

PROJECT SYNOPSIS

Title of the project: CPF III 2017-07 Establishment of the regulatory database in services sectors

a. Objective:

The objective of the Project is to support the liberalization of trade in services amongst CEFTA Parties by providing for a mechanism for monitoring the implementation of the CEFTA Additional Protocol 6 on Trade in Services.

b. Justification:

The CEFTA Joint Committee established the CEFTA Subcommittee on Trade in Services with the aim to strengthen and deepen the intra-regional cooperation in the field of trade in services by facilitating the implementation of the commitments stipulated in Articles 26-29 of the CEFTA 2006. One of the main tasks of the Subcommittee is to facilitate the liberalisation of trade in services by removing the barriers in intra-regional cooperation. In order to do so, the official negotiations on liberalisation started mid-2014. Technical part of the negotiations of the Additional Protocol 6 on Trade in Services finished end-2016.

Limited analysis to assess the level of regulatory barriers have been performed in the period of 2012-2013. The STR (Services Trade Restrictiveness) indices were calculated for the following services sectors: professional services (legal, accounting, engineering and auditing) and construction services. In 2017 it is expected that the STRI is available for the road and rail transport services. These analysis were performed by the OECD and was based on the OECD Methodology for calculating the STRI. The information compiled through this project will allow for an update of legislation for sectors done in 2012-2013 as well for new sectors including financial services, telecommunications, distribution, and computer and ICT related services.

c. Short description of activities:

The Consultant is expected to create Database based on the individual Party's regulation which would be verified by the Parties and liaise with CEFTA Secretariat, WTO and World Bank for consultation on revision or completion of answers if necessary. The Consultant is expected to compile answers on detailed questionnaire in selected services sectors. The questionnaire is provided by the CEFTA Secretariat. The Consultant's participation at the meetings of the Subcommittee on Trade in Services is also envisaged.

d. Estimated implementing period:

8 months¹

e. Expected outputs:

The output of this project is a Regulatory database with detailed information on legislation and policy measures in selected sectors by individual CEFTA Party that will serve as a basis for calculation of trade restrictiveness indices in service sectors.

¹ pending signature of the extension of the Grant Contract CN 2015 356 338 with the EC

f. Expected results:

It is expected that this Database will serve as a good basis for analysis of existing barriers in trade in services across the Region that stem from the regulation as well to play a role of a monitoring mechanism for implementation of commitments under Additional Protocol 6.

g. Estimated budget:

100.000,00 EUR

h. Estimated Source of Funding:

CEFTA Project Facility: Grant Contract External Actions of the European Union CN 2015/356-738 under IPA II

i. Selection Criteria required in the contract notice and in the TORs for experts

The implementation of this Terms of Reference requires the inputs of one Senior Expert with a high level of knowledge in trade in services, in particular legislative part, and two short term Junior Experts. The team should be able to comprehend all the languages spoken in the CEFTA Region.

Key expert: Team Leader (Senior Expert)

Qualifications and skills:

- University degree in law; a post graduate is an advantage;
- Proficiency in English and in one of languages in the CEFTA region
- Full computer literacy.

General professional experience:

- Legal expertise in services sectors

Specific professional experience:

- At least 15 years of professional experience in the fields related to corporate law and/or investment, and/or banking and finance, and/or professional services regulation;
- Familiarity with WTO/GATS rules and procedures
- Proven record of previous work in the CEFTA Region is an advantage.

Key expert: Junior Expert 1

Qualifications and skills:

- University degree in law; a post graduate is an advantage;
- Proficiency in English and in one of the languages in the CEFTA region
- Full computer literacy.

General professional experience:

- Legal expertise in services sectors

Specific professional experience:

- At least 5 years of professional experience in the field related to corporate law and/or investment, and/or banking and finance, and/or professional services regulation;
- Proven record of previous work in the CEFTA Region is an advantage.

Key expert: Junior Expert 2

Qualifications and skills:

- University degree in law; a post graduate is an advantage;
- Proficiency in English and in one of the languages in the CEFTA region
- Full computer literacy.

General professional experience:

- Legal expertise in services sectors

Specific professional experience:

- At least 5 years of professional experience in the field related to corporate law and/or investment, and/or banking and finance, and/or professional services regulation;
- Proven record of previous work in the CEFTA Region is an advantage.
