

In an effort to promote organizational excellence, UNOPS seeks highly qualified individuals for the following position:

Vacancy Details

Vacancy code: VA/2019/B5109/18358
Post Title: Business Efficiency Consultant (three retainer positions)
Post Level: LICA Specialist-10
Org Unit: ECR, RSOC, Serbia
Duty Station (DS): Home-based
Duration: Up to 50 working days, in period of one year
Closing Date: 11 September 2019

1. Background Information

Background Information- UNOPS

UNOPS is an operational arm of the United Nations, supporting the successful implementation of its partners' peacebuilding, humanitarian and development projects around the world. Our mission is to help people build better lives and countries achieve sustainable development.

UNOPS areas of expertise cover infrastructure, procurement, project management, financial management and human resources.

Working with us

UNOPS offers short- and long-term work opportunities in diverse and challenging environments across the globe. We are looking for creative, results-focused professionals with skills in a range of disciplines.

Diversity

With over 4,000 UNOPS personnel and approximately 7,000 personnel recruited on behalf of UNOPS partners spread across 80 countries, our workforce represents a wide range of nationalities and cultures. We promote a balanced, diverse workforce — a strength that helps us better understand and address our partners' needs, and continually strive to improve our gender balance through initiatives and policies that encourage recruitment of qualified female candidates.

Work life harmonization

UNOPS values its people and recognizes the importance of balancing professional and personal demands.

Nordic Support for Progress of North Macedonia

A)

The Government of Norway has decided to fund a sub-regional programme "Nordic Support for Progress in North Macedonia" to be implemented by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS). The project consists of a socio-economic development support to the more undeveloped parts of the country and also envisages support to the Macedonian authorities responsible for leading the renewed efforts on the EU accession process.

The Government of Norway has allocated funding for the implementation of the Project in Macedonia during 24 months.

The Overall Objective is to contribute to a more balanced socio-economic development and contribute to the implementation of the Stabilization and Association Agreement and EU accession negotiations priorities.

Specifically, the programme has objectives at the local and national levels i.e. locally, to increase employment opportunities, support social cohesion as well as to enhance local infrastructure in the less developed areas with a focus given to the inclusion of youth, women and vulnerable groups in the labour market. Nationally, the programme aims at supporting the government to improve its capacity for EU integration and government reform agenda in the accession process

All Project activities will be undertaken in partnership and cooperation with national and local institutions, with the aim of allowing them to adopt/adapt the legal requirements and, where relevant, EU accession criteria. This will ensure national ownership and support the development of national capacities.

B)

The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency has decided to fund a project “Support to progress in North Macedonia - Government reform agenda in the EU-accession process” to be implemented by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS). The objective of the project supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) is to support the enhancement of the EU integration capacity of the Republic of North Macedonia by providing technical assistance to government institutions during the accession period.

SIDA has allocated funding for the implementation of the project in Macedonia during 24 months.

The Overall Objective of the SIDA support is to contribute to, and effectively communicate to the public, the implementation of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement, accession negotiations and government reform priorities in the Republic of North Macedonia.

Project interventions are aimed towards communicating the benefits of the EU accession process to the general population, as well as to involve the civil society and media throughout the accession phases. All project activities will be undertaken in partnership with the Government of Macedonia, in cooperation with the national institutions, with the aim of allowing them to adopt/adapt the legal requirements and, where relevant, EU accession criteria.

This will ensure national ownership and support the development of national capacities.

Background Information – relevant for the assignment

The purpose of *Result 3 “Supporting the government reform agenda in the accession process”* is to provide support to relevant national is to contribute to further building of capacities of the central coordination structures for the accession process and relevant national authorities.

The Parliament Committee for European affairs (CEA) monitor the implementation of the NPAA legislative plan and obligations arising from the SAA and other international instruments; harmonization of the national legislation with the EU legislation; other activities relevant for the accession process; monitor Government activities, relevant for the accession negotiation process; regular inform the Parliament on all EU related issues; cooperate with other working bodies of the parliament. The project will provide consultancy support for the work of CEA, through outsourced expertise/consultancy.

2. Functional Responsibilities

Under the direct supervision of the Project Manager, the Business Efficiency Consultant will provide technical expertise and advices to the Parliamentary Committee for European Affairs (CEA) and its secretariat, in regards to increase of efficiency of the committee’s performance and assist in delivering of several products from CEA’s work plan during engagement period.

More specifically, the Business Efficiency Consultant will undertake the following activities/responsibilities:

- Advice and support to the President and members of the CEA in regard to European integration;
- Advice and support further development the CEA’s work plan and calendar of activity to reflect efficient utilisation of inclusive resources required;
- Provide efficiency related capacity building by taking part in the events organized by CEA;
- Assess approach and provide advice and on-the-process for preparation of the sessions of CEA;
- Assess preparation process of preparing analyses;
- Analyses on the materials that are on the agenda of CEA, and provide recommendations;
- Participate on the sessions of CEA and provide efficiency related observations and/or recommendations; Provide training to the members of the CEA and its Secretariat according to the Plan for strengthening the administrative capacity in identified areas.

3. Required Selection Criteria

a. Education

- Advanced University Degree preferably in Law, Economics, Public Administration or other relevant discipline is required

- University Degree (Bachelor's degree / first level) with a combination of two additional years of relevant professional experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree

b. Work Experience

- Five years with master's degree or seven years with bachelor's degree of experience related to the EU integrations is required
- Working with/for operational structures for European integration issue is strongly desirable
- Knowledge of the procedures and processes of the Parliament of North Macedonia is required
- Knowledge of the legislative process, screening acquis, law approximation would be an asset

c. Language Requirements

- Fluency in English and Macedonian (speaking, reading and writing) is required

d. Functional Competencies

- Good analytical skills
- Good reporting skills
- Computer literacy

e. Core Competencies



Develops and implements sustainable business strategies, thinks long term and externally in order to positively shape the organization. Anticipates and perceives the impact and implications of future decisions and activities on other parts of the organization. **(for levels IICA-2, IICA-3, LICA Specialist- 10, LICA Specialist-11, NOC, NOD, P3, P4 and above)**



Treats all individuals with respect; responds sensitively to differences and encourages others to do the same. Upholds organizational and ethical norms. Maintains high standards of trustworthiness. Role model for diversity and inclusion.



Acts as a positive role model contributing to the team spirit. Collaborates and supports the development of others. **For people managers only:** Acts as positive leadership role model, motivates, directs and inspires others to succeed, utilizing appropriate leadership styles.



Demonstrates understanding of the impact of own role on all partners and always puts the end beneficiary first. Builds and maintains strong external relationships and is a competent partner for others (if relevant to the role).



Efficiently establishes an appropriate course of action for self and/or others to accomplish a goal. Actions lead to total task accomplishment through concern for quality in all areas. Sees opportunities and takes the initiative to act on them. Understands that responsible use of resources maximizes our impact on our beneficiaries.



Open to change and flexible in a fast paced environment. Effectively adapts own approach to suit changing circumstances or requirements. Reflects on experiences and modifies own behaviour. Performance is consistent, even under pressure. Always pursues continuous improvements.



Evaluates data and courses of action to reach logical, pragmatic decisions. Takes an unbiased, rational approach with calculated risks. Applies innovation and creativity to problem-solving.



Expresses ideas or facts in a clear, concise and open manner. Communication indicates a consideration for the feelings and needs of others. Actively listens and proactively shares knowledge. Handles conflict effectively, by overcoming differences of opinion and finding common ground.

Submission of Applications

Qualified candidates may submit their application, including a Curriculum Vitae and Cover Letter to UNOPS via UNOPS Jobs at following link:

<https://jobs.unops.org/Pages/ViewVacancy/VADetails.aspx?id=18358>

Kindly note that this is a local position open to nationals of the North Macedonia and to individuals who have a valid residence/work permit.

Additional Considerations

- Please note that the closing date is midnight Copenhagen time
- Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.
- Only those candidates that are short-listed for interviews will be notified.
- **Qualified female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.**
- UNOPS seeks to reasonably accommodate candidates with special needs, upon request.
- Work life harmonization - UNOPS values its people and recognizes the importance of balancing professional and personal demands. We have a progressive policy on work-life harmonization and offer several flexible working options. This policy applies to UNOPS personnel on all contract types
- For staff positions only, UNOPS reserves the right to appoint a candidate at a lower level than the advertised level of the post
- The incumbent is responsible to abide by security policies, administrative instructions, plans and procedures of the UN Security Management System and that of UNOPS.

It is the policy of UNOPS to conduct background checks on all potential recruits/interns. Recruitment/internship in UNOPS is contingent on the results of such checks.

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