



INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Date: **22 July 2021**

Country: Republic of Moldova

Description of the assignment: An International Consultant to provide guidance and to support development of climate change mainstreaming recommendations for energy sector's policies, strategies and programmes

Project name: EU4Climate

Period of assignment/services: August 2021 – February 2022 (up to 50 working days)

Proposals should be submitted online by pressing the "Apply Online" button, no later than [10 August 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. 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.

1. PROJECT GOAL AND EXPECTED RESULTS

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 Agreement 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.

2. BACKGROUND

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 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 the second Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC2) of the Republic of Moldova³ to the Secretariat of the UNFCCC. 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 was updated. This activity was conducted with the support of the EU4Climate project and the draft of updated LEDS 2030 was delivered in June 2021.

According to Moldova's National Inventory Report 1990-2016 (sources of data used in quantifying the reference points for Moldova's Updated NDC), in 2016, about 72.7 per cent of the national net direct GHG emissions originated from the Energy Sector, being the most important source of total national direct GHG emissions. Other relevant direct GHG sources were represented by Agriculture Sector (17.8 per cent of the total), Waste Sector (10.7 per cent of the total) and IPPU Sector (5.6 per cent of the total).

Moldova's updated LEDS 2030 establishes a GHG reduction target from the energy sector of 81% as unconditional scenario and 87% conditioned, compared to 1990. Thus, the energy sector is the one with the most ambitious GHG reduction targets. Achieving this target demands climate change mainstreaming into development policies, plans and programmes.

For details, please refer to the Terms of Reference.

3. SCOPE OF WORK, RESPONSIBILITIES AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ANALYTICAL WORK

The overall objective of the assignment is to design and conduct a review and analysis of the national policies, legal and regulatory framework in the energy sector in order to make recommendations for the incorporation of climate change considerations into the respective sector planning processes.

Under the coordination of the EU4Climate National Coordinator and in close cooperation with the staff of the Air and Climate Change Division of the MARDE and Energy Policy Department of the MEI, the consultancy aims to design and conduct a review and analysis of the national policies, legal and regulatory framework in the energy sector in order to make recommendations for the incorporation of climate change considerations into the respective sector planning processes, specifically to:

- review established or on-going development policies, strategies, programs and plans in the energy sector from a climate change perspective and to ascertain their alignment with local, national and international priorities to facilitate the mainstreaming of climate change;
- identify and analyze opportunities and challenges as well as priority directions for mainstreaming climate change into the energy sector's policies, strategies, programs and plans and provide recommendations towards strengthening them from a climate change perspective.

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

4. REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

I. Education:

- Master's degree in Environmental Engineering, Environmental Management, Climate Change Policies Development and Strategic Planning or other related fields is required.

II. Experience:

- At least 6 years of experience in climate change and/or energy policies formulation;
- At least 4 years of working experience in the institutional consultancy on energy and/or climate change related issues;
- Experience in similar positions in an UNDP, UNEP, WB and/or EU-funded project or other international organization would be an asset.

III. Competencies:

- Strong knowledge of Moldova's climate change and energy related commitments under the UNFCCC, Paris Agreement, Association Agreement RM-EU and Energy Community Treaty;
- Strong analytical and report writing skills demonstrated by previous assignments;
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills (verbal and written), demonstrated by previous assignments;
- Ability to work with government and non-government entities, private sector and other civil society stakeholders including academia, demonstrated by previous assignments;
- Proficiency in English. Knowledge of Romanian and/or Russian will be an asset.

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 degree in Environmental Engineering, Environmental Management, Climate Change Policies Development and Strategic Planning or other related fields is required.
- At least 6 years of experience in climate change and/or energy policies formulation;
- At least 4 years of working experience in the institutional consultancy on energy and/or climate change related issues

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:

- a) responsive/compliant/acceptable, and
 - b) 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
<u>Technical</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master degree in Environmental Engineering, Environmental Management, Climate Change Policies Development and Strategic Planning or other related fields 	(Bachelor – 0 pts. Master – 30 pts. PhD- 40 pts)	40
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 6 years of experience in climate change and/or energy policies formulation 	(7 years –35 pts, more than 7 years – up to 45 pts, 5 pts – for each additional year)	45
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 4 years of working experience in the institutional consultancy on energy and/or climate change related issues 	(4 years – 35 pts, more than 4 years – up to 45 pts, 5 pts – for each additional year)	45
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience in similar positions in an UNDP, UNEP, WB and/or EU-funded project or other international organization would be an asset 	(10 pts. for each assignment)	30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interview 	(50 pts. - Strong knowledge of Moldova's climate change and energy related commitments under the UNFCCC, Paris Agreement, Association Agreement RM-EU and Energy Community Treaty; 50 pts. - Strong understanding of climate change mainstreaming into sectoral policies issue; 40 pts. - competences)	140
Maximum Total Technical Scoring		300
<u>Financial</u>		
Evaluation of submitted financial offers will be done based on the following formula: $S = F_{min} / F * 200$ S – score received on financial evaluation; Fmin – the lowest financial offer out of all the submitted offers qualified over the technical evaluation round; F – financial offer under consideration.		200

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