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CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

for one expert in charge of the screening procedure and, upon request, of the Strategic Environmental Assessment for the ENI CBC MED Programme 2014-2020

Public notice

Regione Autonoma della Sardegna

Joint Managing Authority of the ENPI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme

Operational Management Unit

Call approved by the JMC on January, 26th, 2015 and by the JMA official act 161/6 of January, 29th 2015



Art. 1. Background

The Autonomous Region of Sardinia, in its role of Joint Managing Authority (JMA) of the current ENPI CBC MED Programme 2007-2013, is coordinating the process of preparation of the future ENI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme 2014-2020 (ENI CBC MED), to be implemented in the framework of the cross-border cooperation component of the European Neighbourhood Instrument (Regulation (EU) 232/2014).

The main features and strategic framework of the “ENI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme 2014-2020”, currently under preparation within the framework of the European Neighbourhood Instrument – Cross Border Cooperation component, will be set in the Joint Operational Programme (JOP), expected to be approved by 14 countries (Portugal, France, Italy, Malta, Greece, Cyprus, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Jordan, Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Spain).

The ENI CBC MED Programme, which will replace the “ENPI CBC MED 2007-2013” in the next programming period, must aim to strengthen cooperation by means of actions conducive to integrated territorial development linked to the Union’s cohesion policy priorities, also fostering complementarities and synergies with other initiatives ongoing in the area.

The body responsible for defining the contents of the ENI CBC MED Programme is the Joint Programming Committee (JPC), composed of the national delegations of the 14 participating countries.

As part of the programme implementation description, the Joint Operational Programme (JOP) 2014-2020 shall include information on fulfilment of regulatory requirements laid down in *Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2001 on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment*, with particular reference to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).

According to Article 5 p.2 “the Commission shall verify that the programme contains all the elements referred to in Article 4. The Commission shall assess the consistency of the programme with Regulation (EU) No 232/2014, the programming document, this Regulation and any other relevant Union law. The assessment shall in particular address: (a) the quality of the analysis, its consistency with the proposed priorities and with other Union-financed programmes; (b) the accuracy of the financial plan; (c) the compliance with Directive 2001/42/EC.”

Based on article 3 of the Directive 2001/42/EC, a SEA is mandatory for plans/programmes which:

- a) are prepared for agriculture, forestry, fisheries, energy, industry, transport, waste management, water management, telecommunications, tourism, town and country planning or land use and which set the framework for future development consent of projects listed in Annexes I and II to Directive 85/337/EEC;
- b) In view of the likely effect on sites, have been determined to require an assessment pursuant to Article 6 or 7 of Directive 92/43/EEC (i.e. Habitat Directive).

As far as the plans/programmes not included above are concerned, the Member States have to carry out a screening procedure based on criteria set out in Annex II of Directive 2001/42/EC to determine whether these plans/programmes are likely to have significant environmental effects. If the screening shows that there are significant effects, a SEA is needed (article 3, paragraph 5, of the Directive 2001/42/EC).

Since a full SEA process is not compulsory for the ENI CBC MED Programme, a screening procedure is needed and it must be carried out in accordance with the Italian legislation (Legislative Decree 152/2006, Art. 12), being Italy the Member State hosting the Managing Authority of the Programme.



Art. 2. Invitation

The Joint Managing Authority hereby calls for applications from natural persons with a view to recruit one expert who will elaborate a preliminary assessment (screening) of the strategic framework of the draft ENI CBC MED Joint Operational Programme, in compliance with the stipulations of the Directive 2001/42/EC.

The expert will proceed with the elaboration of the full SEA in accordance with the Italian legislation if, after the screening, either the Environmental Regional Department of the Autonomous Region of Sardinia or the European Commission will require it.

Art. 3. Description of the assignment and expected deliverables

The main task of the expert will be to implement the assessment according to the criteria set out in Annex II of Directive 2001/42/EC, in order to determine if the ENI CBC MED Programme 2014-2020 is likely to have significant effects on the environment or not.

The **assignment** includes the following tasks:

- assessment of possible environmental effects of the expected type of projects included in the draft Joint Operational Programme allowing integration of environmental considerations in the Programme planning;
- collection and analysis of environmental regulations of the participating countries;
- preparation of the preliminary screening report to be submitted to the competent environmental authorities namely, the Environmental Regional Department of the Autonomous Region of Sardinia and the designated national environmental authorities. The preliminary screening report must include a description of the ENI CBC MED Joint Operational Programme 2014-2020 (draft). It shall contain all relevant information in view of the assessment of its potential environmental impacts. The report shall comply with all criteria included in the Directive 2001/42/EC and, in particular in its Annex II;
- collection and assessment of the contributions coming from the national environmental authorities involved in the consultation and preparation of a summary related to the consultation process;
- preparation of a note on the screening conclusions and the reasons for not requiring an environmental assessment to be integrated in the JOP.

If a full SEA is required:

The environmental authorities of all participating countries will be consulted on the level of detail required for the report, and the expert will:

- draft an environmental report;
- draft the non-technical summary (the report and the summary will have to be approved by the JMA);
- collect comments during the consultations and prepare a proposal for amending the JOP;
- provide a summary of the statement on how these environmental considerations and the opinions expressed have been integrated into the programme and the reasons for choosing the strategy in light of alternatives (according to article 9, 1.b of Directive 2001/42/EC);
- elaborate a monitoring plan and describe of the measures to be included in the JOP (according to article 9, 1.c and 10 of Directive 2001/42/EC);



- provide information on the consultation with concerned public and environmental authorities (according to article 6 of Directive 2001/42/EC).

Expected deliverables:

A) Screening procedure:

- A preliminary screening report, based on the criteria set out in Annex II of Directive 2001/42/EC and submitted to the Joint Managing Authority. It is expected that the report will be easy to read, illustrative and well structured. The quality of the evaluation will be assessed based on its usefulness;
- An executive summary of the screening report, to be integrated in the JOP, as the case may be;
- A note explaining the reasons for not requiring an environmental assessment;
- The statement signed by the Member State hosting the Managing Authority informing that the SEA is not applicable, in accordance with the Italian legislation (Legislative Decree 152/2006, Art. 12).

B) In case of Full SEA procedure:

- environmental report and non-technical summary of the statement;
- monitoring plan and description of the measures to be included in the JOP;

All above mentioned deliverables shall be drafted in English and French.

The deliverables shall be presented in the form of draft documents. The final versions shall be prepared on the basis of possible comments received by the JMA and of the discussion with the bodies involved in the Programme preparation. Participation to coordination meetings may be requested by the JMA.

Art. 4. Timeframe

The indicative timeframe for completing the above mentioned tasks / deliverables could be estimated in about:

A) Screening procedure: 60 working days within the four months following the signature of the contract for the screening procedure;

B) In case of Full SEA procedure: 90 working days within the six months following the signature of the contract.

The contract to be signed by the JMA with the expert will include both options (A-B).

Art. 5. Selection and award criteria

The following eligibility requirements **must be satisfied**:

- be citizen of a Member State of the European Union, a country that is a beneficiary of the ENI Regulation, a country that is a beneficiary of an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA), or a Member State of the European Economic Area or a country that is eligible according to articles 8 and 9 of the Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action;



- possession of civil and political rights;
- absence of sanctions under penal law or of ongoing penal procedures;
- never having been deprived nor laid off from public administration and having been deprived from a position in the public administration for having obtained it by supplying false or absolutely invalid documents;

The following qualifications **must necessarily be fulfilled**:

- have a level of education corresponding to completed university studies attested by a degree;
- have an advanced command¹ of English at least corresponding to the C1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages; excellent report writing skills in English is a must;
- have an Independent User command of French at least corresponding to the level group B of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages²;
- at least one proven experience of Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA) procedures in compliance with Directive 2001/42/EC at any territorial level;
- at least one proven experience in managing activities under projects/programmes financed by Structural Funds (EU regional policy) or any international cooperation initiative;
- be computer literate.

Candidates shall possess the requested qualifications and experiences by the deadline for the submission of applications. Please note that possession of all the requirements must clearly result from the documents submitted by candidates (Request for participation and Curriculum Vitae).

Before signing the contract, the selected candidate may be requested to present supporting documents (i.e., copy of university degree, certificates of working experience, etc.). The JMA may not sign the contract with the expert who will not be able to certify the declarations contained Request for participation and in the CV.

Moreover, a declaration stating the independence from any institutions represented in the JPC and involved in the final approval of the JOP shall be provided by the expert.

Art. 6. Selection procedure

A dedicated evaluation commission, established by the JMA, will check the formal regularity of the submitted applications and will exclude the applicants who do not satisfy the necessary requirements foreseen in article 5 of this call.

- Candidates satisfying all the necessary requirements will be included in a short list, from which one expert will be selected according to the following criteria;
- Priority will be given to the candidate having completed the higher number of Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA) in compliance with Directive 2001/42/EC;
- In case of equal number of Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA), priority will be given to the candidate having a higher number of years of professional experience in the fields covered by the Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA).



Art. 7. Validity of the short list

The short list of experts, constituted on the basis of the present call, will be valid for 3 years after its publication.

Art. 8. Application procedure

Under penalty of exclusion, interested candidates shall submit the following documents, completed in English and duly dated and signed:

- **Request for participation.** Under penalty of exclusion, it must be hand written signed; the format (Attachment A), available on the Programme website: www.enpicbmed.eu, must be used (other formats will not be considered);
- A copy of a **valid Identification Document** shall be attached to the application.

A **Curriculum Vitae**¹ dated and signed shall also be attached to the Request for participation, according to the European format (Attachment B) available on the Programme website: www.enpicbmed.eu.

Under penalty of exclusion, applications shall be sent by **February 20th 2015** by certified mail with return receipt, private-courier service or delivered by hand by the same date (hand delivery is possible in the following hours - excluding public holidays: Monday to Friday, from 10.00 to 13.00; Tuesday and Wednesday, from 16.00 to 18.00) to the following address:

Regione Autonoma della Sardegna – Presidenza

Autorità di Gestione Comune del Programma “ENPI CBC Bacino del Mediterraneo”

Servizio Gestione Operativa

Via Bacaredda 184 - 09127 Cagliari (Italy).

Applications sent or delivered by hand after the above-mentioned deadline will not be taken into consideration. The postmark or the postal office's or private courier's accompanying note (or, in case of hand delivery, the receipt provided by the JMA) are considered proof of postage date.

In any case, under penalty of exclusion, applications duly sent within the set deadline of **February 20th 2015** shall be received by the JMA no later than **February 27th 2015**.

The JMA cannot be in any case held responsible for possible late delivery or loss of applications. Applicants shall thus take all measures to ensure the fulfilment of the deadline for receipt by the JMA.

Under penalty of exclusion, the request for participation shall arrive in a closed envelope together with the attachments. The sealed envelope containing the request shall indicate outwards the following wording:

“SEA EXPERT - DO NOT OPEN – NON APRIRE”.

The declarations contained in the application are subject to controls, as per D.P.R 445/2000 and successive modifications and integrations. On top of the penal sanctions foreseen by article 76 of D.P.R n. 445 of 28.12.2000 in case of false declarations, if the controls reveal that the content of the declarations is false, the concerned person will be deprived from the benefits possibly acquired.

¹ The description of prior experiences and qualifications provided in the Request for participation shall be compliant with what is stated in the CV; the latter will be used as supporting document to confirm what is stated in the Request for participation.



Art. 9. Contract and Payment arrangements

The selected candidate will be offered a short-term temporary contract under Italian legislation.

The maximum total estimated value of the contract is 45.000 euro (gross salary including VAT, other taxes and pension contributions to be paid by both the expert and the Joint Managing Authority).

The amount to be paid will depend on the following options:

A) Screening procedure: estimated in 30.000 euro and covering 60 working days within the four months following the signature of the contract;

B) Full SEA procedure (if required): estimated in 45.000 euro and covering 90 working days within the six months following the signature of the contract.

In any case, the expert will remain in charge for any additional support / request until the EC final decision on the JOP 2014-2020 approval.

The contract will be on a fixed price basis. Payment will be made on delivery of the expected deliverables listed in art.3.

Travels in the Programme cooperation area may be foreseen for the fulfilment of the tasks foreseen by the assignment.

Travel and accommodation costs, where applicable, will be reimbursed according to the rules applicable to the staff of the Joint Managing Authority.

Art 10. Personal data treatment

Personal data submitted by the applicants will be only used for the participation to the present call and for the possible signature of a contract with the Joint Managing Authority, according to the Italian law in force (Legislative Decree N. 196/2003).

Art. 11 Publication of the call and results of the selection

This notice is edited in English and published on the official website of the Programme www.enpicbcmmed.eu and on the website of the Autonomous Region of Sardinia in the section « Servizi al cittadino – Concorsi e selezioni » www.regione.sardegna.it/servizi/cittadino/concorsi/ .

An extract in French of the notice is also available on the above mentioned websites.

The results of the procedure will be approved by act of the Head of the Operational Management Unit of the JMA and will be published on these two websites.

Art. 12 Various and final provisions

The contract for carrying out the evaluation will be awarded as soon as possible after the conclusion of the selection process and the successful expert must be ready to start work immediately.

He/she is required to observe confidentiality when dealing with information and data made available for evaluation purposes. Failure to observe confidentiality will lead to the immediate termination of the contract without compensation.



All products delivered during the execution of the contract are intended as the sole property of the ENPI CBC Med Programme. All data generated during the evaluation must be made freely available to all interested parties involved in the Programme.

The JMA reserves the right to modify, extend, suspend entirely or partially or revoke this call. The participation in the selection procedure involves the implicit and unconditional acceptance of the provisions of this call.

For any further information and clarification, please contact the JMA at: enpi.management@regione.sardegna.it, Tel. (+39)0706062443 – (+39)0706062309, (+39)0706065428, Fax +39 070 400359, or visit the website of the Programme (www.enpicbmed.eu).

Art.13 Person in charge of the procedure

The person in charge of the competition procedure, as per this Announcement, is Ms Anna Paola Mura – Director of the Operational Management Unit of the Joint Managing Authority .

The Director of the Operational Management Unit

Anna Paola Mura