



INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Date: 28 June 2022

Country: Republic of Moldova

Description of the assignment: International Consultant to support to the Government of Moldova to advance preparedness and reaction measures for emergencies on the electricity market (emergency support).

Project name: Programme "Addressing the impacts of energy crisis and initiating solutions toward energy security and addressing energy poverty" (FPI Programme)

Period of assignment/services: July – December 2022 (40 working days)

Proposals should be submitted **online**, no later than **12 July 16:30 (Moldova local time)**.

Requests for **clarification only** must be sent by standard electronic communication to the following e-mail: silvia.pana-carp@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 overall objective of the Programme is to assist the Government of Moldova to tackle the current energy crisis and energy poverty in addressing prioritized systemic elements in the energy sector to cope with potential future energy crisis.

Specific objectives are to support the Government of Moldova to:

1. put in place the legal and regulatory framework in the energy sector with mainstreamed social and climate considerations in line with the EU requirements;
2. strengthen the capacities of the energy-related actors and enhancing institutional coordination mechanisms to address and avert risks entailed in recent and potential future energy crisis;
3. increased awareness and communication among the population to adopt the best energy saving practices and measures and to encourage the use of renewables;
4. operationalize nation-wide energy programmes and demonstrate solutions to increase energy affordability in residential and public buildings, targeting specifically the most vulnerable and affected groups of population.

2. BACKGROUND

Moldova is part of the EU's European Neighborhood Policy (ENP) and in the Eastern Partnership framework, which aims at strengthening individual and regional relationships between the EU and countries in its neighborhood. Moldova is also part of the Energy Community Treaty since 2010 and has signed the Association

Agreement with EU in June 2014, including the DCFTA which entered into force in 2016. As a follow-up, Moldova is required to ensure transposition of the EU *acquis Communautaire*, which underpins the EU energy legislation on electricity, gas, oil, renewables, efficiency and environment. The country is planning to fully synchronize its electricity network with the ENTSO-E to connect to European electricity market.

The energy sector is one of the top priorities for the Government and it is addressed in Government's Plans and a number of policy documents, laws and regulations. The most important are the following: the draft National Development Strategy 2030, the National Energy Strategy 2030, Law on energy, Law on electricity, Law on promoting use of energy from renewable sources, Law on natural gas, Law on energy efficiency, Law on the energy performance of buildings, Law on the labelling of products with energy impact, Law on eco-design requirements for energy-related products, etc., as well as a list of secondary legislation, meant necessary to ensure for the implementation of the primary legislation.

Moldova is Part to Energy Community Treaty since 2010. By adopting the Energy Community Treaty, Moldova made legally binding commitments to adopt core EU energy legislation, the so-called "*acquis communautaire*". The Treaty and its *acquis* evolve constantly to incorporate new sectors as well as update or replace older acts. To stay on track with the evolution of European Union law, Articles 24 and 25 of the Treaty allow the adaptation of the *acquis* and implementing of possible amendments. Thus, in November 2021, the first set of [Clean energy package](#) acts were incorporated into the Energy Community *acquis*. Ministerial Council adopted the Decision on amending Annex I to the Treaty establishing the Energy Community and incorporating Regulation 2019/941 on risk-preparedness in the electricity sector¹, that lays down rules for cooperation between Contracting Parties with a view to preventing, preparing for and managing electricity crises in a spirit of solidarity and transparency and in full regard for the requirements of a competitive internal market for electricity.

For details, please refer to the Terms of Reference.

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

The general objective of the assignment is to support Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development (MoIRD) to advance preparedness and reaction measures for emergencies on the electricity market. More specifically, international consultant is expected to establish/update the national crisis scenarios and to design the Moldova's Risk-Preparedness in Electricity Sector Plan in line with requirements of Regulation 2019/941. Additionally, international consultant will support Regulation 2019/941 transposition into national legislation. Being supervised by Programme Manager and/or Team Leader for Component 1, and in close cooperation with national legal and RIA consultants, and the staff of the Energy Department of the MoIRD, the international consultant is expected to perform the following tasks:

1. To conduct consultations with TSO and competent authority/MIRD and other institutions in order to identify electricity crisis scenarios at national level as well as cross-border dependencies (in line with provisions/requirements of ENTSO-E Methodology to Identify Regional Electricity Crisis Scenarios).
2. Describe the national electricity crisis scenarios following the template established by the ENTSO-E Methodology to Identify Regional Electricity Crisis Scenarios.
3. Develop the Risk-preparedness Plan in line with requirements of Chapter III of Regulation 2019/941.
4. To conduct consultation with relevant stakeholders of the draft Risk-preparedness Plan and update it based on the comments and proposals received.
5. Support legal and RIA consultants in transposition of the Regulation 2019/941 into national legislation and assess the regulator impact of the new legal act.

¹ <https://www.energy-community.org/legal/acquis.html>

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

4. REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

I. Education:

- Advanced degree (Master or Ph.D.) in energy management, law, climate change, environmental management, policies development and strategic planning or other related areas is required.

II. Experience:

- At least 4 years of professional experience in identifying and describing risks scenarios and/or managing risks, including in the energy/electricity area.
- At least 5 years of international working experience in the institutional consultancy.

III. Competencies:

- Excellent knowledge of the Regulation (EU) 2019/941 of 5 June 2019 on risk-preparedness in the electricity sector;
- Familiarity with RM-EU Association Agreement, Energy Community Treaty and other international and regional commitments of Moldova;
- Familiarity with ENTSO-E responsibilities and activity with regards risk-preparedness in electricity sector;
- Strong analytical and report-writing skills demonstrated by previous assignments;
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills, ability to work with Government representatives, demonstrated by previous assignments;
- Proficiency in English. Knowledge of Romanian and Russian will be an asset.

The UNDP Moldova is committed to the 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).
2. [OFFEROR'S LETTER TO UNDP CONFIRMING INTEREST AND AVAILABILITY FOR THE INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR \(IC\) ASSIGNMENT](#)
3. CV with at least three names for a reference check.

Important notice: The applicants who have the statute of Government Official / Public Servant prior to appointment will be asked to submit the following documentation:

- a no-objection letter in respect of the applicant received from the Government, and;
- the applicant is certified in writing by the Government to be on official leave without pay for the entire duration of the Individual Contract.

6. FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

The financial proposal shall specify a total lump sum amount, and payment terms around specific and measurable (qualitative and quantitative) deliverables (i.e. whether payments fall in installments or upon completion of the entire contract). Payments are based upon output, i.e. upon delivery of the services specified in the TOR. In order to assist the requesting unit in the comparison of financial proposals, the financial proposal will include a breakdown of this lump sum amount (including fees, taxes, travel costs, accommodation costs, communication, and number of anticipated working days).

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:

- Advanced degree (Master or Ph.D.) in energy management, law, climate change, environmental management, policies development and strategic planning or other related areas is required.
- At least 4 years of professional experience in identifying and describing risks scenarios and/or managing risks, including in the energy/electricity area.
- At least 5 years of international working experience in the institutional consultancy.

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>		
• Advanced degree (Master or Ph.D.) in energy management, law, climate change, environmental management, policies development and strategic planning or other related areas is required	(Master – 20 pts., PhD- 30 pts.)	30
• At least 4 years of professional experience in identifying and describing risks scenarios and/or managing risks, including in the energy/electricity area	(4 years – 35 pts., more than 4 years – up to 45 pts., 5 pts. – for each additional year)	45

Criteria	Scoring	Maximum Points Obtainable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 5 years of international working experience in the institutional consultancy 	(5 years – 35 pts., more than 5 years – up to 45 pts, 5 pts – for each additional year)	45
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interview (Only the first 5 applicants that have accumulated the highest technical score shall be invited to the interview.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 pts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excellent knowledge of the Regulation (EU) 2019/941 of 5 June 2019 on risk-preparedness in the electricity sector (<i>limited knowledge – up to 10 pts.; satisfactory – up to 30 pts.; extensive – up to 40 pts.</i>); 40 pts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Familiarity with RM-EU Association Agreement, Energy Community Treaty and other international and regional commitments of Moldova (<i>limited familiarity – up to 10 pts., satisfactory – up to 30 pts.; extensive – up to 40 pts.</i>); 50 pts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Familiarity with ENTSO-E responsibilities and activity with regards risk-preparedness in electricity sector (<i>limited familiarity – up to 10 pts.; satisfactory – up to 30 pts.; extensive – up to 50 pts.</i>); 50 pts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other competences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analytical skills (<i>Yes - 10 pts., No – 0 pts.</i>); -- Communication skills – (<i>Yes - 10 pts., No – 0 pts.</i>); Ability to work with government representatives (<i>Yes - 10 pts., No – 0 pts.</i>); Proficiency in English – 10 pts.; Knowledge of Romanian and Russian – – 5 pts per each language). 	180
Maximum Total Technical Scoring		300
<u>Financial</u>		

Criteria	Scoring	Maximum Points Obtainable
<p>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.</p>		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