



Call for Expression of Interest for Short-term Environmental Expert

Green Lungs for our cities – alternative and bottom-up monitoring platform for air quality, noise pollution and urban greenery for policy influencing at local level – A project funded by the EU Delegation to Albania and implemented by Co-PLAN, Institute for Habitat Development and Milieukontakt Albania.

Position title: Environmental Expert on Measuring Air and Noise Pollution, Ecosystem Services of Urban Greenery in Tirana.

Required Expertise areas: Environmental Monitoring of Air Pollution, Noise Pollution, Urban Greenery and Ecosystem Services Evaluation, GIS and Project Technical Assistance.

Assignment location: Tirana (Albania)

Project title: Green Lungs for our cities – alternative and bottom-up monitoring platform for air quality, noise pollution and urban greenery for policy influencing at local level.

Project code: 2018/395-682

Organisation: Co-PLAN, Institute for Habitat Development

Contract duration: up to 90 days

Notice issued: September 3, 2020

Deadline for applications: September 17, 2020, 17:00.

Background Information on the Project

This project aims to address air and noise pollution and decreasing urban greenery in Albania, an urgent environmental concern. Reports rank Albania 5th in the world for its high levels of air pollution resulting in 2120 casualties, mainly attributed to heavy traffic, lack of green spaces, excessive construction, poor quality fuels etc.

Further, there is limited territorial coverage issue based on the restricted number of monitoring stations in the country, meaning that they are insufficient to:

- cover and represent the entire territory of a city/municipality;
- to allow for dialogue/accountability between local constituencies and their elected authorities. In addition to the gap of information impeding the proper configuration of the environmental situation, the pollution measurements show an increasing trend which does not match with the commitments made in approximations to the environmental acquis.



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Such a situation is further aggravated by the numerous challenges within the environmental realm:

- Narrow understanding of the reforms and increasing apathy;
- Legislation reinforcement issues;
- Lack of experienced organizations for advocacy to exert pressure on policy-makers;
- Weak dialogue with institutions;
- Poor media coverage of air and noise pollutions;
- Sparse resonance with current EU environment-related discussions such as climate change adaptation and urban pollution.

For all the aforementioned reasons, and given the cross-sectoral implications of these aspects, the proposed action aims to deliver an alternative and bottom-up monitoring platform for air quality, noise pollution and urban greenery for policy influencing at local level.

Description of the Position: Short-term Consultant

Key Duties and Responsibilities

The Short-term Environmental Expert is expected to contribute to the project activities related to the measuring Air and Noise Pollution, ecosystem Services of Urban Greenery in Tirana, in consultation with the Project Manager and other key players. The role will include:

- Application in full compliance with the project's Alternative Monitoring Methodology
- Support the team leader on preparation and delivering site project activities related to urban greenery pollution
- Contribute to the project team with the National Campaign proceedings and practices
- Provide assistance to Green Lungs team on operating, maintaining and fulfilling the main aim of the urban greenery monitoring in Tirana Municipality.
- Analyse and update when required from the Green Lungs Project Team the status of the urban greenery and its ecosystem services.
- Ensure that by February 2021, a complete monitoring for CO, CO₂, NO₂, SO₂, O₃, VOC, PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀ is conducted and submitted accordingly for the Zone C in Tirana.
- Ensure that by February 2021, a complete monitoring is conducted and submitted accordingly for Area – C in Tirana
- Ensure that by January 2021, a complete monitoring is conducted and submitted accordingly for the Zone C in Tirana.

Key Qualifications Required

The Short-term Consultant is experienced to have:

- A higher education degree or qualification equivalent to a doctoral degree (PhD), in Environmental Studies (30% of weighting criteria);
- Extensive professional experience of at least 5 years in areas of work related to environmental monitoring and reporting (30% of weighting criteria);
- Varied portfolio of Environmental Monitoring and Reporting (30% of weighting criteria);
- Prior work experience in the Albania and familiarity with the delivery of environmental monitoring and technical assistance projects; (10% of weighting criteria);

Remuneration

The successful candidate will be offered a Service Contract, and in return for the fulfilment of the Terms of Reference as specified in this Call for Expression of Interest.

Applications

All candidates wishing to respond to this call for expression of interest, are requested to send the following documents in English:

- A CV (in English), including only the relevant experience;
- A copy of your academic diplomas;
- A financial offer;
- Portfolio of publications or published works authored or co-authored by the applicant.

Applications are accepted until September 17, 2020, 17:00h. Co-PLAN is an equal rights and opportunities employer. Only those who fulfil the requirements specified in this Call for Expression of Interest and Terms of References are encouraged to apply.

ONLY short-listed candidates will be contacted for the 2nd stage of the selection process. All expressions of interest are to be sent to: co-plan@co-plan.org and rodion_gjoka@co-plan.org.