

SPECIFICATION FOR TECHNICAL PRESCRIPTIONS WHEN CONTRACTING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EU FUNDED PROJECT EU ACTION AGAINST DRUGS AND ORGANIZED CRIME (EU-ACT)”

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Process: OPEN (NOT S.A.R.A.)

Processing: ORDINARY

Type of Contract: Service contract
Duty Station: Home based and field visits
Indicative Starting Date: October 2020
Duration of Assignment: 8 months.

1. BACKGROUND

FIIAPP F.S.P. is a non-profit state public sector foundation whose activities, characterised by the pursuit of the general interest, fall within the framework of international cooperation aimed at modernising institutions, reforming Public Administrations and strengthening democratic governance.

FIIAPP leads the Project 'EU Action against Drugs and Organized Crime (EU-ACT)', funded by the European Union Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace.

EU-ACT tackles both drug demand and drug supply reduction. It assists beneficiary countries in preventing consumption, as well as addressing demand-reduction policies and practices, in addition to reinforcing the due process-compliant capacities to better address drug-related organized crime, building meaningful trust and networking amongst countries and relevant institutions that will enable them to cooperate (trans-) regionally while ensuring compliance with human rights and the rule of law.

The duration of the Project is five years (from January 2017 to December 2021) and its geographical scope includes selected countries along the "Heroin Route" from and to Afghanistan, in the regions of South and Central Asia, Eastern Europe, South Caucasus and East Africa.

2. CONTRACTUAL PURPOSE

The contractual purpose is the provision of technical assistance services for the position of a **short-term expert in Security and Maritime Analysis**, with extensive experience in researching issues related to drugs and organised crime, to conduct desk-based review of available materials, leading to the production of an inception report. Based on knowledge gaps identified that inception report, he/she will then conduct further investigative work, including interviews with relevant stakeholders, either in person or remotely. Using the information gathered, he/she will then assist in the drafting of the threat assessment document, and prepare a presentation of key findings and recommendations, for delivery to the European Commission.

3. DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

The selected specialist will be part of a team of experts conducting a regional threat assessment exercise, covering the Western Indian Ocean and various countries in East and Southern Africa. The expert will be responsible for providing detailed input into a threat assessment report, looking at the situation in the mentioned regions.

The expert will, in conjunction with the Project Team, identify gaps and needs for specific activities that can be carried out in terms of future programming of projects. The expert will provide expert advice regarding possible nexus points, where organized crime networks are vulnerable, and where interventions by international donors would have significant cross-cutting impact.

The work will involve a desk-based review of current ongoing and former projects, as well as possible field visits to designated countries within the geographical scope of the Project (Heroin routes).

Using the information collected and analysed, the final threat assessment report will give a holistic overview of the security situation in the region, referencing the underlying quantitative and qualitative data, and where field visits are undertaken. Separate country-focused reports will be produced and included in the main report as annexes. It will also include actual threats encountered which impact on the European Union. In addition, the nexus where the organised crime can be tackled or disrupted will be identified and described, followed by a list of recommendations for future activities in the region, including tactical options.

4. DURATION OF ASSIGNMENT:

8 months, from October 2020.

The deliveries corresponding to this contract must be made in the following maximum times and periods:

- Within a maximum of 2 months: deliver Inception Report based on desk research – Tentatively: 15 October-November 2020
- Within a maximum of 4 months: deliver any country / region specific reports based on Field visit work (including home-based work) Tentatively: December 2020-March 2021
- Within a maximum of 2 months: deliver final Threat Assessment report and Spreadsheet - Tentatively: April-May 2021
- Within a maximum of 2 months: draft and deliver final presentation to EC – Tentatively: June-July 2021

These are the maximum estimated deadlines for each of the tasks linked to the activity. In any case, the planning will be defined in detail once the activity begins and may vary depending on how the work progresses, always within the maximum limits established by the contract. As far as possible, both the expert and those responsible for the project who supervise their work, will try to concentrate the activity and reduce the maximum deadlines established for each of the phases.

Note: this extended duration is due to the current C-19 crisis, but ideally the work should be done in a shorter time.

5. SERVICE PROVISION LOCATION

The expert will perform their work at home (desk review of materials) and may be required to travel during part of time to some of the countries in the regions covered by this Threat Assessment, subject to restrictions caused by COVID-19.