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## Terms of Reference (ToR) for a Short-Term assignment

<b>Technical assistance requested:</b>	One (1)) Senior Non-Key Expert in the area of Animal welfare
<b>Project Title:</b>	Policy and Legal Advice Centre (PLAC II), Serbia
<b>Ref:</b>	EuropeAid/137065/DH/SER/RS
<b>Service Contract No.:</b>	(CRIS) 2016/375-724
<b>Main beneficiary:</b>	Ministry of European Integration of the Republic of Serbia and the Negotiating Team
<b>Target Beneficiaries:</b>	Representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Veterinary Directorate and other relevant stakeholders involved in the protection of animals used for scientific purposes
<b>Content of the assignment:</b>	Assistance in transposing Commission Implementing Decision 2012/707/EU establishing a common format for the submission of the information pursuant to Directive 2010/63/EU and running of training in practical aspects of animal welfare related acquis, for the relevant national law implementing structures
<b>Budget Line / Expert Category:</b>	Senior Non-Key Expert
<b>Duration of the assignment:</b>	5 WDs spent in the period from March – (tentatively) July 2018

### 1. Relevant background information

#### Background information in relation to PLAC II Project:

The scope of PLAC II Project is to provide support to relevant national institutions in charge of alignment of national legal acts with the EU acquis and to contribute to further building of capacities of relevant national structures for successful carrying out of accession negotiations.

The PLAC II Project should achieve two results:

**RESULT 1** - Enhanced compatibility of national legislation with EU legislation and its effective implementation,

**RESULT 2** - Enhanced capacities of the relevant national structures for successful carrying out of accession negotiations.

In general, the Project aims at fostering the process of accession negotiations of Serbia by supporting the effective alignment of national legislation with the acquis and its implementation and by further building the capacities of involved carriers of the EU integration process in Serbia. After completion of screening process in 2015, Serbian public administration has entered into much more demanding and obliging exercise of accession negotiations, whereby each step and every decision should result in approaching actual membership in the EU. For this scenario to happen in accordance with planned dynamics, preparedness, adequate institutional capacity of public administration with highly competent staff is of crucial importance. In the core period of the negotiations, PLAC II Project shall support domestic line institutions and the negotiating structures both in performance of quality operational work in relation to harmonisation process and in the effective coordination during various stages and phases in the process for different negotiation chapters.



## **Background information in relation to Chapter 27: Environment and Climate Change and related to animal welfare:**

The Republic of Serbia has adopted the Law on Animal Welfare in June 2009 (OG RS 41/09), transposing provisions of the EU experimental animal welfare legislation, especially Council Directive 86/609/EEC on the approximation of laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States regarding the protection of animals used for experimental and other scientific purposes and partially transposing the provisions of Council Directive 2010/63/EU on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes. In accordance with the Law on Animal Welfare, new Rulebook on welfare of animals used in experimental and scientific purposes has been drafted.

Some measures envisaged by the Law on Animal Welfare, transposing certain provisions of Directive 2010/63/EU were implemented in practice. One of these measures concerned the establishment on September 23, 2009 of the Ethical Council for the Welfare of Experimental Animals in accordance with Art 23 of the Law on State Administration (OG RS 79/2005) and Art 48 of the Law on Animal Welfare. The Law on Animal Welfare also provides that the Ethical Commission for the Protection of Welfare of Experimental Animals must be established within the research organisations conducting experiments on animals. Also, on the basis of the Law, persons conducting the experiments on animals are being registered. Further on, the Decree on Approval for Conducting of Experiments on Animals, on the basis of the expert opinion of Ethical Commission for the Protection of Experimental Animals is being issued, or in case of specific invasive experiments on animals, on the basis of professional opinion of Ethical Council for Welfare of Experimental Animals.

The Serbia 2016 Report by the European Commission states that in the area of experimental animal welfare “Serbia needs to enhance administrative capacity for implementation”. In the NPAA, it is indicated that in the field of experimental animal welfare, additional changes shall be introduced in the existing legislation with the aim of achieving full transposition of the Directive 2010/63/EU and thus facilitating implementation of EU standards by users, breeders and suppliers.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management received assistance by PLAC II Project in May and June 2017, in drafting of the new Rulebook on the Protection of Animals used for Scientific Purposes. Within the same assistance, the “Recommendations regarding standard operational procedures for performance of retrospective assessments of experiments” and “Recommendations regarding standard operational procedures for performance of veterinary control” in view of the implementation of the Directive 2010/63/EU have been finalised and delivered to MAFWM. Further, the members of the Ethical Council and MAFWM – Veterinary Directorate have been acquainted with standard operational procedures for the implementation of the retrospective assessment of experiments and veterinary controls during 1-day WS. Complementary to the assistance provided earlier on, harmonisation in terms of the transposition of the *Commission Implementing Decision 2012/707/EU establishing a common format for the submission of the information pursuant to Directive 2010/63/EU* and training on practical aspects of reporting of the information in accordance with CID, as well as on retrospective assessment of experiments and veterinary controls pursuant to Directive 2010/63/EU has been planned..

## **2. Description of the assignment**

### **2.1 Specific objectives**

The specific objective of this assignment is assistance in further harmonisation of the national legislation with Directive 2010/63/EU on the Protection of Animals used for Scientific Purposes, i.e. in the transposition of the Commission Implementing Decision 2012/707/EU establishing a common format for the submission of the information pursuant to Directive 2010/63/EU into the national legal order and in



running of training for the relevant national law implementing structures, i.e. representatives of MAFWM – Veterinary Directorate and members of Ethical Council in practical application of specific acquis requirements in the area of animal welfare.

## 2.2 Requested services

The Senior NKE is expected to provide the following services:

- a) To advise MAFWM - Veterinary Directorate on the most suitable form for transposing the Commission Implementing Decision 2012/707/EU establishing a common format for the submission of the information pursuant to Directive 2010/63/EU;
- b) To prepare suitable training material for training for the targeted groups: staff of MAFWM – Veterinary Directorate and members of Ethical Council on their roles in the implementation of Directive 2010/63/EU, in particular in regards to reporting in accordance with the Commission Implementing Decision 2012/707/EU, and practical aspects of project verification and retrospective assessment;
- c) To deliver training to the members of the targeted groups on the subjects under (a) and (b) above.

## 2.3 Outputs

The Senior NKE is expected to provide the following outputs:

- Proposal on the most suitable form for transposing the Commission Implementing Decision 2012/707/EU establishing a common format for the submission of the information pursuant to Directive 2010/63/EU;
- Training material that is suitable for the targeted groups: staff of MAFWM – Veterinary Directorate and members of Ethical Council on their roles in the implementation of Directive 2010/63/EU, in particular in regards to reporting in accordance with the Commission Implementing Decision 2012/707/EU and practical aspects of project verification and retrospective assessment with examples and case studies illustrating application of requirements in practice;
- Delivery of training to relevant members of the targeted groups mentioned above.

## 2.4 Reporting

The NKE shall provide the following reports by using the templates of the Project:

- Final Mission Report, no later than 1 week after completion of tasks under this assignment. This report will include description of all activities and outputs provided by the NKE in the context of this assignment.

Submission of reports:

- Final version of the Final Mission Report prepared in the relevant quality shall be submitted to the Team Leader of the Project for review, comments and final approval. The report shall be signed by the NKE and the Team Leader responsible for endorsing the report.
- The report and all prepared documents shall be submitted in hard copy and electronic version to the Team Leader of the Project.



## 2.5 Specifics

The NKE shall work under the guidance and follow the instructions of the Team Leader. The NKE shall collaborate with the Project team, other experts involved and representatives of beneficiary institutions and national structures, as relevant.

The NKE's activities and outputs mentioned above may be adjusted by the Team Leader at any stage in the implementation of the Project, depending on the evolving needs of the Project and main beneficiaries. Each of the short-term mission, its timing and duration shall be agreed with the Team Leader prior to each mission.

## 2.6 Final use of intervention and perspectives for the future

By further harmonising its national legislation with the EU animal welfare acquis, Serbia will progress in fulfilling its obligations in the negotiations with the EU in the field of animal welfare. By training, capacities for practical implementation of the relevant bodies in the field of animal welfare will be strengthened. No other technical assistance to MAFWM is planned in the area of animal welfare.

## 3. Expert input

### 3.1 Total working days

5 working days (WDs) have been planned for this assignment.

### 3.2 Period of the assignment

March – (tentatively) July 2018

### 3.3 Starting day

It is expected that the work will be performed during one mission in the period from March until tentatively July 2018. Exact starting date will be agreed at a later stage.

### 3.4 Location/Place of assignment

The NKE has to deliver 100% of the input in Belgrade, Serbia.

### 3.5 Working language

English

## 4. Expert Profile

### 4.1 Qualifications and skills (25 points)

- University degree (where university degree has been awarded on completion of three years' study in university or equivalent institution) in Veterinary, Natural Sciences or similar, relevant to the assignment
- Proficiency in English language
- Computer literacy (MS Office applications)

### 4.2 General professional experience (25 points)

- Minimum 10 years of postgraduate professional experience in the veterinary area

### 4.3 Specific professional experience (50 points)

- Proven professional experience in implementing legislation in relation to EU *acquis* related to Animal welfare, gained in an EU Member State



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- Proven professional experience in performance of project verifications and retrospective assessments in relation with protection of experimental animals would be an asset
- Previous professional experience and/or knowledge of the legislation of the Republic of Serbia in the respective area would be an advantage

## 5. Applications

Applications (EU format CV and application letter, both in English) need to be submitted by e-mail to [SEPLAC@altairasesores.es](mailto:SEPLAC@altairasesores.es) no later than 17:00 hrs, **26 January 2018**, titled: **“Application for the position - Senior NKE in the area of Animal welfare”**.

References must be available on request. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

The Project is an equal opportunity employer.  
All applications will be considered strictly confidential.

Advertised post is not available to civil servants or other officials of the public administration in the beneficiary country, Serbia.

For more information, please contact Project Manager at Altair Asesores S.L.: [m.garcia@altairasesores.es](mailto:m.garcia@altairasesores.es)  
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