**Integrity Assessment of municipally owned central city hospitals in Chervonohrad and Zhytomyr, Ukraine**

**Description:**

***Background***

The European Union Anti-Corruption Initiative (EUACI) in Ukraine is a joint EU and Government of Denmark financed programme aimed at supporting Ukraine to reduce corruption at the national and local level through the empowerment of citizens, civil society, businesses, and state institutions.

This assignments falls under EUACI’s component 2, where partner cities are supported in their efforts to strengthen integrity, transparency, and accountability.

***Integrity and Municipally Owned Enterprises (MOEs)***

Ukraine’s MOEs often have a significant economic and social impact in local communities and are among the largest employers, contributing to a substantial percentage of the workforce. Because of their role, structure, mandate, legal status, and many competing interests, they are often exposed to critical integrity risks. If compared with private companies, MOEs can face particularly heightened corruption risk owing, among others, to underlying issues in their ownership, regulatory and corporate governance arrangements, as well as shortcomings in the quality and credibility of corporate disclosure. Given the challenges, the cities' and MOEs' leadership are keen to pilot an assessment of the integrity situation and, subsequently, to follow up on its findings, probably through the development of an Integrity Plan based on the findings and recommendations of the integrity assessments.

***The assignment***

The EUACI is seeking a Consultant (Consulting firm) that can work closely with the EUACI and its partner cities to conduct an integrity assessment of two municipally owned central city hospitals in Chervonohrad and Zhytomyr, and provide practical recommendations (solutions) on how best to tackle identified risks to the enterprises integrity.

***Purpose***

The purpose of the assignment is to provide a sound technical foundation for the EUACI's support to its partner cities Chervonohrad and Zhytomyr in the integrity assessment of the public healthcare MOEs.

***Scope of Work***

The integrity assessment to be conducted with the two MOEs should as a minimum cover the following three main areas and sub-areas:

1. Assessment of transparency and accountability of procedures and processes:
	1. Evaluation of the MOEs internal procedures and their enforcement towards the best practices of transparency and accountability for central city hospitals in Ukraine and international standards;
	2. Assessment of MOEs' compliance with the requirements of Article 78 of the Commercial Code of Ukraine.
2. Assessment of corruption risks:
	1. Analysis and assessment of legal, institutional, financial, and other factors to identify corruption vulnerabilities within the operations of two MOEs;
	2. Advice on efficient, cost-effective strategies to mitigate the identified corruption vulnerabilities or risks.
3. Corporate governance assessment:
	1. Identification of the current status and ability to implement the OECD corporate governance principles[[1]](#footnote-1) into the two MOEs.
	2. Advice on implementation of such principles. The specific industry standards and health reform targets shall be considered for implementation if not applied by the targeted MOEs.

***Approach and methodology***

The Consultant will pursue a respectful and participatory approach throughout the assignment with close attention to the needs of representatives in the MOEs and city leadership for understanding and subscribing to the assessment methodology, the findings, and the recommendations.

The methodology will take point of departure in generally accepted international practices and guidelines so as to adhere to generally accepted standards for integrity assessments.

The Consultant will need to pay special attention to the description of how international guidelines, practices and standards will be guiding the Consultant’s design of the integrity assessment in the specific context of municipally owned public healthcare enterprises.

***Duration and timing***

The contract is expected to be of a 36 weeks duration with a maximum 320 person days distributed over the three experts and a pool of local assistants for data collection and analysis.

***Budget***

The maximum budget available for the assignment is DKK 726,870 (equivalent to approximately EUR 97,700).

***Deadline for application:***

16.08.2021 at 14:00 (Danish Time)

Interested Consultants can request the documents for participation by email to the contact person stated below.

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***Criteria for selection:***

A minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 applicants with references best suited for this assignment will be invited to submit tender.

1. <https://www.oecd.org/corporate/principles-corporate-governance/> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)