**WBTTF Project**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**Transport Legal / Regulatory (Policy) Expert**

**Background**

The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) has granted to the Republic of Serbia (RoS) EUR 35 million loan for The Western Balkan Trade and Transport Facilitation Project (WBTTF). WBTTF project is a part of a Multiphase Programmatic Approach covering in the first phase Serbia, Albania and Republic of Macedonia supporting a combination of investments, technical assistance and regulatory and institutional reforms. WBTTF project aims to support Western Balkan governments to promote deeper economic integration, within the region and the EU by assisting with the implementation of measures aiming at: facilitating cross-border movement of goods, enhancing transport efficiency and predictability and enhancing market access for trade in services and investments.

**Objective**

Objective of the Projectis to reduce trade costs and increase transport efficiency in the Western Balkans. The program is structured around the following four components, which are common across the region and phases, albeit the specific scope of activities is adjusted for each beneficiary. Component 1: Facilitating movement of goods across the Western Balkans.The component focuses on (a) the design and adoption and implementation of the National Single Window (NSW); (b) the improvements of border crossing points and crossing points in selected trade corridors, and the implementation of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI). Component 2: Enhancing transport efficiency and predictability. This component will focus on (a) the adoption of an Intelligent Transport System (ITS) and corridor performance monitoring, and (b) the improvement of Railway Level Crossings (RLC). Component 3 -Improve market access in services and foster regional investments Support through technical assistance for the implementation of regulatory and institutional reforms to align with the parties specific commitments under: Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA) Additional Protocol 6; and Multi-annual Action Plan for a Regional Economic Area in the Western Balkan (MAP). Component 4. Support project implementation units (PIU) and provide additional technical support, including for policy coordination, operating costs, and monitoring and evaluation of the program.

The project implementation will be anchored in the Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure (MCTI) and procurement and fiduciary roles are hosted in the Central Fiduciary Unit (CFU) within the Ministry of Finance. The MCTI will be ultimately accountable for execution of project activities and the project implementation would rely on its existing structures, with the additional support of the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) that will be established under the project. Decisions will be made by the MCTI in coordination with the PIU. The PIU will have direct responsibility for project management, coordination, and implementation /enforcement. The PIU will report to the MCTI management and will be responsible for day-to-day project implementation, for preparing TORs, reviewing documents, overall project coordination, monitoring activities, safeguard and reporting.

**Scope of Work – Transport Policy Expert**

The scope of work of the Transport Policy Expert shall include, but not be limited to the following:

* Reviewing of existing deliverables from completed projects which are related to the components of the Project;
* Preparing progress reports for the Ministry, , quality review of relevant deliverables and recommendations for their improvement, as well as any other suggestions or topics that the ministry should address and decide upon;
* Reviewing existing legislation, policies, and standards related to the perspective of components of the Project;
* Analyzing current national institutional and legislative framework with identification of bottlenecks and gaps with respect to the proposed reforms and institutional enhancements;
* Analyzing legislative and administrative framework covering the Project`s component at the regional and EU level;
* Interpreting the assembled information and regular updates on developments in the Project related areas at national, regional and EU level;
* Advising on proposed polices, laws and regulations, and administrative framework in Project related areas;
* Commenting to delivered action plans and developing of the roadmap for implementation of policy recommendations for improvement and options for further development of institutional and legal framework related to the Project;
* Supporting the Beneficiary in implementation of policy recommendations for improvement of institutional and legislative framework related to the Project (drafting of laws and bylaws amendments, changes of management and organization of public sector entities within the Project)
* commenting and guiding the proposed Action plan for implementation of preferred options for further development of institutional and legal framework related to the Project;
* Performing internal training on project-related matters to staff of the MCTI and relevant ministries and other beneficiaries of the project;

**Reporting requirements**

The Consultant shall report to the Head of PIU.

**Profile of the Transport Policy Expert**

The Transport Policy Expert should possess:

* Advanced degree or minimum 4-year university degree in transport engineering economics, international economic relations, governance, public sector, MBA or other relevant fields.
* Minimum 8 years of professional experience in transport sector, including ITS experience;
* At least 5 years of professional experience related to policy making in transport sector;
* Experience in drafting policy and strategic documents
* Experience working with or within both the public and private sector.
* Previous experience with IFI or EU projects will be an advantage;
* Knowledge of computer, office software and web-based applications use.
* Excellent writing/reporting and presentation skills;
* Excellent interpersonal, networking and team building skills.
* Excellent knowledge of written and spoken Serbian and English.

**Length of assignment**

The Consultant shall provide full time services for the life of the project, i.e. until December 15, 2025, with a probationary period of six (6) months.

**Facilities to be provided to the Consultant**

MCTI will provide the Consultant with suitable office space and office equipment (PC, telephone, internet connection, etc.) and access to office services as required.

**Confidentiality**

The Consultant undertakes to maintain confidentiality on all information that is not in the public domain and shall not be involved in another assignment that represents a conflict of interest to the prevailing assignment.

**Selection of Consultant**

The Consultant will be selected applying Open competition method.

The Consultant is eligible and his selection does not create any conflict of interest as provided in the Bank`s Procurement Regulations.