

Financial Expert

1. Objective(s) and Linkages to Reforms

The Recovery and Reform Support Team (RST) at the Ministry for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine (MCTID or Ministry) is a group of Ukrainian professionals (non-civil servants) funded on a temporary basis through the Ukraine Recovery and Reform Architecture (URA)¹ programme that provides targeted technical support and assists the Ministry in the design and implementation of priority reforms. The RST will assist in filling capacity gaps in the design and implementation of priority reform strategies and programmes, while strengthening links and partnerships between the Ministry's priorities and relevant donor support.

Priority areas for the RST at the Ministry for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine will be:

- Transport Infrastructure;
- Municipal Infrastructure;
- Regional Development and Decentralisation;
- Digitalisation;
- Public Administration Reform and Capacity Building.

2. Position and Reporting Line

The Financial Expert will be a full-time consultant, and work at the RST cross-sectoral team in close cooperation with relevant departments of the Ministry.

The Expert will contribute to the development of the Ministry's policies and procedures, participate in public-private partnership/privatisation projects (policy, implementation, roadmap), evaluate SOE management policy and implementation, evaluate investment opportunities, and design reports and presentations to different authorities.

The Expert will report to the RST Director, RST Deputy Director on Transport Infrastructure, and Deputy Director on Municipal Infrastructure.

3. Duration of the Assignment

This consultancy appointment is expected to start in September 2024 and has an estimated duration till August 2025. Subject to the availability of funding, performance of the selected consultant and the specific needs of the RST, this appointment may be extended.

¹ Ukraine Recovery and Reform Architecture (URA) is 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 financed from the Ukraine Stabilisation and Sustainable Growth Multi-Donor Account (MDA) managed by the EBRD.

4. Main Duties and Responsibilities

The consultant is expected to assist with:

- providing the RST, the Ministry and relevant SOEs with information on the financial aspects of the priority areas, and drafting relevant roadmaps;
- conducting data and statistical analysis, and developing templates, presentations, analytical papers and research materials;
- preparing financial and economic analyses of the impact of regulatory amendments;
- providing inputs to the development of the Ministry's policies and procedures;
- drafting letters, instructions, progress reports, and due-diligence-related procedures;
- developing financial models, analysing results, evaluating budgetary efficiency, searching for target values, and finding optimal solutions for investment projects;
- developing and supporting the implementation of projects in the RST priority areas, including publicprivate partnership (PPP) projects, particularly in the preparation of pre-feasibility and feasibility studies;
- other responsibilities as assigned by the RST Director, and the RST Deputy Directors on Transport and Municipal Infrastructure.

The specified lists of the scope of work, services and expected deliverables can be modified and supplemented on request from the Ministry and in agreement with the EBRD and the EU Delegation to Ukraine.

5. Qualifications, Skills and Experience

5.1 Qualifications and Skills:

- Master's degree (or equivalent of a post-graduate degree) in Finance, Economics, Business Administration. Degree in Project Management, Public Administration/Public Affairs, International Relations is an advantage;
- strong analytical, communication and presentation skills;
- impeccable ethical standards, and outstanding leadership skills;
- PC literacy in Microsoft software (PowerPoint, Excel, Word, Project), Google Apps (Gmail, Calendar, Google Docs);
- fluency in Ukrainian and English.

5.2 Professional Experience:

- Minimum 5 years of general professional experience;
- at least 3 years of experience in public sector consulting, private equity, investment banking or with a Big 4 firm;
- in-depth knowledge of budget processes and procedures at both state and local levels, including cofinancing and securing private investment;
- high level of understanding of the mechanisms for obtaining and providing international financing for state or local budgets, as well as for organisations and enterprises of various ownership structures.

5.3 Other Competencies:

- Familiarity with current Ukraine's reform agenda, good understanding of policy formulation processes and policy dialogues;
- experience with government entities and their mandate and processes is an asset.

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, Latvia, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the United States and the European Union, the largest donor.

Please note, 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 September 10, 2024, 23:59 (Kyiv time) to recruitment.rstmctid@gmail.com

All submissions must include:

- a completed Application Form;
- the candidate's Curriculum Vitae;
- NDA form;
- contact details of three referees who, if contacted, can attest to the professional and/or educational background of the candidate.

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.

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 written tests. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited to the interview.