



CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES

European Label for Governance Excellence (ELoGE)

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: 1 April 2017

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 European Label for Governance Excellence (ELoGE).

The toolkit is available at the following link:

<https://wcd.coe.int/ViewDoc.jsp?p=&id=2405655&Site=&BackColorInternet=B9BDEE&BackColorIntranet=FFCD4F&BackColorLogged=FFC679&direct=true>

DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY

This activity aims at strengthening local democratic governance in Greece. To this end, the project will raise awareness and create the structures for awarding the European Label of Governance Excellence (ELoGE) to local authorities having achieved a high overall level of governance as defined by the CoE Strategy for Innovation and Good Governance and its 12 Principles.

The activity will allow local authorities to understand their strengths and their weaknesses when providing public services to the local community and exercising public authority.

TIMEFRAME

This activity will be implemented between April and October 2017.

TASKS

The successful candidate will be expected to:

- Support the adaptation of ELoGE benchmarks to the Greek context;
- Liaise with Mayors, senior local government officials and other stakeholders in Greece;
- Conduct workshops in Greece to raise awareness and support the delivery of the ELoGE;
- Collect data, develop questionnaires, analyse results;
- Draft the final report to be presented to the Steering Committee;
- Participate in opening workshops and the final event (presentation of the ELoGE results).

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 5 years of professional experience in the field of local governance or legal consultancy in Greece.
- 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; Knowledge of CoE Strategy for Innovation and Good Governance at Local Level as well as of the 12 Principles for Good Governance at Local level will be an asset;
- 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

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-ELoGE**”. 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.