

Short Term Consultant – Environmental Specialist

For the Environmental Sector, Zagreb office, Environmental and Natural Resources Global Practice

The Europe and Central Asia (ECA) Region is characterized by a rapidly changing business environment with countries in different stages of development. The ECA Region currently is comprised of 30 countries with a population of nearly 500 million people. Ten of our clients have joined the European Union (EU), about half of which continue to remain active recipients of knowledge and/or lending services while others are still borrowing. Country Assistance/ Partnership Strategies reflect this strong diversity with substantial variation in lending prospects, but strong demand for World Bank (WB) Group technical services is present across the board. Our business model is in an exciting and rapid transition.

All our operations in Europe and Central Asia have strong environmental components and/or did undergo certain type of environmental assessment prior to projects appraisal. Through the implementation of these environmental components or implementation of environmental assessment documents, capacities in the countries are being built. All the projects are designed to assist development goals of ECA countries.

The World Bank Senior Environmental Specialist in Croatia is supporting environmental sustainability of the ECA projects through project preparation and supervision phases by systematic implementation of the World Bank safeguards policies. In addition to implementation of the World Bank safeguards policies, the Environmental specialist is supporting the client in design and implementation of the various projects components, taking into consideration the environmental sustainability of the projects.

Environmental and Natural Resources Global Practice is looking to hire a Short Term Consultant who will work with the Senior Environmental Specialist in Croatia Country office to provide substantive operational, research and analytical support, to the ECA ongoing projects.

Duties and Accountabilities of the consultant would include:

- Undertake research and analysis to support the Senior Environmental Specialists work mainly related to different national and EU environmental compliance;
- Provide support to the implementation of projects environmental and institutional strengthening components by preparing questionnaires and collecting data on implementation of environmental due diligence documents, monitoring and reporting;
- Provide support to Senior Environmental Specialists during the preparation and implementation stages of projects and sub-projects by analyzing environmental impact reports (EIA) reports;
- Prepare draft letters/responses regarding the environmental compliance;
- Draft routine correspondence and conduct quality control of environmental documents received from the client or prepared for the client;
- Prepare, review, edit and format project documentation according to Bank and Regional guidelines;
- Manage flow of correspondence to expedite processing, ensuring response deadlines are flagged and consolidating responses;

- Support Senior Environmental Specialist on diverse portfolio of projects (20 – 25 projects) in ECA;
- Other specific activities as deemed necessary.

Requirements

- Master's degree in Environmental Sciences, Engineering or similar degree; (recent graduates or soon to be graduates will also be considered).
- Good understanding of environmental issues in Western Balkan as well as in EU.
- Good understanding and demonstrated practice in EIA procedures.
- Demonstrated track record in contributing to research and analytical studies.
- Good analytical and communication skills; ability to analyze issues, diagnose problems and propose reliable solutions.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English.
- Advanced knowledge of MS office applications (Word, Excel, Power Point).
- Knowledge of EU environmental *acquis* would be an added advantage.
- Knowledge and practical experience of EU EIA procedures and policies and WB environmental safeguards policies (particularly in the infrastructure sectors) would be an advantage.

Type of contract

STC are paid on daily basis and are paid for actual days worked. Under this assignment, the consultant will work from the World Bank Office in Zagreb until June 30, 2015. The number of working hours per week is not set as the consultant engagement will depend on current workload and business need. It is, however, expected that STC will work approximately 20 to 25 hours per week, starting September 2014.

How to apply?

Send your Cover Letter and CV in English via email to jbric@worldbank.org. Deadline for applications is September 5, 2014.