



Montenegro
Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – CONSULTANTS’ QUALIFICATION)

Name of Project: Second Institutional Development and Agriculture Strengthening Project (MIDAS 2)

Loan No: 8820-ME

Assignment Title: Sectoral Studies for the Strategy for Agriculture and Rural Development 2021-2027 and the IPARD III Program 2021-2027

Reference No. MNE-MIDAS2-8820-ME-CQ-CS-20-1.2.3.14.

The Montenegro has received financing from the World Bank toward the costs of Second Institutional Development and Agriculture Strengthening Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services for Sectoral Studies for the Strategy for Agriculture and Rural Development 2021-2027 and the IPARD III Program 2021-2027.

The overall objective of this consulting services (“the Services”) is to contribute to the preparation of the Strategy for Agriculture and Rural Development 2021-2027 and IPARD III Programme for the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Montenegro.

The assignment will - as its primary output - produce sector study reports of the meat, dairy, fruits and vegetables, olive oil and wine and sector study for fisheries sector in Montenegro, as well as study for Diversification separately, in compliance with already existing sectoral studies and the report outline included in annex to this ToR. It should be stressed that both existing sectoral studies and the annex represent a general reference and that the individual sector study must reflect its own context and, if needed, include amendments to the general report outline. In addition, sectoral studies need to be supplemented with analyses of competitiveness in comparison with EU and the Region, as well as with the recognition of potential export markets in order to reduce trade imbalance.

The estimated level of efforts for the assignment is 5 expert months in a period of 6 month. The duration of work is up to 6 months, with planned starting date from July 2020, and completion date of the assignment to be December 2020.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained at the address given below.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, through Technical Service Unit, now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the

Services. Interested Consultants should provide information (on English language) demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The shortlisting criteria for a company are:

Criteria	Points (max)
At least 10 years of relevant professional experience related to development of the analysis and studies in the area of agriculture and rural development.	Mandatory*
Completed successfully at least 5 contracts in the required area of expertise similar to this assignment (conducting of sectoral studies in the area of agriculture – for IPARD Programmes and Strategies for agriculture and rural development).	Mandatory*
Evaluation criteria	
Years of general experience in the field of the assignment.	45
Number of similar contracts performed by the Consultant.	40
Availability of relevant staff (with minimum expert team consisting of: Research Director – Team Leader; Sector specific experts (Meat, Dairy, Fruits, Vegetables, Wine, Olive oil production and Fishery)-minimum four, when one expert can be engaged for more sectors; Participatory approach specialist.	15

* Consultants which do not satisfy it, will be excluded from evaluation.

Consultant firms may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. Qualifications and experience of the consulting firm associated as sub-consultancy will not be considered for evaluation for shortlisting.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” July 2016, Revised November 2017, setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultants’ Qualification method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 08,00 to 14,00 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (by e-mail) by **June 22, 2020, 14,00h.**

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