



Call for Expression of Interest for an End Evaluation

Technical assistance requested:	End Evaluation
Project Title:	Consolidation of the Justice System in Armenia
Reference:	EuropeAid/165867/DD/ACT/AMN
Content of the assignment:	International legal databases and research
Category	External Contractor / Experts Services
Duration of assignment	5-6 weeks in August – September 2022

Project Background

The overall objective of the **Consolidation of the Justice System in Armenia** project (hereinafter: the Action) is to enhance the quality of justice. Through the project, the justice system will be improved to meet the quality requirements of independence, efficiency, integrity, accountability and transparency in line with the priorities of CEPA and EU best practices.

The project should achieve the following results:

- The Strategy of Judicial and Legal Reforms is being updated and implemented in line with EU standards and best practices.
- Functional judiciary meeting the standards of independence, efficiency, integrity, accountability, and transparency.
- Strengthened integrity and capacity of judges, motivated and skilled judicial personnel.
- A comprehensive system of court assessment and performance evaluation, empowered stakeholders capable to identify the ways of improvement of performances and judicial services and implement them.

The Action started on 25th of June 2020 and is to end on 24th of August 2022. The Action is being implemented in Armenia by an international consortium consisting of the Deutsche Stiftung für internationale rechtliche Zusammenarbeit e.V. (IRZ) (Germany), Expertise France (France) and the Court Administration of the Republic of Latvia (Latvia).

The overall volume of the Action is 2,2 Million Euro and targeted at the following Beneficiaries

- Ministry of Justice (MoJ)
- Supreme Judicial Council (SJC)
- Judicial Department (JD)
- General Assembly of Judges (GAJ)
- General Prosecutor's Office (GPO)
- Corruption Prevention Commission (CPC)
- Chamber of Advocates (CoA)
- Justice Academy (JA)
- Mediators of Armenia SRO (MoA)

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In addition, the Constitutional Court was added during the implementation period as a target group of the Project. The main final beneficiary of this Action is the population of Armenia, as well as Armenian and foreign businesses benefiting from the delivery of quality justice.

Description of the services

The below given information are **tentative, non-final** and purely for the purpose of **orientation and information**. The selected tenderers are provided with the actual and specific Terms of Reference upon implementation of the tender.

Purpose of the Evaluation

The end-evaluation is to produce relevant information on the Action to be utilized in the Action's reporting as well as to establish and document the relevance and effectiveness of the Action for accountability purposes towards the donors as well as efficiency and sustainability including recommendations for learning purposes.

For this purpose, a contractor shall be selected to assess performance, results, management within the given circumstances, local setting and the Action's life cycle to display the Action's level of achievement as well as to draw recommendations.

Schedule

The evaluation shall be implemented in the time of **mid-August until end September 2022**, this time frame includes the final submission of the report latest on 30th of September 2022. The starting date in August is to be identified following the closure of the tender.

Scope

The selected contractor shall implement a **home-based desk-review** as well as targeted **qualitative and standardized online-interviews** and an **online-survey** targeted at the Beneficiaries. The evaluator is expected to make use of qualitative and quantitative methods in line with European standards and suitable to the specific contractual nature of the Action.

The evaluation shall focus on relevance, effectiveness and efficiency of the Action. Other aspects such as impact, sustainability and EU-added value are, if, to be considered in limited scope.

The selected contractor shall consider the entire project duration, specifically the duration of the Project until its last Steering Committee Meeting on 21st July 2022. The contractor may incorporate any information on relevant achievements upon information following the date of the 21st July.

The following deliverables are currently foreseen and to be produced in English:

- Submission of a draft report
- Discussion and exchange on draft report
- Submission of a final report latest by end September 2022

Budget



The maximum budget foreseen is 12.600€ including all relevant expenses, taxes to be paid and borne by the selected contractor.

Expression of Interest / Tender

To participate in the **Call for Expression of Interest** and subsequent **tender** procedure, you are asked to give a **notification** by Email by **Thursday, 14th of July 23:00 CET**, in English addressed to armenia@irz-projects.de

The enclosures to the **notification** must include a **motivation letter** and a **short summary of your CV / presentation of your company** (max 2 pages for both), the submission is otherwise form-free.

Received EoI considered most suitable will be invited to hand in their full offer (with a tentative submission date on 25th of July 2022). If IRZ decides to go into negotiations, the tentative date for negotiations is the 28th of July 2022.

The final selection will be based on the tender evaluation criteria (relevant qualifications, experience, etc) and if implemented, the negotiations. The evaluation criteria are going to be set out in detail in the terms of references/Invitation to Tender.

Candidates have to fulfil the minimum eligibility requirements mentioned below to be considered:

- No criminal convictions and no measures concerning the application of preventive measures, civil decisions and administrative measures registered in the criminal record or for any crime;
- Not subjected to criminal proceedings;
- Fulfil the requirement of independence and no condition of incompatibility or conflict of interest (financial, business, work or other relations) with the Project Stakeholders or Armenian Justice Sector institutions;
- Not Armenian civil servants.

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