

Request for offer of services: “Expert for Advocacy Issues”

Association "Unë, Gruaja"

Type of Contract: SERVICE PROVIDER – Expert for Advocacy Issues - project “Local & cross-border actors work together in the environmental protection of the Prespa -Ohrid region.”

Available Fund: 900 euro

Issuing Date: 08.05.2024

Deadline for applications 15.05.2024

1. General information about “Unë, Gruaja”

“Unë, Gruaja” is a non-profit organization, registered in 2003 by Tirana Instant Court. The mission of the organization is to empower women and youth in the Pogradec - Korça area through provision of services and coordinated psychological and legal support, advocacy, public awareness, citizen engagement, and environmental protection.

The association is recognized as a leader in the region regarding women’s issues and gender equality and has several years of experience in the implementation of various actions on good governance and civic participation, leadership, environment protection and gender equality, participation in local decision-making; monitoring of local government’s policies and decision making from gender perspective; advocacy and lobbying at local level; public hearings; environmental campaigns, etc.

2. Purpose of the Service

The Association "Unë, Gruaja " Pogradec (UG) is implementing the project “Local & cross-border actors work together in the environmental protection of the Prespa -Ohrid region" which has the main purpose to strengthen the conservation capacities of the regional community through the sharing of best practices, knowledge, and joint actions among actors across the Local Ohrid Region (LOR).

During the implementation of the project, an advocacy expert is required to support the advocacy efforts of the Local Action Group members (NLAG) in the Albanian part of the LOR as well as joint advocacy efforts of the transboundary network.

Building also on the previous work done by “ Une Gruaja” association and the network members, the expert will be required to consider the following resources to guide her/ his work under this assignment:

- The document “Advocacy in Action-influencing stakeholders in the protected area of the Ohrid-Prespa” Region”,
- Findings and recommendations from training, awareness meetings, exchange workshops conducted within the frame of this project
- Analysis of recent developments in the framework of new laws and management plans approved in Albania, of bilateral agreements between North Macedonia and Albania, ratification of international conventions related to PA and
- Other important strategic documents and agreements.

The expert is required to work closely with “ Une gruaja” Association and its members, representatives of the Local Action group, local government and local state institutions’ representatives, City Council members, Civil Society, and other interest groups . Access to these key stakeholders will be provided to the expert from the project team.

3. Frame of engagement

The expert will be engaged for the period May – August 2024

4. Specific tasks and responsibilities:

The expert will be responsible to :

- Define the biodiversity conservation issues to be advocated with the local government
- Collaborate with the LAG, UG and the Project staff to guide them to define and implement the best advocacy actions to achieve success.
- Lead and support local advocacy actions.
- Guide environmental awareness, specifically biodiversity issues, the consequences of human impact on the environment, the importance, power and benefits of networking, the spirit of cooperation to react and advocate unanimously for the preservation of the environment and biodiversity, etc.
- Prepare documents with recommendations in order to advocate with Local Government
- Build effective working relationships with project staff and partners;

5. Expected results:

- LAG network members guided to organize 12 community awareness meetings
- A calendar of awareness meetings with dates, places and target groups implemented
- Recommendations from awareness meetings according to target groups are turned into advocacy actions and feed biodiversity conservation solutions at local and transboundary levels

6. Experience and skills required for the candidate

- Proven experience in performing and advocacy activities and in building advocacy capacities in particular regarding environmental issues;
- Knowledge of environmental issues, laws and plans, biodiversity conservation issues etc.
- At least 5 years of relevant working experience with civil society with a specific focus on awareness raising, lobbying and advocacy, communication, public relations and policy making;
- Strong negotiating and lobbying skills, ability to influence others to reach agreement
- Demonstrated planning and organizational skills;
- Demonstrated skills in working with local action groups or community groups
- Have very good communication and presentation skills.
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7. Application Procedure:

Interested applicants must submit the following documents in English:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of interest

The deadline for submitting the application is May 15, 2024 end of business hours.

The application can be submitted:

by e-mail on the address: une_gruaja@yahoo.com with the subject: *Application: Expert for Advocacy Issues*

or

by mail enclosed in a sealed envelope at the address below:

Shoqata "Unë, Gruaja"
Lagja 1, Rr. Rreshit Çollaku
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Note:

-The outer envelope must also bear the information: Application: Expert for Advocacy Issues