics, business administration or laws. Familiarity with EU regulations would be an advantage.

Minimum 3 years of experience as a procurement specialist or as part of a steering committee.

Additional experience with procurement in European-funded projects would be an advantage.

Excellent organization and analytical skills.

Familiar with project tenders and procedures, preparation of the documents and recording of the files.

Good command in English.

Self-motivated and led by strong analytical skills.

Ability to work under pressure with several tasks and various deadlines.

Actively generate creative, practical approaches and solutions to overcome challenging situations.

Ability to negotiate and resolve the problems occurring at work.

Use Information Technology effectively as a tool and resource.

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The Innovation specialist will be responsible to evaluate the items of the questionnaire, the 2-page proposal and preparing additional documents needed for the evaluation and selection of the candidates.

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He/she shall prepare a database for the applications and the evaluation range.

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He/she shall prepare the draft contract, in line with the project requirements and the procedure.

Work experience and qualifications.

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