

Call for Experts

1. Background

U-LEAD with Europe is a multi-donor action of the European Union and its member states Germany, Poland, Sweden, Denmark, Estonia and Slovenia to support Ukraine on its path to strengthening local self-government. U-LEAD with Europe promotes transparent, accountable and responsive multi-level governance in Ukraine, improves the capacities of municipalities to carry out the newly assigned tasks and promotes citizen and private sector engagement in local affairs.

The Programme's **specific objective** is to enhance the capacities of key actors at national, regional and local levels to further implement Ukraine's decentralisation and related regional policy reforms, and to contribute to defining the functions for each level of government within specific policy areas.

U-LEAD and its Regional Projects Team is currently implementing an initiative in support of projects of regional significance proposed by partnerships of municipalities. In order to support the municipalities, we are seeking to engage short-term experts (STEs) in the following areas and specialisations:

2. Sector Skills required:

STEs with experience of practical projects are required for the following sectors:

Economic Development and Employment

- Tourism
- Small and medium enterprise support
- Development of business parks/ business zones

Transport and Infrastructure

- Road infrastructure
- Public transport
- Cycle roads and routes
- Water transport

Preservation and Development of Human Resources

- Medical services
- Social services
- Education
- Sport
- Culture
- Public Spaces
- Safe Environment
- Emergency Services

Spatial and infrastructural development of communities

- Solid waste management
- Sewerage
- Water Supply
- Water Resources
- Energy Efficiency
- Recreation Areas
- Landscaping
- Administrative Services

Preference will be given to applicants that can demonstrate experience of more than one of the above sectors that can be related to each other. Candidates should also be familiar with horizontal issues, such as digitalization (on the local level), gender equality, social inclusion, environmental assessment and crisis/disaster management.

3. Duties of the Experts

The experts will assist the initiative through the following actions:

- 3.1 Initial analysis of the ideas received from the municipalities;
- 3.2 Further analysis of these ideas after the municipalities have received general training;
- 3.3 Development and delivery of sector-oriented short trainings
- 3.4 Advice on technical/sector strengths and weaknesses of what the municipalities propose for two stage selection panels
- 3.5 Assistance to selected municipalities in the presentation of their concepts or proposals to sources of finance, as well as to promotional events of U-LEAD
- 3.6 Support to the final selection of projects related to pre-feasibility actions.

4. Contracting

Successful applicants will be contracted on a framework contract basis. Actual days worked will depend upon the number of projects that are eventually selected by sector. Each expert will work according to a sector-specific Term of Reference (ToR).

5. Duration of Work

Experts are expected to be mobilized in late September 2021 and to conduct the work until the end of March 2022. For each expert, a detailed timetable of work for the finally selected projects will be prepared after the selection process, but the general activities in 3.1 to 3.4 will take place at the same time for all experts.

6. Language

Preference will be given to experts who are able to prepare and deliver actions in Ukrainian. Knowledge of English language would be an asset.

7. How to Apply

Interested experts should submit a CV in EU format to Mariana Davydova at Mariana.Davydova@gopa.de by 13th Sept 2021. Applicants are also strongly encouraged to submit an example of previous training materials that they have developed and delivered for the sector in relation to which they are applying.