

Terms of Reference for the Regional Mapping of CSOs Consultancy under EUACI

1. Background

Endemic corruption remains to be one of the major impediments for democratic and economic development of Ukraine. In 2016 Ukraine ranked at 131 according to Corruption Perception Index by Transparency International.¹

Support of anti-corruption efforts in Ukraine is a high priority for Denmark and the rest of the EU contributing to the enhancement of democracy, as well as future economic growth and trade between Ukraine, Denmark and the rest of the EU Member States. The EU Anti-Corruption Initiative (EUACI) is the largest EU supported programme in the area of anti-corruption in Ukraine so far. The overall objective of the EUACI is to improve implementation of anti-corruption policy in Ukraine, thereby ultimately contributing to a reduction in corruption.

EUACI is aimed at: 1) strengthen the capacity of the newly created anti-corruption institutions; 2) enhance external oversight over the reform process by the Verkhovna Rada; and 3) enhance the capacity of local government, civil society, and media to contribute to the fight against corruption.

Component 3 focuses on combatting corruption at the local and regional level as well as on enhancing the voice of rights holders, including youth. A key element of component 3 is the application of the concept of 'Integrity Cities'. This component aims at showcasing how application of several mutually supportive anti-corruption interventions can limit the corruption risks and enhance accountability in a selected number of medium-sized cities. Moreover, the aim is to disseminate the success-stories throughout the country and to feed the lessons learned into programmes and reform-packages at the national level.

According to the 2016 Global Corruption Barometer survey, one of the most corrupt groups in Ukraine is the local government representatives (55% of respondents).²

In 2016, the percentage of people who think that the municipal authorities have facilitated citizens' participation in decision-making processes ranges from 5% to 36% depending on the region. However, when asked whether they are ready to join the process on providing

¹ 2016 Corruption Perception Index

https://www.transparency.org/news/feature/corruption_perceptions_index_2016

² 2016 Global Corruption Barometer <https://ti-ukraine.org/en/publications/one-in-three-ukrainians-are-ready-to-refuse-to-pay-bribes/>

detail for proposals for the city council, there were only 10% to 40% positive responses depending upon the region.³

During the last two years, an extensive number of cities and municipalities in Ukraine have tested different interventions and tools which enhance transparency and civic oversight, through application of: open data, participatory budgeting, smart city software, information cards, one-stop-shop service centres, anti-corruption master plans, and the establishment of civic oversight committees with participation of CSO representatives.

EUACI's consultants have compiled all the interventions and tools in a comprehensive package – an anti-corruption toolbox – which will be implemented in the EUACI 'Integrity Cities' (up to 6 cities) based upon a functional analysis of the corruption risks.

In these 'Integrity Cities' EUACI is committed to reshaping the relationship between public institutions and citizens by establishing more efficient procedures and processes, greater transparency and more participative mechanisms aimed at enhancing accountability.

One of the indicators EUACI will be measuring to verify the progress of its interventions in the selected cities is the changes in quantity of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and active citizens, which are actively involved in oversight of local government.

The programme – EUACI – is financed by EU and co-financed by Denmark and implemented by Danida/Denmark using the indirect implementation modality. A programme office has been established in Kiev, with four internationals and seven national staff, who is responsible for the day-to-day implementation.

2. Objectives of the Assignment

The EUACI seeks to procure the services of an organization that will provide support to the EUACI through mapping of the CSOs, the network organizations and the CSO hub structures located in the six regions of Ukraine covered by the Integrity Cities, with the initial mapping occurring in Chernivtsi. This organization (hereinafter – "The Consultant"), should have a track record of conducting quality studies, analysis and mappings and analysis of CSOs in the regions.

The mapping is to provide EUACI with an in-depth analysis of CSOs in the regions, as well as engagement of CSOs within the cities, focusing on their work with the local city and regional administrations, activist structures, national CSO organizations, CSO networks and regional CSO hubs within the six integrity cities. Throughout the entire process awareness of CSOs with special focus on CSOs working with women as well as young men and women.

3. Scope of Work and Outputs

The following services are envisaged under this ToR:

- A comprehensive mapping of the CSOs, CSO networks and CSO hub structures located in the regions of Ukraine covered by the Integrity Cities, with the initial review focusing on Chernivtsi;
- Meetings with the CSOs, CSO network structures, and CSO hub structures, to assess their technical (programmatic) capacity in the anti-corruption activities in 6 regions of Ukraine covered by the Integrity Cities, with the initial meetings occurring in Chernivtsi;

³ 2016 Ukrainian Municipal Survey http://www.iri.org/sites/default/files/wysiwyg/municipal_poll_2016_-_public_release.pdf

- Description of the relationship of the CSOs, CSO networks and CSO hubs and their relationship with local city and regional administrations in the regions of Ukraine covered by the Integrity Cities, with the initial mapping occurring in Chernivtsi;

The final design and timeline for the tasks will be agreed upon with the Consultant.

4. Deliverables

- Design of the mapping methodology, including questionnaire finalized and approved by EUACI (in Ukrainian, Russian and English).
- Design of the assessment framework/indicators for CSO anti-corruption advocacy and monitoring;
- Report on capacity of the identified leading anti-corruption advocacy and monitoring organizations (from 3 to 5 leading organizations);
- Narrative research description in English and Ukrainian.
- Cross-tabulated data tables, if applicable.
- Presentation on mapping results in English and Ukrainian.
- Report on the mapping results in English and Ukrainian.
- Dissemination / communication of results of the mapping that include:
- Presentation materials for distribution including but not limited to the full report, presentations, data visualizations, videos, etc.
- Additional reporting on CSOs which address groups including women, and young men and women.

5. Qualification Requirements

EUACI aims to select the polling agency for a one-year contract. **The total budget for this assignment should not exceed 33,000 EUR.**

Ukrainian not-for-profit or business organization, with proven experience in conducting mappings and capacity assessment of CSOs.

6. Financial proposal

The Tenderer's financial proposal shall include all costs for fee and project related reimbursable expenses. The Tenderer's proposal shall include the draft methodology, and tentative work plan and budget.

7. Timeframe

It is anticipated to start the implementation of this assignment in December, 2017 - January, 2018 and to complete it no later than April, 2018.

8. Deadline for proposals submission is **8 December, 2017 17:00 Kyiv time.**

How to apply

The proposals shall be submitted within the above deadlines to Barbara James, barjam@ukraine-aci.com

Clarification questions

Questions for the Request for Bid should be addressed to Bogdan Boyko, bboyko@ukraine-aci.com no later than 1 December, 2017 18:00 Kyiv time.