



TERMS OF REFERENCE

CONSULTANT FOR MARRI STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

(Subject to availability of funds)

1. Background

MARRI is an international governmental organisation, which acts as legal entity since 2004. As external project initiated from EU and Stability Pact (2000), MARRI was established in order to facilitate harmonisation of national legislative framework with EU acquis, capacity and institution building and exchange of information between the MARRI Participants in the areas of migration, asylum and refugees. It is a single mechanism in the Western Balkans that is regionally owned since 2008 and that met all-inclusiveness principle since 2015.

Presently, MARRI Participants are Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia. Today the initiative is able to identify regional priorities, important from the perspective of EU integration of the member states, and to work on it. The initiative, as other regional initiatives and forums, has no time limit for its existence. Even more, it is recognised as important tool for solving regional problems in the field of migration and fostering regional cooperation and partnership; very often it is used as successful model for other geographical areas.

MARRI RC (the Secretariat of the Initiative) is composed of six national representatives, seconded by the respective Ministries of Foreign Affairs or Ministries of Interior / Security from each MARRI Participant, Director and technical personnel. Since MARRI is regionally owned, Participants are responsible for the policy implementation and the financing of the initiative. The MARRI Regional Forum, which is the key decision making and steering body of the initiative and which is composed of the ministers of Interior from the six Participants, meets once a year. Representatives from international partner organisations and donor countries are also invited to attend. The initiative is led by a Presidency in Office held by one of the Participants for the period of one year on a rotating basis. Twice a year MARRI holds Committee meetings, aimed at assessment of activities and provision of guidelines for six months' period.

2. Nature of the consultancy:

The selected consultant is expected to:

- Analyse existing national consultation paper outlining national priorities and objectives to be reflected in the MARRI strategy 2017-2020;
- Consolidate existing national contributions and during this process consult relevant governmental officials of MARRI Participants, donor representatives and relevant interlocutors as appropriate;
- Prepare a draft Strategy for MARRI 2017-2020 in accordance with required structure and guidelines and envisaged MARRI methodology.

3. The main objective of this consultancy is to:

Support MARRI to prepare and finalize a Strategy paper to be presented at and adopted by the MARRI Regional Forum in June 2017.

4. Tasks to be performed under this contract:

- a) Develop an appropriate approach for the review and collating the information received as outcomes of national consultations;
- b) Stay in constant communication with MARRI Director and designated staff on refining the scope of the paper as it progresses;
- c) Consult with IOM on appropriate and agreed approaches to the specified tasks prior to assumption of the tasks;
- d) Provide a final report on the consultancy assignment and its outcomes, offering observations on the impact of the consultancy, including the following.
 - i. A list of documents to be collated during the preparation of the Strategy
 - ii. A draft Strategy 2017-2020;
 - iii. Final version of the MARRI Strategy 2017-2020, incorporating the suggestions of MARRI Participants.

5. Time of the assignment

The Consultancy contract will last 35 days during the period from 28 April through 30 June 2017.

6. Required Qualifications and Experience

- Master's degree in Law or in a related field from an accredited academic institution with at least 5 years of relevant professional experience (PhD will be an asset);
- Proven experience in research in social/political science;
- In depth experience in migration and knowledge of the EU Acquis on migration;
- Experience in drafting policy, institutional strategies or assessment reports;
- Professional experience in the areas of intra-institutional cooperation on migration, institutional reforms or professional assignment in Migration Bureau or any other specialized agency on migration management is highly an advantage;
- Experience in dealing with high level counterparts from government is an advantage;
- Report writing and analytical skills;
- Proficiency in English language, knowledge of Western Balkans languages is an asset;
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office and similar software applications.

Method of application

Applications containing an updated CV and a one page letter of interest should be sent to IOM Belgrade at iombegvacancy@iom.int quoting "CONSULTANT FOR MARRI STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT" in the subject by 20 April 2017 at latest.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.