



## **CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES**

### **Inter-municipal cooperation among Greek municipalities in the islands**

**Contract:** Short-term consultancy contracts for local experts.

**Project:** European Union – Council of Europe joint project “Technical assistance on Institutional Enhancement for Local Governance” in Greece.

**Organisation:** The Centre of Expertise for Local Government Reform, Good Governance Division, Directorate General of Democracy (DG II), Council of Europe.

The relevant Council of Europe recommendations, key documents, and capacity-building activities are available at: <http://www.coe.int/t/dgap/localdemocracy/>

**Deadline for applications: 16 March 2017**

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### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT**

The project at stake is a joint project of the European Union and the Council of Europe delivered upon request of the Ministry of Interior of Greece. The Council of Europe’s Centre of Expertise for Local Government Reform will support Greece in providing policy advice to decision-makers and capacity building assistance to local authorities.

Through the current call the Centre shall contract individual experts who could provide the Council of Europe with consultancy services to help implement one of the capacity building activities foreseen by the project, namely the Inter-municipal cooperation programme.

The toolkit is available at the following link:

<https://wcd.coe.int/ViewDoc.jsp?p=&id=2001019&Site=&BackColorInternet=B9BDEE&BackColorIntranet=FFCD4F&BackColorLogged=FFC679&direct=true>

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY**

The aim of IMC is to improve the implementation of the existing legislation on inter-municipal co-operation in Greece with a special focus on the islands.

This activity will strengthen the capacity of Greek municipalities in islands to set-up IMC structures and practices by:

- promoting good governance at local level and improving inter-municipal cooperation among Greek municipalities with a specific focus on the islands;
- increasing municipalities' capacities to deliver better services through IMC;
- enhancing understanding of key-elements, mechanisms, success factors at the basis of IMC in Greek islands;
- designing, implementing and monitoring efficient and effective policies and actions to promote IMC in pilot Greek islands municipalities.

## **TIMEFRAME**

This activity will be implemented between April and November 2017.

## **TASKS**

The successful candidate will be expected to:

- implement the CoE IMC tool
- cooperate with the Council of Europe Secretariat, its international experts and partners in Greece;
- conduct short missions within the country;
- make evaluations and analysis;
- compile background information;
- develop surveys;
- conduct interviews (focus groups and in-depth interviews);
- draft reports, summaries and policy recommendations;
- design and implement capacity-building actions.

## **KEY QUALIFICATIONS**

- University degree in law, public administration, sociology, political science, economics or public finance, preferably with focus on local and regional governance;
- Minimum of 7 years of professional experience in the field of local governance or legal consultancy. Previous experience on inter-municipal cooperation/local governance in Greek islands will be an asset;
- Strong knowledge of the Greek legislation, local governance and public administration structure and functions. Knowledge of other European local governance systems will be an asset;
- Knowledge and experience in capacity-building activities for local authorities;
- Knowledge of the relevant international standards in the field, and in particular those set by the Council of Europe;
- Familiarity and experience with the Council of Europe toolkits on good governance;
- Proven ability to work in international, multi-cultural environments;
- Team-worker;
- Analytical, research and reporting skills;
- Fluency in English;
- Excellent writing skills;
- Good communication skills.

## **FEES AND STATUS**

The selected candidates will be offered a consultancy contract. The candidates will not have a status of Council of Europe staff member or employee. The consultancy fees will be based on deliverables described in this call. The number of working days will depend on the project's needs and will not be mentioned in the contract. Any expenses rising from missions will be covered separately (per diem, travel).

## **APPLICATIONS**

Candidates must submit their Curriculum Vitae in English or French to [webmaster.local@coe.int](mailto:webmaster.local@coe.int)

## **CONDITIONS OF RECRUITMENT**

- Within the framework of its rules on equal opportunity the Council of Europe strives to ensure equal representation of men and women among its staff, both per category and per grade. In compliance with these rules, in the case of equal merit, preference is given to the candidate of the underrepresented sex;
- Interested candidates are requested to submit their application with the following subject line “**Call for Experts-Greece-IMC**”. Please note that non-compliance with this requirement may lead to disqualification from the competition;
- Candidates should mention their expected fee in the application;
- Due to the high number of applications only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. The decision to accept or reject an application is not subject to appeal.