



Montenegro

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

Vacancy announcement

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) of Montenegro, upon Grant Support Agreement no. CCI 2017CE160AT160 signed between Montenegro and the European Commission to ensure support for the Coordinator of Pillar 1 - Blue Growth in activities connected to the implementation of the Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR), invites interested candidates to apply for the following position:

Thematic expert for the support to the administration of the Montenegro the implementation of the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR), notably to the formally appointed Pillar Coordinator (PC) of Pillar I- Blue Growth.

Requirements and qualifications:

- University Degree in social or natural sciences;
- Proved knowledge and experience in international cooperation in the field of Blue Growth;
- At least 3 years of work experience with EU funded projects or similar;
- Experience in analyzing documents, drafting conclusions, gathering and analyzing statistical information;
- Knowledge and experience in monitoring and evaluation systems;
- Proved organizational skills;
- Proved knowledge in oral and written Montenegrin and English;
- Computer literacy (MS Office), ability to use data bases, data search systems;
- Ability to work in an international environment;

Application procedure

Interested candidates have to submit following application documents:

- A curriculum vitae (CV) in Europass format;
- A motivation letter in English;
- Photocopy of University degree;
- Appropriate references/evidences to prove required qualifications (certificates, employer references, contracts and other relevant).

Interested candidates should send application documents by **4 March, 2020 until 15.00h** to the following e-mail address: slavica.pavlovic@mpr.gov.me, specifying in the **Subject: "Thematic expert for the support to the administration of the Montenegro the implementation of the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)"**

Only short-listed candidates shall be contacted for an interview.

Terms of Reference for the support to EUSAIR Pillar Coordinators for the Montenegro Pillar I – Blue Growth

TITLE OF CONTRACT

Selection of one full time thematic expert for the support to the administration of the Montenegro in the implementation of the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR), notably to the formally appointed Pillar Coordinator (PC) of Pillar I – Blue Growth.

CONTEXT

The EU Strategy for the Adriatic-Ionian Region (EUSAIR) was adopted by the Commission on 17 June 2014¹ and endorsed by the General Affairs Council on 29 September 2014² and by the European Council on 23-24 October 2014³.

The EUSAIR is aimed at helping the eight participating countries (four EU Member States: Croatia, Greece, Italy, Slovenia, and four candidate/potential candidate countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia) to strengthen their cooperation in the fields of blue growth, transport and energy networks, environment and sustainable tourism (EUSAIR Pillars) for the benefit of the 70 million citizens living in the macro-region.

Each Pillar is implemented by a Thematic Steering Group, guided by a tandem of Pillar Coordinators: one from an EU Member States, one from an Enlargement country, according to the scheme below:

Pillar 1 – Blue Growth	Greece	Montenegro
Pillar 2 – Connecting the Region (Transport and Energy networks)	Italy	Serbia
Pillar 3 – Environmental Quality	Slovenia	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Pillar 4 – Sustainable Tourism	Croatia	Albania

Designated Pillar Coordinators (PCs) in the four candidate/potential candidate countries need technical support to implement the EUSAIR Action Plan for the respective Pillar together with the fellow PC of the EU Member States, which already benefit from support for this purpose provided by the EUSAIR Facility Point strategic project.

ACTIVITIES

Thematic experts are hired to work along with the respective Pillar Coordinators. This will allow PCs from the Enlargement countries to work on the same footing as their colleagues in the EU Member States.

In order to enhance the efficiency of organizational, administrative and operational activities within the Pillar, the experts will work **exclusively for the functions established under these ToR** and perform tasks **under the guidance of the relevant Pillar Coordinator**.

¹ COM(2014) 357 final and its accompanying Action Plan SWD(2014) 190 final.

² <http://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/25286/144951.pdf>

³ http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/ec/145397.pdf, point 25.

Considering the necessity of a constant communication and cooperation with the PC, the expert will be **hosted by the same administration (eg: line Ministry) of the Pillar Coordinator**. He/she will work side by side with the PC and will have access to all relevant documentation.

Under the guidance of the PC, he/she will **assist and coordinate the activities of TSG members from the Enlargement countries** and will liaise with their fellow expert supporting the PC from EU Member State in order to assure coherence and complementarity of their action.

Their main objective is to **support the relevant Pillar Coordinator of the EUSAIR in the implementation of the Action Plan and organizing the work of the TSG** with reference to Pillar I- Blue Growth.

All this considered, the recruited expert should accomplish the following tasks:

- providing relevant PC with administrative and operational support in his/her day-to-day activities;
- liaise and cooperate with the expert supporting the fellow PC in the EU Member State Country relevant PC;
- under the guidance of the PC and in cooperation with the fellow expert in the EU Member State: organise the work and support the activities of the relevant TSG: drafting programme and agenda, support documents, minutes, keep TSG documentation up to date, communication with TSG members, practical arrangements, liaise with Facility Point Project Partner for administrative and technical support for the organization of TSG meetings, including hoc meetings, seminars, workshops, events...)
- Upon request of the PC, provide him/her with reports, briefings, researches, data on TSG related topics;
- Liaise with the relevant experts on monitoring and evaluation hired under the EUSAIR Facility Point strategic project in the EU Member States and provide him/her with relevant information and most updated data on the activities performed and results achieved under the Pillar concerned;
- Further tasks may be assigned to the expert according to the needs of the PC and TSG.

LOCATION AND DURATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT

Assignment base: Office - Directorate for fisheries in Ministry of agriculture and rural development, Podgorica.

Starting date: 1. April 2020

Finishing date: 1. April 2024 (with the possibility of extension to one year more)

The Thematic expert will be subject of probation for 6 months after contract signature, and if performance is satisfactory, he/she will continue the rest of the assignment.

Thematic expert will be engaged on a full time-based.