

**Council of Europe Programme  
“Decentralisation and Territorial Consolidation in Ukraine”**

**Call for Expression of Interest**

**Short-Term International Consultants**

**Vacancy notice issued:** 17 February 2017

**Deadline for applications:** 5 March 2017

**I - Purpose of the call**

The aim of the current call is to establish a pool of short-term senior consultants who will help with the implementation of the Programme and, in particular, provide legal expertise and advice in the field of decentralisation and local self-government reform in Ukraine.

The consultants will act under the guidance of the Centre of Expertise for Local Government Reform, Directorate General of Democracy of the Council of Europe.

The number of working days/ consultants will be determined according to the Programme needs.

**II - Background information**

The Council of Europe is the only European organisation with standards in the field of local government and it has extensive expertise concerning decentralisation. On the permanent basis it supports, including practically, the preparation, implementation and co-ordination of decentralisation reforms in European countries.

The Programme Decentralisation and Territorial Consolidation in Ukraine is implemented in the framework of the Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine for 2015-2017.

The Programme's overall objective is to support the establishment and consolidation of a sustainable local governance system in Ukraine. To that aim, the Council of Europe helps the country to conduct decentralisation and territorial reforms by changing legislative and institutional framework in line with European standards and by enhancing public administration capacity at central and local levels to deliver reforms.

### III - Description of the tasks, qualifications and fees

The consultants will provide expertise and advice in the framework of the Council of Europe efforts towards the improvement of the legislation of Ukraine in the field of decentralisation and local self-government. This task involves in particular drafting analysis and recommendations by considering the compliance of the draft/existent Ukrainian legislation with the European Charter of Local Self Government and other Council of Europe instruments. The expertise shall also be supplemented by good examples from other European countries.

The relevant CoE recommendations, key documents, and capacity building tools are available on this website: <http://www.coe.int/t/dgap/localdemocracy/>

#### Key qualifications:

- University degree in law, public administration, political science.
- Minimum of 7 years of professional experience in the field of public administration or local government; Experience in legal consultancy would be an advantage.
- Very good knowledge of the relevant international standards in the above-mentioned fields, and in particular those set by the Council of Europe.
- Knowledge of the current situation in Ukraine, the national legislation in the above-mentioned field, public administration and local government reforms in Europe, would be an advantage.
- Excellent analytical, research, drafting and reporting skills.
- Excellent English language skills.
- Very good communication skills.

#### Fees

The selected consultants will be offered **short-term** consultancy contracts. They will not have the status of a Council of Europe employee. The fees will be based on the number of working days.

The consultants may be requested to travel, participate in various meetings and make presentations. All travel and daily expenses will be covered by the Council of Europe.

### IV – Applications

Candidates must submit their Curriculum Vitae in English to **decentralisation.ua@coe.int** with a subject line *Call for international legal experts*. Please do not send any other documents.

Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted. The decision to accept or reject an application is not subject to appeal.