

“Improve the capacity of Independent Justice Institutions in Albania – EU4Justice”, funded by the European Union and implemented by a Consortium led by AICS, together with FIIAPP and EF SAS – Delegation Agreement no. IPA/2022/436-032

LONG-TERM CONTRACT VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

International Long-Term Project Coordinator to implement Component 4

Vacancy Code: 12/AICSTIRANA/2023

Profile: International Long-Term Project Coordinator for the implementation of activities and tasks of **Component 4** within the framework of the project “Improve the capacity of Independent Justice Institutions in Albania – EU4Justice – IPA/2022/436-032”, funded by the European Union and implemented by AICS, FIIAPP and EF SAS.

Applicable regulations:

Law of 11 August 2014, n. 125 as amended, entitled “*Disciplina generale sulla cooperazione internazionale allo sviluppo*” (“General law on International Development Cooperation”).

The decree of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MAECI) of 22 July 2015, n. 113 as amended, entitled “Statuto dell'Agenzia italiana per la cooperazione allo sviluppo” (“Statute of the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation”), and in particular article 11, paragraph 1, letter c).

Resolution n. 101, issued by the AICS/MAECI Joint Committee on 19 November 2019.

Decision of the AICS Director n. 28 of 5 February 2021.

Multi Partner Contribution Agreement of December 2022 Ref. IPA/2022/436-032 for the financing in decentralized cooperation of the initiative “Improve the capacity of the Independent Justice Institution in Albania (EU4Justice) – AID 012761/01/0.

Decree of the Director of the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation of 18 January 2023 nr. 1925 on the mandate to the Representative of AICS Office in Tirana to manage the initiative AID 012761/01/0.

The AICS Tirana Regional Office intends to recruit an **International Long-Term Project Coordinator** for **Component 4** of the project “Improve the capacity of Independent Justice Institutions in Albania – EU4Justice – IPA/2022/436-032”.

Duty station: Tirana, Albania.

Typology of contract: Long-term full-time contract of employment based on Albanian law and respecting the fundamental principles of the Italian legal system.

Remuneration:

The gross annual salary for the position cannot exceed 63,660.96/year plus the related indemnity, if due, for cost/quality of life and increased risk and inconvenience, as provided by Decision of the AICS Director n. 28 of 5 February 2021 and related attachments, in relation to the "Team Leader

Middle 1" profile (the monthly net remuneration cannot be higher than that envisaged for the "Team Leader Middle 1" salary level).

Duration: 12 (twelve months) – including a 2-month probation period – with possible extension, based on project implementation.

Expected start date of employment: At the end of the selection procedure.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Type of project: Contribution Agreement – Instrument of Pre-Accession (IPA II).

Sector: Justice and Rule of Law.

Action: Improve the capacity of Independent Justice Institutions in Albania – EU4Justice – IPA/2022/436-032

Contracting Authority: European Union Delegation to Albania.

Target Group: Albanian self-governance institutions, namely High Judicial Council (HJC), High Prosecutorial Council (HPC) and High Justice Inspector (HJI).

Implementing Entity: Agenzia Italiana per la Cooperazione allo sviluppo – AICS Tirana office.

Consortium: International and Ibero-American Foundation for Administration and Public Policies (FIIAPP) and Expertise France (EF).

Specific objective: To contribute to the strengthening of the rule of justice system in Albania.

Expected results (ER)

ER 1: Improved performance of HJC, HPC and HJI in the consolidation of judicial independence, accountability, transparency and functionality.

ER 2: Improved coordination and communication mechanism among HPC, HJC and HJI in line with the EU best practices.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. KEY FUNCTIONS

The **International Project Coordinator** will be responsible for the implementation of **Component 4** of the project, under the supervision of the Project Team Leader. The Project Coordinator will deal with the overall project coordination, assisting the Project Team Leader in the project implementation, also with reference to the administration and budget management.

Description of assignment: the Project Coordinator will be expected to serve in accordance with the following Terms of Reference:

- Be responsible for all the cross-cutting topics of implementation as described in the Project proposal;
- Ensure support to Albanian governance institutions (HJC, HPC and HJI) in strengthening inter-institutional coordination and cooperation, including communication with the public;
- Organize and chair coordination meetings with the three institutions as well as seminars, counseling events, workshops, training and developing of personnel;
- Prepare and submit a detailed work plan;
- Ensure overall technical, administrative and financial management of the project;
- Coordinate the institutional capacity building components of the project;
- Manage the logistics and coordinate the activities/events, record and disseminate the outputs of technical and other working groups that may be formed in support of the various project deliverables;
- Liaise with central and local stakeholders, partner institutions, international multilateral agencies and NGOs, CSOs;
- Ensure coordination and synergies with all other initiatives/projects implemented in the field of Justice and Rule of Law in Albania;
- Coordinate the technical formulation of calls for bids and proposals for grants, services, works, and services, works and supplies contracts;
- Organize and manage meetings, including appointments with stakeholders/consultations, logistical arrangements
- Assist external technical and evaluation missions, including audit, and organize/submit all required documentation;
- Conduct follow-ups, technical monitoring on measures and project progress administration, reports for verification of workmanlike execution of works;
- Coordination of human, financial and logistical resource management through the Preparation of periodic operational plans;
- Track and monitor the progress of each project initiative and make adjustments as necessary to ensure the successful completion of each project;
- Assist in the development of presentations to highlight the progress of the project;
- Ensure the project is properly closed out and project documentation completed and stored.

Prohibition to engage in other activities: The selected candidate must not have carried out, during the last three years, any entrepreneurial, for-profit activity in the country of service, or be in a situation of conflict, even potential, of interests that undermine the impartial exercise of the functions, as provided for in Article 53 of Legislative Decree no. 165 of 2001, referred to in Law No. 190 of 2012 and by the Code of Ethics and Conduct of AICS referred to in point 6 below. The administration reserves the right to verify compliance of what has been declared in this regard by the selected candidate under penalty of exclusion.

2. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Candidates will be considered eligible for selection based on the following essential requirements, to be fulfilled by the deadline for application:

- a) Age not exceeding (at the time of signing the contract) that required for retirement by local regulations (65 years);
- b) Medically fit for employment;
- c) To have acquired the academic qualification required by the selection notice, in accordance with point 2.1;
- d) To have acquired the professional experience required by the selection notice, in accordance with point 2.1;
- e) Fluency in written and spoken English (level C1 – Common European Framework of Reference)

The requirements mentioned above should be possessed throughout all the duration of the contract.

2.1 Essential requirements under penalty of exclusion

a) General requirement for access to the professional level: University Master's degree in Development Studies, Business Management, Business Administration, Social Sciences, Law. Other degrees of the same level may be considered if accompanied by at least five years of sector-specific working experience. Although not a public competition, candidates may use the equipollence for admission to public competitions, published on the Ministry of Education, University and Research website www.miur.it;

b) Specific requirements for access to the specialist profile: A minimum of 6 years of experience in project management and coordination. The documented activity carried out in the sector of reference of the vacancy notice in the context of cooperation initiatives may also be assessed for the purpose of achieving the "General requirement for access to the professional level" referred to in point 2.1a) only for the part exceeding 6 years.

2.2 Preferential requirements:

The following will constitute the preferential requirements for the position:

- Educational level higher than the compulsory required in point 2.1.a) above;
- Good knowledge of and familiarity with the Albanian justice system, the newly established governance institutions, justice reform process and content of the justice reform;
- Demonstrated background in the Prosecutorial and Judicial system, anticorruption and transparency in the Western Balkans, and in particular in Albania;
- Professional experience in managing grant and tender procedures, knowledge of EU rules, regulations and procedures (PRAG);
- Training and/or relevant experience in project management, monitoring and evaluation;
- Proven professional experience in the implementation of EU funded projects or/and Italian cooperation/AICS funded projects in the field of Justice and Rule of Law;
- Excellent legal, report writing and analytical skills, with a demonstrable record of delivery on time;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in Albanian and Italian;

- A previous work experience in Albania and/or in the other countries of competence of AICS Office in Tirana.

2.3 Core competencies:

- Organization and Planning Skills;
- Excellent written and verbal English communication skills;
- Strong analytical and evaluating skills with the ability to generate reports;
- Well-developed Interpersonal Skills;
- Team working skills;
- Leadership skills;
- Problem solving skills
- Well-developed Interpersonal Skills Creativity/Innovation skills;
- Proficiency in using the Microsoft Office Suite, especially Excel, Word, Project and Power Point;
- Ability to multi-task and perform well under pressure.

Before submitting their application, candidates should assess whether they fulfil all the essential requirements specified in this vacancy notice. The curriculum vitae should **clearly state the start and end dates** of all previous positions and indication on whether they were full or part-time. Details of any professional experience, training, research, or studies must be provided in the application. Upon request, candidates must provide supporting documentation indicating the duration and nature of those experiences.

For the purposes of the essential requirements, referred to in point 2.1, professional experiences that have a temporal overlap are not considered. The candidate will declare the one deemed most relevant.

3. HOW TO APPLY

3.1 In the application, candidates must declare under their responsibility, in the form of a self-certification declaration (Annex 2) according to art. 46 and 47 of the DPR 28.12.2000 n. 445:

- a) surname, name, date and place of birth;
- b) residence;
- c) citizenship;
- d) the enjoyment of civil and political rights;
- e) not having received criminal convictions, not being the recipient of preventive measures and not being subjected to criminal or accounting proceedings both in Italy and abroad;
- f) not having incurred in the removal, dispensation, forfeiture, or dismissal from employment in a public administration, both in Italy and abroad;
- g) own a valid permit of stay / visa in Albania (only for candidates with a different nationality than that of the duty station).

Should any check carried out by AICS reveal the untruthfulness of the content of the statements made, the interested party will incur the criminal sanctions referred to in Article 76 of the D.P.R. n. 445/00 and subsequent amendments, immediately forfeiting the use and any other benefits obtained on the basis of the false declaration.

3.2 The application must be accompanied by:

- a) Curriculum vitae in Europass format, dated and signed, including the authorization to process personal data, such as: "I hereby provide my unambiguous consent to the use of my personal data for the purpose of this selection process (D. L.gs. n. 196/2003)" (Annex 1).
- b) Self-certification declaration, dated and signed, as per point 3.1 (Annex 2 - Legally binding statement);
- c) Copy of a valid identity document.

The candidate must also indicate the address, telephone number, email address to which all necessary communication must be sent. In the absence of such information, the residence address will be used. The candidate is obliged to communicate any changes made after applying.

Applications for participation in the selection, duly dated and signed, and the relative attachments referred to in point 3.2 must be received, under penalty of exclusion, in non-modifiable format (PDF), no later than **12.00 hours (Tirana time) on May 15th, 2023**, to the following email address: tirana@aics.gov.it.

The email must have as its subject the code: **12/AICSTIRANA/2023**

We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date, since heavy internet traffic or connection problems could lead to difficulties in submission. AICS cannot be held responsible for any delay due to such difficulties.

4. EXCLUSION FROM SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following will be excluded from the selection procedure:

- a) Applications lacking one or more admission requirement;
- b) Applications received after the deadline stated in this announcement and/or with modalities other than those provided for in this notice;
- c) Applications with documents not signed.

5. EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

Once the terms of validity of the notice have elapsed, the Representative of AICS Tirana assesses the admissibility of the application requests, estimates if the applications meet the admission requirements and assess the absence of grounds for exclusion. The exclusion is communicated to the candidates concerned.

Subsequently, a Commission composed of three members and appointed following art. 2 of the *Deliberation* approved with the Joint Committee Resolution no. 101/2019, evaluates the

INTERVIEW (Max 30 points)

Candidates with a qualification score of at least 40 points are called for an interview. A maximum score of 30 points is awarded for the interview. The interview takes place at the premises of AICS Tirana or via audio-video connection if candidates cannot go to the interview location. The interview takes place in the languages indicated in the announcement (even more than one if required), and it is aimed at assessing the candidate's knowledge and experience, the ability to carry out the task in question, the language skills required and anything else considered necessary to evaluate the candidate's profile for the position to be filled.

The invitation to the interview is sent by email to the address stated by the candidate at the time of the application. Candidates are not entitled to reimbursement of any expenses incurred to sit the interview.

Following the interview process, a list of candidates is elaborated, including only candidates with an overall score of not less than 60% of the maximum attributable points (60 points).

6. RESULTS OF THE SELECTION

The candidate with the highest score in the ranking is declared the winner; he/she is informed by email or through appropriate means. The ranking list remains valid for one year, and it can be extended for another year for justified needs related to the Project. In case of renunciation of the highest-ranking candidate, or early termination of the contract, the Office can utilize the ranking list, if the necessary financial resources are available.

In case of equal scores, the younger candidate will be preferred.

The ranking list is published on the AICS Roma and AICS Tirana websites.

Within the framework of the employment contract stipulated between AICS Tirana and the employee - selected through this selection procedure - it is possible for the parties to withdraw from the contract in the presence of a just cause, or a fact of such gravity that does not allow the continuation, not even provisional, of the employment relationship.

In any case, the employee is allowed to exercise the withdrawal from the employment relationship with a 2-month notice.

The employment contract must provide for the commitment of the employee to sign the Code of Ethics and Behavior of the staff hired by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation according to art. 11, paragraph 1, let. c) of the Ministerial Decree of 22 July 2015, n. 113.

7. PROTECTION OF PRIVACY

The submission of an application by a candidate implies his/her consent to the processing of personal data, including sensitive data, by personnel assigned to the custody and storage of applications and their use for the selection process.

applications on merit, assigning a maximum overall score of **100 points** according to the methods specified below:

QUALIFICATIONS, LANGUAGE SKILLS, PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES (Max 70 points)

- Academic titles in addition to the essential requirements: **up to 10 points** (points cannot be cumulated) for post-graduate studies related explicitly with the vacancy key functions, assigned with the following criteria: i) 10 points for PhD degrees, with preference given to Law PhD ; ii) 5 points for Master studies having a duration not less than one academic year, with preference given to Master degrees in Law (e.g. LLM, MSc etc.) ; iii) 2 points for other academic titles of post-graduate specialization having a duration not less than one academic year;
- Language skills in addition to the essential requirements: **up to 10 points** assigned with the following criteria: i) up to 5 points for the knowledge of Albanian language written and spoken at least at C2 level of Common European Framework of Reference: level C2 (5 points); ii) up to 3 points for the knowledge of English language written and spoken at least at C2 level of Common European Framework of Reference: level C2 (3 points); ii) up to 2 points for the knowledge of Italian language written and spoken at C1/C2 level of Common European Framework of Reference: level C1/C2 (2 points);
- Professional experience: **up to 40 points** assigned with the following criteria: i) Up to 20 points for demonstrated knowledge of and experience in managing EU grant and tender procedures (PRAG), implementing EU funded or/and Italian cooperation/AICS funded projects, acquired through previous professional experiences: from 3 to 5 years (5 points), from 5 to 10 years (10 points), from 10 years to 15 years (15 points); superior to 15 years (20 points) ii) Up to 10 points for demonstrated experience in project management and coordination, in addition to the essential requirements, acquired through previous professional experiences: from 6 to 10 years (3 points), from 10 to 15 years (5 points), superior to 15 years (10 points); iii) Up to 10 points for demonstrated knowledge of the Albanian justice and prosecutorial system, the newly established governance institutions and the justice reform process, as well as the Prosecutorial system, anticorruption and transparency in the Western Balkans, acquired through previous professional experiences: from 2 to 3 years (3 points), from 3 to 5 years (5 points), superior to 5 years (10 points);
- Other titles or professional competences: **up to 10 points** assigned with the following criteria: i) up to 10 points for previous professional experience conducting similar tasks to those indicated in the description of duties and in the role of Project Coordinator, with legal-related duties, in the countries of competence of AICS Office in Tirana: between 1 and 2 years (3 points), between 2 and 5 years (5 points), more than 5 years (10 points).

The Head of AICS Tirana Office is responsible for personal data handling.

8. SUSPENSION AND PROTECTION CLAUSES

AICS reserves the right to cancel this vacancy notice for justified reasons of organizational and/or financial nature.

9. TRANSPARENCY

This announcement is published on the AICS Rome and AICS Tirana websites.

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