

Republic of Serbia
Ministry of Justice
Multi Donor Trust Fund for Justice Sector Support for Serbia

DEADLINE EXTENSION FROM MARCH 31, 2020 TO APRIL 7, 2020

CONSULTANCY SERVICES
Grant No. TF97118

The Republic of Serbia has received a Multi Donor Trust Fund for Justice Sector (hereinafter: MDTF JSS) from various donors, jointly executed by the World Bank and the Ministry of Justice (hereinafter: MOJ) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this grant funds to payments under the contract:

- **Consultant for Criminal Code, Contract Ref. No. SER-MDTFJSS-TF097118- IC-CS-19-90**

The Consultant for Criminal Code (hereinafter: Consultant) will support the MOJ by providing appropriate analytical and advisory services, and contributing to development of different substantive outputs and deliverables. This assignment is related both to justice reform and accession facilitation. Given the need to harmonize Serbian legal framework on criminal code with the Council of Europe (CoE), EU and United Nations (UN) standards, and with Jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR). Concurrently, as a part of the Supporting Reform and Accession Facilitation component of the Project, this assignment is aimed at improving the legislative framework and/or to foster its implementation in order to ensure full compliance with relevant international standards. This assignment would contribute to efficient harmonization of the Serbian legal framework with contemporary standards in criminal code that regulates life prison sentence and the conditional release.

The expert should assess the level of alignment of the recently amended Criminal Code with the above mentioned standards, jurisprudence and comparative legislation in order to identify possible gaps and/or inconsistencies. Based on those findings, the expert should draft the set of recommendations to address ways to improve legislative framework and/or to foster its implementation in order to ensure full compliance with relevant international standards. Once the analysis is accepted by Beneficiary, the expert should present his/her findings at Expert Meeting with participation of representatives of judiciary, academic community, civil society and international organizations.

The key tasks comprise the following:

- To analyze relevant provisions of the Serbian Criminal Code that regulates life prison sentence and the conditional release (parole) in light of: (a) Relevant international (CoE, UN and EU) standards; (b) Jurisprudence of the ECtHR; (c) Penal legislation of at least three CoE member states;

Expected contract start date will be April 2020. The Consultant will be engaged for 30 man-days in the period of four months.

For Consultant following qualifications and experience are required: (1) Advanced degree in law; (2) At least 5 years of relevant professional experience in the field of criminal justice systems; (3) Good understanding of CoE, UN and EU standards in criminal field is essential;

(4) Relevant international education/training/working experience is desirable; (5) Experience in working with public and/or government institutions; (6) Demonstrated familiarity with the structure/functions/organization of the justice sector in Serbia and key justice sector reform issues in Serbia; (7) Experience with application of international standards in the field of criminal justice systems and good governance will be considered as an advantage; (8) Demonstrated ability to deliver on-the-job training, including the transfer of knowledge and skills, in a respectful professional manner; (9) Ability to work under pressure, with tight deadlines, in a results-driven environment; (10) Excellent written and oral communications skills in English, with the ability to prepare notes and summaries at short notice; and (11) Fluent in Serbian would be considered as an advantage.

Eligible individual consultants are invited to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must provide Cover Letter and CV representing description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions and availability of appropriate skills.

The following selection criteria with corresponding points will be used for the evaluation procedure:

- Specific experience relevant to the assignment 40pts
- Qualifications and competence relevant to the assignment 60pts

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultancy procedure set out in the “Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers”, published by the World Bank in May 2004 and revised in October 2006 and May 2010.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below from 09:00 to 15:00 hours.

Expressions of Interest with CV in English language must be delivered to the e-mail address below by April 7, 2020, 12:00 Noon, local time.

When submitting Expressions of Interest please indicate assignment and reference number for which you are applying.

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