**Expert, Assessment of Environmental Damage from the Consequences of War (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.

Ukraine’s natural environment has suffered significant damage as a result of the ongoing war. Reform of the environmental sector will play a critical role in enabling the recovery of Ukraine’s natural ecosystems. Internationally recognised methodologies for assessing the impact of war on the environment and assessment results will contribute to comprehensive reforms and help ensure expedited, effective and environmentally responsible recovery.

**2. Position and Reporting Line**

The Expert, Assessment of Environmental Damage from the Consequences of War (Category 2) will work closely with the Ministry and various local, national and international stakeholders to support the development and implementation of methodologies for assessing environmental damage, facilitate assessment of environmental damage and identify needs for environmental restoration.

The Expert will be subordinated to the RST Director.

**3. Duration and Proposed Timeframe**

The initial consultancy assignment is expected to start in April 2024 and has an estimated duration of 17 months. The assignment may be extended subject to the availability of funding, consultant’s performance, and the specific needs of the RST.

**4. Main Duties and Responsibilities**

* Preparation of analytical materials, recommendations, and amendments to regulatory acts on environmental damage assessment, as well as facilitation of the process of preparing such materials.
* Development of a generalised methodology for collecting and preserving evidence in the context of environmental damage caused by the armed aggression of the Russian Federation, which defines step-by-step interaction between the State Environmental Inspectorate of Ukraine, the Office of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine, the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine, and the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine.
* Supporting and assisting the Ministry in processing the recommendations provided by the International Working Group on the Environmental Consequences of War, as defined by the Environmental Compact for Ukraine.
* Provide coordination and technical support to national and international stakeholders and partners identified by the Ministry on the assessment of environmental damage caused by the war and identification of environmental restoration needs (conduct and support consultations, workshops, public and training events).
* Support and facilitate the launch of a global platform for the assessment of environmental damage caused by war, initiated by the Ministry, work on the implementation of the initiative announced by the Ministry of Environment in 2022 at the COP27 and prepare a new initiative for the COP29.
* Collecting, systematising and updating data on environmental damage caused by the war, preparing analytical materials, infographics, etc.
* Preparation of timely and high-quality reports and updates on the progress of the environmental damage assessment and compensation, and contribute to international collaboration in this regard.
* Assist the Ministry with translation of documents related to environmental damage from the consequences of war.

**5. Qualifications, Skills and Experience**

***5.1 Qualifications and skills:***

* At least a bachelor’s degree in Ecology / Biology / Environmental Law / Law / Public Administration / Economics / Natural Resource Economics or another relevant field. Master’s degree preferred;
* Excellent knowledge of relevant Ukrainian and international environmental legislation, conventions, and standards;
* Experience of developing methodologies, regulatory frameworks, standards, policy papers;
* Experience of working on environment related projects and programmes;
* 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 to short deadlines;
* Fluency in Ukrainian and English.

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

* Minimum 5 years of general professional experience;
* Minimum 3 years of experience in environmental protection;
* Prior experience working in the public service is a plus (however, last experience in the public service must have been completed at least 6 months prior to application).
  1. ***Other competencies:***
* Impeccable standards of integrity;
* Experience working with government entities, understanding of their mandate and public governance processes is an asset;
* Experience in high-level negotiations is a plus.

**6. Funding Source**

The funding source of this assignment is the EBRD Ukraine Stabilisation and Sustainable Growth Multi-Donor Account (MDA). Contributors to the MDA are Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the United States and the European Union, the largest donor.

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 23.59 (Kyiv time), 20 March 2024 to [rst.mepr@gmail.com](mailto:rst.mepr@gmail.com). All submissions must include a completed **Application Form**, **NDA Form**, the candidate’s **Curriculum Vitae** and **Reference Letter** from a recent supervisor (original in English, or Ukrainian with English translation) together with the **contact details for two further referees** who, if contacted, can attest to the professional and/or educational background of the candidate.

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

**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.