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

Technical assistance requested:	One (1) Senior Non-Key Experts in the area of veterinary policy
Project Title:	Policy and Legal Advice Centre (PLAC II), Serbia
Ref:	EuropeAid/137065/DH/SER/RS
Service Contract No.:	(CRIS) 2016/375-724
Main beneficiary:	Ministry of European Integration and the Negotiating Team
Target Beneficiaries:	Representatives of Negotiating Group for Chapter 12, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Veterinary Directorate
Content of the assignment:	Providing assistance related to drafting of Action plan for the control and eradication of Classical Swine Fever for domestic pigs and wild boars after vaccination is discontinued
Budget Line / Expert Category:	Senior Non-Key Expert
Duration of the assignment:	15 working days, spent during up to three missions in the period from January 2018 to (tentatively) June 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 12 “Food Safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Policy” and related to veterinary

The acquis of Chapter 12 – Food Safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Policy consists of large number of regulations, which require not only transposition into national legislation, but also efforts in implementation of reform measures, set up of adequate institutional framework including relevant administrative and human capacities, in particular of control and inspection bodies, which have to be established, set into operation and demonstrate the ability to work effectively even before accession.

After the bilateral Screening held in October 2014, the European Commission issued in 2016 the Screening report for Chapter 12 – Food Safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Policy. In the Report, the European Commission recommends the opening of the negotiation on Chapter 12 after Serbia fulfils three benchmarks related to the (1) adoption of the framework for the harmonisation of the national legislation with Chapter 12 acquis, (2) drafting of a comprehensive national strategy and the action plan for Chapter 12 harmonisation and (3) classification of all food and animal by-products establishments. Within the second benchmark, special emphasis has been given to the adoption of a detailed action plan as regards the control and eradication of Classical Swine Fever (CSF) for domestic pigs and wild boars after vaccination is discontinued.

2. Description of the assignment:

2.1 Specific objectives

The specific objective of this assignment is assistance to animal health officials at the Veterinary Directorate of MAFWM and members of the Negotiating Group for Chapter 12 in drafting of the Action plan for the control and eradication of Classical Swine Fever for domestic pigs and wild boars after vaccination is discontinued, based on the overall Strategy Concept Note and the Action Plan for Chapter 12 related to Food Safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Policy.

The competent authority and other relevant stakeholders should get acquainted with the relevant EU acquis related to CSF and analyse in detail the main topics related to the eradication of CSF that will be included in the Action plan for the control and eradication of Classical Swine Fever for domestic pigs and wild boars after vaccination is discontinued.

2.2 Requested services

The Senior NKE is expected to provide the following services:

- a) To analyse current epidemiological situation and results of monitoring and surveillance of CSF in domestic and wild boars in Serbia, on the basis of data and information provided by the competent national authority(ies) and relevant institutions (e.g. National Reference Laboratories for CSF);
- b) To assess the implementation of biosecurity, good farming practice, enforcement of swill feeding ban in Serbian pig farms and control of illegal movement of pigs, on the basis of information provided by the competent national authority(ies) and obtained during interviews and on-the-spot visits;
- c) To develop proposal of the Action plan for the prevention, control and eradication of Classical Swine Fever for domestic pigs and wild boars after vaccination is discontinued in compliance with the relevant EU acquis, including the financial, human and material resources needed for its full implementation;



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- d) To deliver training to the representatives of the MAFWM – Veterinary Directorate, members of the Negotiating Group for Chapter 12 responsible for drafting of this Action plan and other relevant stakeholders on the main elements of the proposed Action plan and the corresponding requirements of the relevant EU acquis.

2.3 Outputs

The Senior NKE is expected to deliver the following outputs:

- Report on the analysis of the current epidemiological situation in Serbia and on the actual implementation of selected preventive measures in connection with CSF;
- Draft proposal of the Action plan for the prevention, control and eradication of Classical Swine Fever for domestic pigs and wild boars after vaccination is discontinued in compliance with the relevant EU acquis, including the financial, human and material resources needed for its full implementation;
- Training material that is suitable and practical for the representatives of the MAFWM – Veterinary Directorate, members of the Negotiating Group for Chapter 12 responsible for drafting of CSF Action plan and other relevant stakeholders on the main elements of the proposed Action plan and the corresponding requirements of the relevant EU acquis;
- Delivery of 1-day training for the representatives of the MAFWM – Veterinary Directorate, members of the Negotiating Group for Chapter 12 responsible for drafting of CSF Action plan and other relevant stakeholders on the main elements of the proposed Action plan and the corresponding requirements of the relevant EU acquis.

2.4 Reporting

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

- Brief Mission Report with description of activities and outputs provided, at the end of each mission, during which tasks under this assignment have been carried out,
- 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:

- Draft mission Report shall be submitted to the Team Leader of the Project for review and comments at the end of the mission.
- Final version of the mission Report prepared in the relevant quality shall be submitted to the Team Leader of the Project for review, comments and final approval. The reports shall be signed by the NKE and the Team Leader, responsible for endorsing the reports.
- The reports 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 finalising draft Action Plan related to CSF, Serbia will progress in the direction towards fulfilling the opening benchmarks for opening negotiations in Chapter 12. Apart from being one of the main instruments for the alignment with Chapter 12 and addressing the CSF prevention, Serbian actions for planned achievements will be elaborated in draft Action Plan. The Action Plan will be subject to regular updates and will serve as the basis for regular reporting on its implementation.

3. Expert input

3.1 Total working days

15 working days (WDs) in total have been planned for this assignment.

3.2 Period of the assignment

January 2018 – (tentatively) June 2018

3.3 Starting day

It is expected that the work will be performed during up to three missions in the period from January 2018 until (tentatively) June 2018 and starting, at the earliest, from 15 January 2018 onwards. However, 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 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 an university or equivalent institution) in veterinary or similar, relevant to the assignment
- Proficiency in English language
- Computer literacy (MS Office applications)



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4.2 *General professional experience (25 points)*

- Minimum 10 years of postgraduate professional experience in veterinary field, in the central Competent Authority

4.3 *Specific professional experience (50 points)*

- Proven postgraduate professional experience in harmonising and applying EU veterinary and animal health legislation in an EU Member State or a candidate country
- Proven professional experience related to eradication of Classical Swine Fever would be an asset
- Previous professional experience and/or knowledge of the legislation of the Republic of Serbian 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 no later than 17:00 hrs, **27 November 2017**, titled: **“Application for the position – Senior NKE in the area of veterinary policy”**.

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.

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