**Expert, Environmental Finance (Category 2)**

**1. Objective(s) and Linkages to Reforms**

The Recovery and Reform Support Team (RST) at the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine (MEPNR) is composed of a group of Ukrainian professionals (non-civil servants) funded on a temporary basis by international donors to provide targeted technical support and assist the Ministry in the design and implementation of recovery and reform priorities. The RST will assist in filling the capacity gaps in the design and implementation of priority recovery and reform strategies and programmes, while strengthening links and partnerships between the MEPNR’s priorities and relevant donor support.

The key priorities of the Ministry, in line with the Government agenda, are:

* Public Administration Reform;
* Reform of the Environmental Control and Assessment (SEA & EIA);
* Industrial Pollution Reduction and Environmental Monitoring Reform;
* Waste Management Reform;
* Water Resources Protection;
* Climate Policy implementation;
* Subsoil Reform;
* Biodiversity Conservation.

**2. Position and Reporting Line**

The Expert, Environmental Finance (Category 2) will work in close cooperation with all RST experts and relevant line departments of the MEPNR, providing support on finance and taxation issues.

The Expert will be subordinated to the RST Director.

**3. Duration and Proposed Timeframe**

The initial consultancy assignment is expected to start in May 2024 and has an estimated duration until August 2025. The assignment may be extended subject to the availability of funding, consultant’s performance, and the specific needs of the RST.

**4. Main Duties, Responsibilities and Deliverables**

***4.1. Main duties and responsibilities:***

* Preparation of financial and economic analyses for draft regulations on environmental protection according to the Rules of Procedure of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and relevant order of the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine;
* Preparation of financial and economic assessments and/or justification for draft regulations on environmental control, legal responsibility for environmental offenses, waste management reform and other priority reforms as per request of the Beneficiary;
* Coordination of the development of concept of key environmental fund/funds and financial instruments, analysis preparation, drafting of the concept note and other relevant documents;
* Drafting of evidence-based policy proposals in compliance with best international practice in the area of environmental taxation, financing and audit.
* Data and information search, integration and analysis related to environmental reforms.

***4.2. Expected deliverables:***

Consulting services and assistance provided to the delivery of economic and financial analyses for strategic documents, legislative drafts (by-laws), comments, analyses and proposals for:

* Key reform priorities in accordance with the Ministry’s policy agenda and the EU integration requirements;
* Analysis of international experience in the field of taxation and financing of environmental projects;
* Preparation of concepts for the Ecological Fund, and environmental financial instruments launch and further operations;
* Development of financial models and calculations for taxation policies in the environmental area such as rental payments for forestry, extractive industries, waste disposal, fossil fuel excise taxes etc.;
* Revision of the environmental audit legislation according to EU Regulation 1221/2009 on EMAS;
* Performing economic analysis for environmental components of recovery initiatives.

**5. Qualifications, Skills and Experience**

**5.1 *Qualifications and skills:***

* At least a bachelor’s degree in Economics / Finance / Law or another relevant field. Master’s degree preferred;
* Experience in economic, financial and fiscal analysis;
* PC literacy (advanced PowerPoint, Project, Excel, Word skills);
* Excellent communication, interpersonal and intercultural skills, capacity for assuming leadership and influencing others in a team environment, time management skills, ability to work under pressure and within short deadlines;
* Fluency in Ukrainian and English.

**5.2** ***Professional experience:***

* Minimum 5 years of general professional experience;
* Minimum 3 years of experience in economic / financial / fiscal analysis;
* Prior experience working in the public service is a plus.
  1. ***Other competencies:***
* Impeccable standards of integrity;
* Experience working with government entities, understanding of their mandate and public governance processes is an asset;
* Experience with international sustainable finance is an advantage;
* Experience of working in environment related projects is a plus.

**6. Funding Source**

This assignment is part of the Ukraine Recovery and Reform Architecture, a comprehensive technical assistance programme deployed by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), in partnership with the European Union, to support critical recovery and reform processes in Ukraine. URA is implemented with the financial assistance of the EBRD-Ukraine Stabilisation and Sustainable Growth Multi-Donor Account (MDA), contributors to which are Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Latvia, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States, and the European Union.

Please note that selection and contracting will be subject to the availability of funding.

**7. Submissions**

Submissions must be prepared in English only and be delivered electronically by 21 April 2024, 23:59 (Kyiv time) to [rst.mepr@gmail.com](mailto:rst.mepr@gmail.com)

All submissions must include:

- Completed Application Form;

- Candidate’s Curriculum Vitae;

- Reference letter from a recent supervisor/manager (in English, or Ukrainian with English translation);

- NDA form;

- Contact details for two further referees who, if contacted, can attest to the professional and/or educational background of the candidate.

Only applications which are submitted using the correct template and are fully completed will be considered.

**Important notice:** only Ukrainian nationals are eligible to apply; civil servants are not eligible to apply unless 6 months have elapsed since they left such employment.

**8. Selection Procedure**

Following the evaluation of all applications received, selected candidates may be invited to the tests. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited to the interview.