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Promoting Transparency and Accountability in Public Administration in North Macedonia



CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Within the EU-funded project on Promoting Transparency and Accountability in Public Administration of North Macedonia, we are looking for qualified professionals to support the **Agency for Protection of the Right to Free Access to Public Information (APRFAPI)** to implement the following tasks:

- Raising capacities of the information holders:
 - Development of new training materials for the APRFAPI for the information holders (new methods and materials for conducting training sessions with information holders). Teaching and training materials should be printed/published in electronic format;
 - Provide training to other information holders on the provisions on the new law.
 - Development of training curriculum and a training package (training and information, e.g. brochures) for promoting the right to free access to public information for both information holder officers and information holder officials; organise at least 5
 - Delivery of Trainings for the public servants in different sectors.
 - Conducting an assessment of the methods and tools used for communication and cooperation between APRFAPI and the information holders.
 - Providing additional training on free access to public information to the law enforcement agencies and other relevant institutions, and judiciary, etc.
 - Analyse the role, challenges, obligations (under the law) and training needs of the information holder officers and officials in the public sector through interviews with 7 focus groups of 10 information holder officials, each. Also, develop and distribute a questionnaire for information holder officials of public state bodies (out of 1,278 information holders choosing a representative number for research), in regards to their responsibilities/ obligations towards the law on free access to public information. Prepare a report with recommendations for strengthening the role of the information holder officers and officials.

We aim to hire one Senior expert, meeting the following criteria:

General professional experience and skills:

- Higher education (MA/MSc as minimum) ideally in law, sociology, journalism, political science, or other relevant
- At least 5 years of professional experience in the field relevant to this assignment;
- Very good communication, presentation and drafting skills;
- Very good command of written and spoken English.

Specific professional experience

- Excellent theoretical and practical knowledge of the right to free access to public information (FAPI), including international standards and good practices;
- Proven significant experience with practical application of FAPI in North Macedonia;
- Proven experience with organization of and lecturing in conferences, trainings and other similar events for central and local public administration, NGOs, journalists, law enforcement authorities and judges;
- Proven experience in establishing/ handling mechanisms for cooperation between public authorities/ administration and CSO.

Project implemented by:



Assets

- Relevant experience in the CSO sector;
- Good knowledge of and/or experience with FAPI environment in the European Neighbourhood countries, ideally in the Western Balkans.

The expert's work will be implemented under the supervision of and in close cooperation with the Key Expert 2 on the Project, and the APRFAPI.

Qualified candidates are invited to send their CVs in EuropAid format (https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/DOC_02_9) and in English to m.andonova.jokic@protracco-project.mk and a.kashumov@protracco-project.mk by 3 September 2021.