



## INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Date: **23 June 2021**

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**Country:** Republic of Moldova

**Description of the assignment:** A national consultant to evaluate the implementation of the of Low Emission Development Strategy 2030 of the Republic of Moldova

**Project name:** EU4Climate

**Period of assignment/services:** July – September 2021 (up to 14 working days)

Proposals should be submitted **online by pressing the "Apply Online" button**, no later than 7 July **16:30 (Moldova local time)**.

Requests for **clarification only** must be sent by standard electronic communication to the following e-mail: [ana-maria.manole@undp.org](mailto:ana-maria.manole@undp.org). UNDP will respond by standard electronic mail and will send written copies of the response, including an explanation of the query without identifying the source of inquiry, to all applicants.

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### 1. PROJECT GOAL AND EXPECTED RESULTS

The goal of EU4Climate Project<sup>1</sup> is to contribute to climate change mitigation & adaptation and the development towards a low-emissions and climate-resilient economy in line with the Paris Agreement<sup>2</sup> in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.

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

- Result 1:** Updated 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;
- 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.

### 2. BACKGROUND

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<sup>1</sup> <<https://www.md.undp.org/content/moldova/en/home/projects/eu-4-climate.html>>.

<sup>2</sup> Decision 1/CP.21 'Adopting of the Paris Agreement' <<https://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2015/cop21/eng/10a01.pdf>>

The Republic of Moldova's INDC (NDC1) was submitted on 25 September 2015<sup>3</sup>. 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 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 Government<sup>4</sup>. 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 Moldova<sup>5</sup>. 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 documents<sup>6</sup>, UNDP supported MARDE to develop the concept of the updated LEDS 2030<sup>7</sup>. 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.

### 3. OBJECTIVE OF THE ASSIGNMENT AND EXPECTED OUTPUTS

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

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.

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[https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/ndcstaging/PublishedDocuments/Republic%20of%20Moldova%20First/INDC\\_Republic\\_of\\_Moldova\\_25.09.2015.pdf](https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/ndcstaging/PublishedDocuments/Republic%20of%20Moldova%20First/INDC_Republic_of_Moldova_25.09.2015.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc\\_id=98493&lang=ro](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\\_Updated\\_NDC\\_final\\_version\\_EN.pdf](https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/ndcstaging/PublishedDocuments/Republic%20of%20Moldova%20First/MD_Updated_NDC_final_version_EN.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> [https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc\\_id=121921&lang=ro](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%20reduuse.pdf>

- assess the collected information and data, and elaborate the evaluation report of the implementation of the Republic of Moldova's LEDS 2030.

For detailed information, please refer to Annex 1 – Terms of Reference.

#### **4. REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS**

##### **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.

#### **5. 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.

#### **6. FINANCIAL PROPOSAL**

The financial proposal will specify the daily fee, travel expenses and per diems quoted in separate line items, and payments are made to the Individual Consultant based on the number of days worked.

##### **Travel**

All envisaged travel costs must be included in the financial proposal. This includes all travel to join duty station/repatriation travel. In general, UNDP should not accept travel costs exceeding those of an economy class ticket. Should the IC wish to travel on a higher class he/she should do so using their own resources.

In the case of unforeseeable travel, payment of travel costs including tickets, lodging and terminal expenses should be agreed upon, between the respective business unit and Individual Consultant, prior to travel and will be reimbursed.

#### **7. EVALUATION**

Initially, individual consultants will be short-listed based on the following minimum qualification criteria:

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

The short-listed individual consultants will be further evaluated based on the following methodology:

**Cumulative analysis**

The award of the contract shall be made to the individual consultant whose offer has been evaluated and determined as:

- responsive/compliant/acceptable, and
  - having received the highest score out of a pre-determined set of weighted technical and financial criteria specific to the solicitation.
- Technical Criteria weight – 60% (300 pts);
  - Financial Criteria weight – 40% (200 pts).

Only candidates obtaining a minimum of 70% score of the technical evaluation (at least 210 points) would be considered for the Financial Evaluation.

Criteria	Scoring	Maximum Points Obtainable
<b><u>Technical</u></b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master's degree or equivalent in Environmental Engineering, Environmental Management, Climate Change, Law or other related fields</li> </ul>	(Master – 35 pts.)	35
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 5 years of experience on policy evaluation activities related to climate change and/or environmental sectors</li> </ul>	(5 years – 40 pts, more than 5 years – up to 55 pts, 5 pts – for each additional year)	55
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 4 years of experience in monitoring, reporting and evaluation system (for GHG emission and/or other emission of pollutants)</li> </ul>	(4 years – 40 pts, more than 4 years – up to 55 pts, 5 pts – for each additional year)	55
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interview</li> </ul>	40 pts. - Experience of work within UNDP, UNEP, WB and/or EU-funded project or other international organization would be an asset; 45 pts. - Strong analytical and report writing skills demonstrated by previous assignments; 45 pts. - Professional experience in working with government institutions demonstrated by previous assignments; 15 pts. - Knowledge of	145

Criteria	Scoring	Maximum Points Obtainable
	Romanian and English languages for the purposes of the assignment.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Belonging to the group(s) under-represented in the UN Moldova and/or the area of assignment*</li> </ul>	(no – 0 pts., to one group – 5 pts., to two or more groups – 10 pts.)	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Maximum Total Technical Scoring</b></li> </ul>		<b>300</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Financial</b></li> </ul>		
Evaluation of submitted financial offers will be done based on the following formula: <b><math>S = F_{min} / F * 200</math></b> S – score received on financial evaluation; Fmin – the lowest financial offer out of all the submitted offers qualified over the technical evaluation round; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• F – financial offer under consideration.</li> </ul>	<b>200</b>	<b>200</b>

\* Under-represented group in the area of assignment are women. Under-represented groups in UN Moldova are persons with disabilities, LGBTI, ethnic and linguistic minorities, especially ethnic Gagauzians, Bulgarians, Roma, Jews, people of African descent, people living with HIV, religious minorities, especially Muslim women, refugees, and other non-citizens.

#### Winning candidate

The winning candidate will be the candidate, who has accumulated the highest aggregated score (technical scoring + financial scoring).

## **8. ANNEXES**

### **ANNEX 1 – TERMS OF REFERENCES**

### **ANNEX 2 – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**