

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Job title: A national consultant to evaluate the implementation of the of Low Emission Development Strategy 2030 of the Republic of Moldova

Duty Station: Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

Reference to the project: EU4Climate

Contract type: Individual Contracts (IC)

Contract duration: Up to 14 working days in the period July 2021 – September 2021

Starting date: July 2021

1. BACKGROUND

The goal of EU4Climate Project is to contribute to climate change mitigation & adaptation and the development towards a low-emissions and climate-resilient economy in line with the Paris Agreement² in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.

To realize this project goal, the following results should be achieved:

Result 1: Finalized or up-dated nationally determined contributions communicated to the UNFCCC;

Result 2: Improved inter-institutional awareness and coordination at political and technical level of the Paris Agreement and the corresponding national commitments;

Result 3: Established or strengthened MRV systems, with countries getting on track with Paris Agreement transparency requirements;

Result 4: Advanced alignment with EU climate acquis as provided by bilateral agreements with EU and in the context of Energy Community Treaty on climate matters that are not covered by the EU4Energy programme;

Result 5: Establishment of concrete sectoral guidelines for the implementation of the Paris Agreement in each of the Eastern Partners;

Result 6: Increased mobilization of climate finance;

Result 7: Enhanced adaptation planning.

The project implementation methodology will follow the logic of the Paris Agreement framework and relevant EU climate acquis, as well as their subsequent developments. The respective climate change EU acquis and climate provisions under the Energy Community treaty will be the integral part of the project logic and implementation methodology, the EU best practices will be shared. Relevant technical guidance on various elements of climate policy development will be used through the capacity building and training activities.

Moldova's context

The Republic of Moldova's INDC (NDC1) was submitted on 25 September 2015¹. According to it, The Republic of Moldova intends to achieve an economy-wide unconditional target of reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by 64-67 per cent below its 1990 level in 2030 and to make best efforts to reduce its

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https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/ndcstaging/PublishedDocuments/Republic%20of%20Moldova%20First/INDC_Republic_of_Moldova_25.09.2015.pdf

emissions by 67 per cent. The reduction commitment expressed above could be increased up to 78 per cent below 1990 level conditional to, a global agreement addressing important topics including low-cost financial resources, technology transfer, and technical cooperation, accessible to all at a scale commensurate to the challenge of global climate change. To achieve at the national level the Moldova's NDC targets, the Low emissions development Strategy by 2030 and the Action Plan for its implementation (LEDS 2030) were adopted by the Government². The Strategy plans the low emission development for the following sectors: energy, transport, building, industry, agriculture, forestry and waste.

The decision 1/CP.21 requests those Parties whose intended nationally determined contribution pursuant to decision 1/CP.20 contains a time frame up to 2030 to communicate or update by 2020 these contributions and to do so every five years thereafter pursuant to Article 4, paragraph 9, of the Paris Agreement.

Thus, Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment presented, on March 2020, to the Secretariat of the UNFCCC the second Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC2) of the Republic of Moldova³. According to it, Republic of Moldova intends to achieve more ambitious targets than in its NDC1. The country's new economy-wide unconditional target is to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 70 per cent below its 1990 level in 2030, instead of 64-67 per cent as committed in NDC1. As to the new economy-wide conditional target, instead of 78 per cent as committed in NDC1, the reduction commitment expressed above could be increased in NDC2 up to 88 per cent below 1990 level, provided a global agreement addressing important topics including low-cost financial resources, technology transfer, and technical cooperation, accessible to all at a scale commensurate to the challenge of global climate change, is insured. The Republic of Moldova has included in its updated NDC the adaptation component in line with Articles 2.1 and 7.1 of the Paris Agreement and Katowice Rulebook (COP 24). According to it, the adaptation priority sectors are agriculture, water resources, forestry, human health, transport and energy. Following, the LEDS 2030 needs to be updated.

In line with the Governmental Decision No 386/2020 regarding the planning, elaboration, approval, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of public policy documents⁴, UNDP supported MARDE to develop the concept of the updated LEDS 2030⁵. According to the State Chancellery's official opinion to the Concept of the LEDS 2030 (Nr. 21-113-73-2145 from 24 March 2021), prior the promotion of the draft updated LEDS 2030, the evaluation report of the implementation of the LEDS 2030 (2016) need to be elaborated in accordance with Chapter VIII Policies documents' evaluation of the Governmental Decision No 386/2020.

2. OBJECTIVE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The objective of the assignment is evaluate the implementation of the LEDS 2030 of the Republic of Moldova.

² https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc_id=98493&lang=ro

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https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/ndcstaging/PublishedDocuments/Republic%20of%20Moldova%20First/MD_Update_d_NDC_final_version_EN.pdf

⁴ https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc_id=121921&lang=ro

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<https://www.madrm.gov.md/sites/default/files/Documente%20atasate%20Advance%20Pagines/Conceptul%20Programului%20de%20dezvoltare%20cu%20emisii%20reduse.pdf>

Specifically, the consultancy aims to:

- collect information and data from the stakeholders about the implementation of the LEDS 2030 and its Action Plan, covering the period 2017-2020.
- assess the collected information and data, and elaborate the evaluation report of the implementation of the Republic of Moldova's LEDS 2030.

3. EXPECTED OUTPUTS

The UNDP Moldova and the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environmental requires the services of the national consultant to complete the following tasks (list not exhaustive):

Provide assistance to MARDE in the mid-term evaluation of the LEDS 2030 implementation by:

- assess the implementation of the LEDS 2030 in accordance with the criteria listed in p. 57 of the GD #386/2020 and using the annual progress reports;
- develop the mid-term evaluation report of the LEDS 2030 implementation, in line with the mandatory structure established in the p. 60 of the GD #386/2020 and using the annual progress reports;
- consult the mid-term evaluation report of the LEDS 2030 implementation with the MARDE and review it in accordance with the received comments.

4. KEY DELIVERABLES AND TIMEFRAME

The national consultant is expected to deliver the following deliverables per below identified timeline:

Key Deliverables and the Anticipated Workload	Tentative Timetable/Deadline
Deliverable 1: A detailed Work Plan and Implementation Schedule, including the methodology of the assignment (1 working day)	By mid-July 2021
Deliverable 2: Draft mid-term evaluation report of the LEDS 2030 implementation developed in accordance with the criteria listed in p. 57 and using the mandatory structure established in the p. 60 of the GD #386/2020 (up to 8 working days).	By mid-August 2021
Deliverable 3: To consult the draft mid-term evaluation report of the LEDS 2030 implementation with MARDE and review the report based on the received comments (3 working day)	By end-August 2021
Deliverable 4: Final report as per Deliverables 1-3 (up to 2 working days)	By early-September 2021

Note: Deliverables and final timeline can be amended or specified for the purpose of the assignment.

5. INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

This is a part-time consultancy. The timeframe for the work of the national consultant is planned for July 2021 – September 2021. The national consultant will work under direct supervision of the EU4Climate Project's National Coordinator and in close collaboration with the staff of the Air and Climate Change Section of the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environmental so that the final product reflects their comments.

6. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

The financial proposal, to be submitted in USD, should specify a fee per day and the total requested amount, including all related costs (e.g. fees, per diems, travel costs, etc.). Payment will be provided

in one tranche, after the completion of all planned activities and certification by the EU4Climate Project's National Coordinator that the services have been satisfactorily performed, i.e. in August 2021.

7. SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

I. Education:

- Master's degree or equivalent in Environmental Engineering, Environmental Management, Climate Change, Law or other related fields is required.

II. Experience:

- At least 5 years of experience on policy evaluation activities related to climate change and/or environmental sectors;
- At least 4 years of experience in monitoring, reporting and evaluation system (for GHG emission and/or other emission of pollutants);
- Experience of work within UNDP, UNEP, WB and/or EU-funded project or other international organization would be an asset.

III. Competencies:

- Strong analytical and report writing skills demonstrated by previous assignments;
- Professional experience in working with government institutions demonstrated by previous assignments;
- Knowledge of Romanian and English languages for the purposes of the assignment.

The UNDP Moldova is committed to workforce diversity. Women, persons with disabilities, Roma and other ethnic or religious minorities, persons living with HIV, as well as refugees and other non-citizens legally entitled to work in the Republic of Moldova, are particularly encouraged to apply.

8. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Contractors' performance will be evaluated against timeliness, responsibility, initiative, creativity, communication, accuracy, and overall quality of the delivered products.

9. DOCUMENTS TO BE INCLUDED WHEN SUBMITTING THE PROPOSALS

Interested individual consultants must submit the following documents/information to demonstrate their qualifications:

1. Proposal, explaining why he/she is most suitable for the work, including past experience in similar assignments, providing a brief information on above qualifications and methodology on how he/she will approach and conduct the work (if applicable).
3. [OFFEROR'S LETTER TO UNDP CONFIRMING INTEREST AND AVAILABILITY FOR THE INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR \(IC\) ASSIGNMENT](#)
4. CV and/or the duly filled in and signed Personal History Form (P11), and at least three names for a reference check.