

**SERVICE CONTRACT FOR EUROPEAN UNION EXTERNAL ACTIONS**

**Contract Number:** Prot. 8

**FINANCED FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)  
Rruga Abdi Toptani, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Torre Drin building  
Tirana ALBANIA

(‘the Contracting Authority’),

of the one part,

and

Kreston Albania Sh.pk  
Rruga Muhamet Gjolllesha, Godina “Qendra Tregtare Ring”  
Tirana. ALBANIA  
VAT:

(‘the Contractor’)

of the other part,

have agreed as follows:

**PROJECT: EU for Economic Development - Tourism-led, local,  
economic development, with a focus on Cultural Heritage -  
Contract 420-271**

**CONTRACT TITLE: FINANCIAL AND SYSTEMS AUDIT OF  
PROGRAMME AND GRANT CONTRACTS**

**Identification number**

**(1) Subject**

- 1.1 The subject of this contract is financial and systems audit of programme and Grant Contracts, services done in Tirana with identification number CIG Z13339C716 (‘the services’).
- 1.2 The contractor shall execute the tasks assigned to him/her in accordance with the terms of reference annexed to the contract (Annexe II)

**(2) Contract value**

This contract, established in Euro, is a global price contract. The contract value is EUR 30.000,00.

### (3) Order of precedence of contract documents

The following documents shall be deemed to form and be read and construed as part of this contract, in the following order of precedence:

- the Contract Agreement;
- the Special Conditions
- the General Conditions (Annex I);
- the Terms of Reference (Annex II)
- the Organisation and Methodology (Annex III);
- Key experts (Annex IV);
- Budget (Annex V);
- Template Report (Annex VI);

**These above listed documents make up the contract. They shall be deemed to be mutually explanatory. In cases of ambiguity or divergence, they shall prevail in the order in which they appear above. Addenda shall have the order of precedence of the document they are amending.**

### (4) Language of the contract

The language of the contract and of all written communications between the contractor and the contracting authority and/or the project manager shall be English.

### (5) Other specific conditions applying to the contract

N.A.

Done in English in two originals: one original for the contracting authority, and one original for the contractor.

#### For the contractor

Name:

Rezar Llukaj

Title:

Kreston  
Albania Sh.pk

Signature:

*Rezar Llukaj*

#### For the contracting authority

Name:

Stefania Vizzaccaro

Title:

AICS                      Tirana  
Representative

Signature: *Stefania Vizzaccaro*

Date: 13.01.2022

## **SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

These conditions amplify and supplement the general conditions governing the contract. Unless the special conditions provide otherwise, the general conditions remain fully applicable. The numbering of the articles of the special conditions is not consecutive but follows the numbering of the general conditions. Exceptionally, and with the approval of the competent European Commission departments, other clauses can be indicated to cover particular situations.

### **Article 2 Communications**

#### **2.1 For the Contracting Authority**

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Tirana Office  
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#### **2.2 For the Contractor**

Kreston Albania Sh.pk  
Rruga Muhamet Gjollështa, Godina “Qendra Tregtare Ring”  
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### **Article 4 Subcontracting**

4.9 N.A.

### **Article 7 General obligations**

7.8 N.A.

### **Article 12 - Liabilities**

12.2 By way of derogation from Article 12.2, paragraph 2, of the general conditions, compensation for damage resulting from the contractor's liability in respect of the contracting authority is capped at an amount equal to the contract value.

### **Article 19 Implementation of the tasks and delays**

19.1 The start date for implementation shall be 13/1/2022

19.2 The period for implementing the tasks is 49 months from the start date.

### **Article 26 Interim and final reports**

The contractor shall submit progress reports as specified in the Terms of Reference.

## **Article 27 Approval of reports and documents**

27.5 The contracting authority shall, within 45 days of receipt, notify the contractor of its decision concerning the documents or reports received by it, giving reasons should it reject the reports or documents, or request amendments. If the contracting authority does not give any comments on the documents or reports within the time limit, the contractor may request written acceptance of them. The documents or reports shall be deemed to have been approved by the contracting authority if it does not expressly inform the contractor of any comments within 45 days of the receipt of the report.

## **Article 28 Expenditure verification**

28.2 By derogation from article 28 the verification will be made by the contracting authority and all references to an expenditure verification report will not be applicable.

## **Article 29 Payment and interest on late payment**

29.1 Payments will be made in accordance with the following option:

Month	Deliverable	Payment (EUR)
February 2022	Final Financial Report + Invoice	25% of the contract value
February 2023	Final Financial Report + Invoice	25% of the contract value
February 2024	Final Financial Report + Invoice	25% of the contract value
February 2025	Final Financial Report + Invoice	25% of the contract value

By derogation, the payments to the contractor of the amounts due under interim and final payments shall be made within 90 days after receipt by the contracting authority of an invoice, subject to approval of those reports in accordance with Article 27 of the general conditions.

By derogation from article 29 the verification will be made by the contracting authority and all references to an expenditure verification report will not be applicable.

29.3 By derogation from Article 29.3 of the general conditions, once the deadline set in Article 29.1 has expired, the contractor will, upon demand, be entitled to late-payment interest at the rate and for the period mentioned in the general conditions. The demand must be submitted within two months of receiving late payment.

29.5 Payments will be made in Euro in accordance with Articles 20.6 and 29.4 of the general conditions into the bank account notified by the contractor to the contracting authority.

## **Article 30 Financial guarantee**

30.1 By derogation from article 30 of the general conditions, no pre-financing guarantee is required.

## **Article 38 - Force majeure**

38.1 Besides what provided by the general conditions, in case of force majeure (e.g. suspension of the programme and unavailability of funds), the contracting authority does not have any legal obligation under this contract.

## **Article 40 Settlement of disputes**

40.4 Any disputes arising out of or relating to this contract which cannot be settled otherwise shall be referred to the exclusive jurisdiction of Italy applying the national legislation of the contracting authority.

## **Article 42 Data protection**

1. Processing of personal data related to the implementation of the contract by the contracting authority takes place in accordance with the national legislation of the state of the contracting authority and with the provisions of the respective financing agreement.

2. To the extent that the contract covers an action financed by the European Union, the Contracting Authority may share communications related to the implementation of the contract, with the European Commission. These exchanges shall be made to the Commission, solely for the purpose of allowing the latter to exercise its rights and obligations under the applicable legislative framework and under the financing agreement with the Partner country – contracting authority. The exchanges may involve transfers of personal data (such as names, contact details, signatures and CVs) of natural persons involved in the implementation of the contract (such as contractors, staff, experts, trainees, subcontractors, insurers, guarantors, auditors and legal counsel). In cases where the contractor is processing personal data in the context of the implementation of the contract, he/she shall accordingly inform the data subjects of the possible transmission of their data to the Commission. When personal data is transmitted to the Commission, the latter processes them in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC<sup>1</sup> and as detailed in the specific privacy statement published at ePRAG.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 205 of 21.11.2018, p. 39