

## PROJECT SYNOPSIS

**Title of the project:** Implementation status of government procurement related articles of CEFTA

**a. Objective:** The objective is to assist CEFTA Parties to straighten their efforts to implement CEFTA Agreement.

**b. Justification:** The CEFTA Joint Committee established the Committee of Contact Points with the main objective to support the smooth functioning of the Agreement and the fulfilment of the decisions conclusions and recommendations of the Joint Committee both within the Contracting Party concerned and with all CEFTA stakeholders. The first meeting of the Committee of Contact Points was held on 22 January 2016 in Brussels and in reference to the 4<sup>th</sup> CEFTA JC Ministerial Conclusions from 12 November 2010, CEFTA Parties agreed to have at least once in two years an assessment to be done for the issues like public procurement and competition. In that sense, CEFTA Parties agreed that the monitoring teams are created to report to the Joint Committee about the implementation of the CEFTA articles 34, 35 and 36 related to the public procurement.

**c. Short Description of Activities:** The commitments related to the government procurement are embedded in the CEFTA Agreement in Articles 34, 35 and 36. It is expected by this project to have a review of legislation framework in area of government procurement in accordance with CEFTA Agreement, WTO rules and main principles of the EU Acquis. In addition, an institutional framework is to be identified and number of bilateral meetings with the different stakeholders in each CEFTA Party is to be held.

**d. Estimated Implementing Period:** 6 months

**e. Expected Outputs of the Activities:** The Final Report which incorporates current state of play of government procurement legislation and its implementation. Furthermore, this Report will contain recommendations with the aim of full implementation of CEFTA related articles and proposals for resolving bilateral and/or regional issues, if any.

**f. Expected results:** Expected result is to have a status of implementation of the government procurement related articles of CEFTA. The validation is to be met by the Committee of Contact Points and final report produced through this Project should be presented to the Joint Committee.

**g. Estimated Budget:** 50.000 EUR

**h. Estimated Source of Funding:** CEFTA Project Facility III