

## Call for Expression of Interest (Eoi)

### **Strengthening Capacities of Local Self-Government Bodies on Sustainable Water Supply and Sewage through conducting trainings and other capacity building measures for Amalgamated Hromadas (AHs)**

#### **1. Background**

U-LEAD with Europe: Ukraine – Local Empowerment, Accountability and Development Programme (U-LEAD) is a multi-donor action of the European Union and its member states Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Poland and Sweden which supports these efforts. The programme contributes to the establishment of multi-level governance which is transparent, accountable and responsive to the needs of the population. It supports the Government of Ukraine and in particular MinRegion in implementing the reforms and the establishment of new institutions, such as the Central Reform Office and the Local Government Development Centre with its 24 Regional Centres.

#### **2. Assignment Description**

U-LEAD with Europe is planning to launch a nationwide capacity development Action for *Improvement of Municipal Services on Sustainable Water Supply and Sewage (WS&S) in Amalgamated Hromadas ('the Assignment')*. Implementation of the Assignment encompasses five Tasks, as follows:

**Task 1.** The *Baseline analysis* of the situation with WS&S and its learning needs of AHs;

**Task 2.** Development of the *training programme* that covers key aspects of development and operation of WS&S systems, including but not limited with:

- Benefits of sustainable WS&S: secure water supply, public health, economic potential;
- Overview of key steps of establishment of WS&S infrastructure and services;
- Technical aspects: typical infrastructure, technology, design and construction stages;
- Administrative aspects: legal framework, permitting, assets management, contractors;
- Financial aspects: funding options, IFI's requirements, budgeting, tariffs;
- Awareness-raising campaign and social mobilisation.

**Task 3.** Delivering of the training programme via *2-day training sessions* to AHs in all regions of Ukraine. The training will be accomplished with a workshop on WS&S project generation.

The specifications of the training programme delivery are as follows:

- Training's group size: appr. 25 persons
- Target audience: heads, deputy heads of hromadas, heads of communal enterprises and specialists of relevant units in AHs
- Training duration: 2 days
- Language: Ukrainian
- Location: 24 regions of Ukraine (mainly – in oblast centers)
- Number of trainings: 24

**Task 4.** Preparing national study visits for trainees to demonstrate successful WS&S cases;

**Task 5.** Preparing the *summary of good practices*, success stories in WS&S in Ukraine and methods for their dissemination. Presentation of the summary on the thematic nationwide conference, organised by U-LEAD.

Assignment Start Date and Duration: The Assignment is expected to start latest November 2018 and has an estimated overall duration of up to 12 months.

In order to implement the Assignment, U-LEAD intends to engage an Implementation Partner ('IP') – a consulting company or an NGO that will take responsibility for activities listed above.

### **3. Eligibility Criteria:**

In order to be considered for further cooperation the applicant should meet at least these requirements:

- to be a registered commercial firm or a non-governmental organization with a nonprofit status;
- should have relevant experience in preparing and delivering training programs within the sphere of WS&S;
- should have staff with command of English suitable to use international sources of information and prepare reports after trainings – strongly recommended.

Based on the fields of expertise and the tasks mentioned above, it is envisioned that the team of the IP should consist of at least the following experts:

- Team leader / Project coordinator
- National expert (to conduct baseline analysis)
- National expert (to elaborate training programme)
- Min. 2 trainers (to deliver trainings)
- Supportive staff

One person can combine two positions.

The proposed trainers shall be:

- available for assignment preliminary from January 2019 to July 2019;
- capable to conduct trainings in 24 regions of Ukraine;
- qualified to train on WS&S infrastructure development and services;
- skilled in communication, training and facilitation techniques;

### **4. Submission Requirements**

Interested consultants are invited to submit their Expression of Interest (EoI) in the form of one pdf or MS Word file. In order to determine the capability and experience of IPs seeking to be selected for this Assignment, the information submitted should include the following:

- Brief information on the organization containing an overview of previous project experience or similar assignments particularly undertaken in the previous five years and links to examples of previous training experience (curriculum, training materials, publications). The above information should not exceed 3 pages;
- CVs (up to 2 pages per CV) of key experts who could carry out the Assignment detailing education, language skills, qualifications, experience in similar assignments, particularly assignments undertaken in the previous five years, including information on contracting entity/client, project location/country, duration, expert months provided, assignment budget, main activities and accomplishments.

**No financial offers and other attachments will be considered at this stage.**

The complete Expression of Interest (including CVs) should be submitted in English electronically through email to [mykhaylo.moroz@giz.de](mailto:mykhaylo.moroz@giz.de) with copy to [oleksandr.kislitsyn@giz.de](mailto:oleksandr.kislitsyn@giz.de), to reach U-LEAD **by 18:00 of the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2018.**

Please indicate *Eoi\_WS&S\_name of the organization* in subject line of the email.

The short-listed applicants will receive a fully developed Terms of Reference (ToR) and Request for Proposals (RfP) with instructions.

**5. Disclaimer**

Please note this is an invitation to express interest only and therefore:

- Expressing your interest does not pre-qualify you as a short-listed candidate;
- Expressing your interest does not guarantee that you will be eligible for a forthcoming invitation for the request for proposals;
- GIZ reserves the right to change or cancel the above requirements at any time; without incurring any liability towards any interested party and/or any obligation to inform any interested party of the grounds for its action.
- All costs incurred in connection with the submission of this EOI are non-refundable by GIZ.