**Expert on EU integration (Category 2)**

**1. Objective(s) and Linkages to Reforms**

The 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 priority reforms. The RST will assist in filling the capacity gaps in the design and implementation of priority reform strategies and programs, while strengthening links and partnerships between the MEPNR’s priorities and relevant donor support.

**2. Position and Reporting Line**

A highly qualified professional is needed in order to draft/update strategic documents related to Ukraine’s European integration agenda in the field of environmental protection.

The Expert will be subordinated to the RST Director.

**3. Duration and Proposed Timeframe**

The initial consultancy assignment is expected to start in October 2023 and has an estimated duration of 10 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**

* development and assistance with the implementation of strategic documents aimed at Ukraine’s European integration agenda in the field of environmental protection (preparation of legal acts, management frameworks, action plans etc. as per the developed strategic documents);
* analysing the results of self-screening of the alignment of Ukrainian legislation with EU acquis and performing relevant strategic and operational planning of further actions based on the analysis;
* monitoring and evaluating changes to laws and bylaws in the Ministry's priority areas, in line with EU legislation and other relevant international conventions and treaties;
* preparation of proposals for amendments/updates to strategic documents (including the National Recovery Plan in the Environmental Safety chapter, the concept of environmental policy on ecosystem services, the concept of the National Environmental Fund, etc);
* preparation of progress reports on the fulfillment of Ukraine’s environmental obligations under the Association Agreement and other relevant treaties (e.g. Paris Climate Agreement);
* supporting the Ministry in the translation of EU integration related documents;
* organisational support to the RST (events, round tables, conferences and forums to engage stakeholders on key reform themes);
* preparation of visual presentations, infographics.

**5. Qualifications, Skills and Experience**

 **5.1 Qualifications and skills:**

* At least a bachelor’s degree in Public administration / Economy / Environmental Science / Environmental Management / Environmental Protection / Environmental Law / Law/ International Relations. Master’s degree preferred;
* Excellent knowledge of Ukrainian, EU and relevant international legislation, conventions, standards pertaining to the environmental protection and management;
* Strong analytical and presentation skills;
* Experience of developing regulatory frameworks, standards, policy papers;
* Experience of working on environment-related projects and programs;
* PC literacy (advanced PowerPoint, Project, Excel, Word skills);
* Fluency in Ukrainian and English.

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

* Minimum 5 years of general professional experience;
* Minimum 3 years of experience with the process of European integration and/or environmental protection;
* Prior experience working in the public service is a plus.
	1. ***Other competencies:***
* 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, 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 23.59 (Kyiv time), 30 September 2023 to 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.