

ROMANIA
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH - HEALTH SECTOR REFORM- PROJECT MANAGEMENT
UNIT

Request for Expressions of Interest (REoI)
Selection of Individual Consultant - Health Policy Expert

Project: Health Sector Reform - Improving Health System Quality and Efficiency Project
IBRD Loan no. 8362RO

Romania has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) to support the implementation of the Health Sector Reform.

The Project development objective is to improve access to, and quality and efficiency of public health services in Romania.

In support of this objective, the project assists the Government of Romania to implement the first phase of comprehensive medium-and long-term health sector reforms by focusing on three main areas/components:

- (1) hospital network rationalization;
- (2) ambulatory care strengthening;
- (3) health sector governance and stewardship improvement;
- (4) project management, monitoring and evaluation

The implementing agency, the Ministry of Health (MoH) intends to use a part of the Project funds for hiring a Health Policy Expert to assist the Health Minister office in implementing the project health activities related to health sector governance and stewardship improvement area which aims to bridge the gap between policy and practice and to increase the capacity for conducting and improving the quality of medical care services, mainly using a Public Policy and Strategy Evidence-Based Mechanism.

Objective of the assignment:

The objective of the individual consultant's services is to enhance the Health Minister office and the MoH capacity to implement the project's health sector governance and stewardship improvement activities within the Public Policy and Strategy Evidence-Based approach.

Duration of the assignment:

The estimated duration of the assignment is of 2 (two) months from the contract signing date. The estimated time input of the Consultant to fulfil the purpose and objectives of the services is of 40 working days. The consultant is expected to start performance of the services in the first week of September 2016.

The Consultant will work in his/her office and would travel to Romania according to task' specific implementation requirements (2 visits in Romania, about 5 days each at the beginning and at the end of the project).

The candidates should mention the period(s) during which he/she will be available.

The individual consultant shall have the following qualifications:

- University degree in medicine with background in health policy and health economics
- Deep knowledge of the Romanian health system
- Minimum 4 years' experience in research and policy analysis of the Romanian health system
- Substantial experience in health communication to professional and non-professional audiences
- Track record in increasing availability and affordability of medicines
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English and Romanian
- Work experience in Europe is desirable

The Ministry of Health – Health Sector Reform – Project Management Unit, now invites eligible individual consultants to express their interest in providing the Services.

Interested Individual Consultants should submit their CVs that provide relevant information demonstrating that they meet the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the above mentioned Services, respectively:

- General information on the Consultant qualifications: academic degree, education, work experience record, knowledge of English language, availability of appropriate skills, trainings, etc.;
- Information on the Consultant specific experience in the field of the assignment: professional experience in the field of the assignment, description of previous similar assignments/contracts, etc.

The Consultants qualifications detailed in the CVs will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- General qualifications of the Consultant – maximum 40 points;
- Specific experience of the Consultant in the field of the assignment – maximum 60 points.

The individual consultant will be selected in accordance with the “Selection of Individual Consultants” method set out in the World Bank’s Consultant Guidelines: *Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD loans & IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011* (“Consultant Guidelines”). Following the evaluation of the Consultants CVs the Individual Consultant that is most experienced, best qualified and fully capable of carrying out the assignment and achieved the highest score shall be selected. The selected Individual Consultant shall be asked to submit a financial proposal based on the Terms of References received from the Ministry of Health – Project Management Unit and shall be invited to negotiate the contract.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s Consultant Guidelines, setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

The Expressions of Interest together with the signed CVs must be delivered in a written form in English language to the Ministry of Health - Project Management Unit, in attention to Ms. Carmen Angheluță and Ms. Eugenia Petrescu to the address below (in person, or by fax, or by e-mail) not later than **August 12, 2016, 12⁰⁰ hours local time**.

Ministry of Health - Health Sector Reform - Project Management Unit

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