**Terms of Reference for Services of international experts on the integrity of the post-war reconstruction of Ukraine**

**Background and context**

Supporting anti-corruption efforts in Ukraine is a high political priority for the European Union and Denmark. By combating corruption, the EU contributes to the consolidation of democracy and economic growth of Ukraine, as well as the successful EU integration of Ukraine.

The topic of reconstruction aid and integrity is a new area of work for the EUACI. It will become one of the key activities of the program for many months to come, both at the national and local levels and across the three components of the EUACI.

The large-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine changed the context in which the EUACI is working. To address new challenges, the EUACI revised its work plan to expand it to focus *inter alia* on integrity, transparency, and accountability in the management of the upcoming reconstruction aid.

In June–December 2022, the EUACI supported the work of the anti-corruption working group of the National Recovery Council and assisted with preparation of the draft National Recovery Plan (NRP). The NRP was presented at the Ukraine Recovery Conference in Lugano in July 2022.

The Reforms Delivery Office (RDO) under the Prime Minister of Ukraine is tasked to continue the work on the NRP. An important aspect of this effort is to ensure that anti-corruption measures are considered in the process of further update of the NRP and that its future iterations contain anti-corruption, transparency, integrity and accountability provisions, including those that are sector specific.

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The EUACI aims to facilitate the process of proper anti-corruption streamlining across the most critical parts of the NRP and, consequently, in the process of post-war recovery planning.

**Objective:**

The main objective of this engagement is to support Ukrainian government’s work in mainstreaming anti-corruption measures into its strategy of post-war recovery (NRP) by providing by providing policy and legal advice, conducting research, identifying and sharing lessons learned from other countries’ experiences.

It is expected that international experts will directly contribute to the review of specific parts of the NRP (and/or policy briefs, developed on its basis) to ensure proper mainstreaming of anti-corruption consideration into sectoral recovery strategies.

**Scope of work:**

The scope of work of the engagement includes different services, in particular but not limited to:

* providing peer-review of the relevant sectoral chapters of the NRP (and/or policy brief developed on its basis) with specific ideas on how to increase transparency and eliminate risks of corruption in the given policy sector
* participating in public and working-level discussions
* providing written comments/edits to the provided materials
* preparing policy briefs and other analytical document.

**Expected deliverables:**

* Peer-review of at least two chapters of the NRP
* At least two policy briefs with specific ideas on how to increase transparency and eliminate risks of corruption in the process of implementation of a chapter of the NRP
* At least two presentations during public and working-level meetings and roundtables[[1]](#footnote-1) to present findings and analysis performed within this TOR
* other deliverables as agreed upon with the EUACI.

Timeline:

The intended commencement date is the date of signature of the contract with the service provider and the period of implementation of the contract is 42 working days, within 6 months.

**Requirements to the Service Provider:**

Service provider should have a capacity to engage experts with specific sectoral expertise.

The contract will be awarded to the team of experts meeting the following criteria:

* at least a Master’s degree in law, international relations, social sciences, business administration, or another similar field is required. A PhD is desirable,
* extensive expertise in the field of anti-corruption, in addition to fields of international development, post-war recovery, and good governance (at least 5 years of proven experience),
* experience in cooperation with national governments and development partners,
* a strong network of contacts with international experts in fields of international development, post-war recovery, and good governance,
* experience in preparing policy analysis and program reports is desirable,
* excellent written and verbal communication skills in English.

**Monitoring and evaluation:**

The performance of the contractor will be judged upon reaching the “Objective” and "Expected Deliverables" as identified in the respected parts of this ToR.

By signing the contract, the contractor (and its representatives) agree to hold in trust and confidence any information or documents ("confidential information"), disclosed to the contractor or discovered by the contractor or prepared by the contractor in the course of or as a result of the implementation of the contract, and agrees that it shall be used only for the purposes of the contract implementation and shall not be disclosed to any third party without a written authorization of the EUACI.

The contractor shall de-brief the EUACI representative monthly and submit final report in written after reaching all deliverables

The contractor shall inform the EUACI after 50% and again after 75% use of the overall foreseen working days under this contract.

# Bidding details:

The bidder must submit the following information to be considered:

1. The CVs (no more than three pages for each person) of the key team members. List the names, project titles, key duties on this engagement, and share of time dedicated to this engagement.
2. A list of assignments (up to 5) similar to this project executed in the last five years with a focus on corruption and anti-corruption, with the links to products developed under these assignments (were possible).
3. A budget proposal in EUR, with daily rates of experts involved, inclusive of all taxes or other such charges. Maximal budget for this assignment is 30 000 EUR.

# How to apply:

The deadline for submitting the proposals is 10 February 2023, 18:00 Kyiv time.

The proposals shall be submitted within the above deadline to EUACI@um.dk, cc: ipresniakov@gmail.com, indicating the subject line “Integrity of the post-war recovery of Ukraine”.

**Bidding language**: English.

Any clarification questions for the bid request should be addressed to EUACI@um.dk, cc: ipresniakov@gmail.com no later than 3 February 2023, 18:00 Kyiv time.

# Evaluation criteria:

Bids will be evaluated under the criteria provided below:

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| **#** | **Criteria** | **Weight** |
| 1 | Portfolio of completed projects | 50% |
| 2 | Key delivery team members – relevant experience, skills and competencies | 30% |
| 3 | Proposed budget | 20% |

1. These will be organized in a hybrid format with possibility of online participation of foreign experts. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)