

EU Chapter 27 Approximation Experts/ pool of national experts - Assignment description

Expression of interest:

The Swedish EPA, through the Sida-financed project “*Institutional cooperation on EU-accession in the environment and waste sector*” is supporting the Ministry of Environment Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine (MoEPNR) in preparation for EU accession negotiations. In order to extend the knowledge base, the Project is looking for national EU Chapter 27 approximation short term experts to form the Chapter 27 pool of experts. When implementing their tasks, the experts will closely cooperate with the team consisting of the EU Department at the Ministry, EU Component Manager at SwEPA, the National Team Leader/EU Accession Expert (NTL), the Senior EU Accession Advisor. Time frame when the experts from the pool may be selected for engagement is from February 2025 to December 2027.

Description of the assignment:

The person (part of experts’ pool) required will be a national Chapter 27 approximation expert who will be present in Ukraine to support the National Team Leader and other members of the team in implementation of the project in close cooperation with the EU-department of the Ministry at MoEPNR. The position planned as a short term, specific expert will be hired according to the project needs.

Actual need for the consultancy services as well as actual level of involvement will be decided during course of implementation of the project, based on the needs and as further detailed in terms of reference for the specific tasks. In particular, support will be required for the for preparation for Chapter 27 screening and negotiations in following sub-sectors:

1. Horizontal legislation.
2. Air Quality.
3. Waste Management.
4. Water Quality.
5. Nature (including GMO).
6. Industrial Emissions.
7. Chemicals.
8. Noise.
9. Climate Change.

Additional topics where experience is needed are:

- Anti-corruption
- Gender equality

The project is to be implemented according to the project plan as further specified in 6 months activities plan. General guidance for the project implementation will be provided by the Project Manager, Component Manager from the Swedish EPA and the National Team Leader.

The national EU Chapter 27 approximation expert tasks may include:

- Develop list of relevant institutions for targeted directive/regulation which would include competent authority, main responsible institutions and other important stakeholders;
- Develop list of directive/regulation related important documents for the review (relevant strategic planning documents, national legal acts, relevant technical assistance projects reports, explanatory screening related documents, etc.), analyse these documents for implementation of assigned tasks;
- Analyse the level of transposition of directive/regulation, identify legal gaps, propose actions to close the gaps (transposition/ alignment plan);
- Analyse the level of implementation of directive/regulation, identify implementation gaps, propose actions to close the gaps including potential implementation deadlines;
- Analyse the level of enforcement of directive/regulation, identify gaps, propose actions to close them;
- Analyse the level of administrative capacity to implement required reforms (transposition, implementation, enforcement), propose capacity strengthening actions;
- Identify needs for technical assistance support, summarise needs into the TA project fiche;
- Develop draft documents for bilateral screening and the negotiating position, fill in provided templates for analysis and planning, provide summaries at directive/ regulation and sectoral level;
- Coordinate developed materials with the relevant authorities;
- Follow project visibility and Chapter 27 transparency requirements.

While implementing assigned tasks, the national EU Chapter 27 approximation expert will:

- Follow requirements as foreseen in the screening and negotiations preparation methodologies or other guiding documents;
- Collect and analyse information relevant for the assignment;
- Make appointments, meet with relevant institutions and experts, including from other technical assistance projects, conduct interviews;
- Draft required documents according to the agreed templates, coordinate with relevant authorities;

- Develop presentations, participate in workshops, present findings and recommendations;
- Provide support to other experts of the project;
- Develop reports as foreseen in the contract and work package.

Tasks will be directive/ regulation/ sector specific as included in the contract and/or work package.

Staff and skills requirements

The national Chapter 27 approximation expert **shall** have the following qualifications and skills:

- Minimum university degree in area relevant to the assignment;
- Computer literate skills - proficient with MS Word, Excel, and PowerPoint;
- Be flexible team member with good interpersonal skills, willing and interested in the project issues;
- Excellent written and spoken Ukrainian and English language skills.

General professional experience:

- Minimum 5 years of substantial professional experience in environmental protection and climate change;

Specific professional experience:

- Minimum 3 years of professional experience in the sub-sector/ or specific directive/ regulation for which she/he is proposing as an expert (targeted area);
- Have advanced knowledge of EU requirements in targeted area;
- Have knowledge of EU approximation related issues (analysing EU environmental requirements, gap assessment, planning of closing legal, institutional and implementation gaps) in the targeted area at national level;
- Have experience in working with national environmental institutions.

Selection of experts

Selection of experts will be done by the Swedish EPA in cooperation with the Ministry. Only selected experts will be contacted.

Instruction for the announcement:

Interested experts please send an application (free form) indicating area of experience corresponding to the tasks above and adding an updated CV.

Both documents shall be provided in English. The deadline for submission of documents is **14 February 2025**.

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