

## PROJECT SYNOPSIS

**Title and reference of the project:** Legal Counsel on CEFTA Negotiations and Implementation – CPF III 2018-14

**a. Objective:** The objective is to assist the CEFTA Parties to secure proper implementation of the CEFTA Agreement and future additional protocols, Ministerial decisions, conclusions and recommendations.

**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 Committee consists of government officials from the CEFTA Parties that are the lead CEFTA Contact Points or their deputies as established under Article 44, Paragraph 2 of the CEFTA 2006.

CEFTA Parties agreed to have a legal assistance for legal proofreading of any text to be adopted/signed/implemented by CEFTA Parties and legal consultations and ad hoc advices for the implementation of already adopted CEFTA decisions, conclusions and recommendations.

Furthermore, the legal assistance is related to the implementation of CEFTA Articles 40-50 related to Joint Committee procedures.

### **c. Short Description of Activities:**

- Legal scrubbing/proofreading of any text which will be adopted/signed by the CEFTA Joint Committee (in particular the Additional Protocol on Trade in Services but also draft ministerial decisions, conclusions and recommendations before their adoption);
- Legal consultation on any CEFTA related area before the CEFTA Joint Committee adopts ministerial decisions, conclusions and recommendations in that area;
- Legal advice in preparing any new Additional Protocols for areas that CEFTA Parties decide are necessary/aren't sufficiently defined for the proper implementation of the Agreement (e.g. Dispute Settlement);
- Ad hoc legal advice for the implementation of CEFTA and/or relevant decisions, conclusions and recommendations;
- Consolidated version of the CEFTA that will consist of integrated CEFTA (2006) legal text and its successive amendments and corrigenda as of 2016;
- Final text for a brochure of this consolidated version.

**d. Estimated Implementing Period:** 12 months.

### **e. Expected Outputs of the Activities:**

- Legal proofreading of all additional protocols and drafted Ministerial decisions, conclusions and recommendations;

- Provision of legal consultations on any CEFTA related area prior to the CEFTA Joint Committee taking Ministerial decisions, conclusions and recommendations;
- Provision of legal advice in preparing any new additional protocols for areas that CEFTA Parties decide are necessary/aren't sufficiently defined;
- Provision of ad hoc legal advice for the implementation of CEFTA and/or relevant decisions, conclusions and recommendations.

**f. Expected results:** The proper implementation of the CEFTA and current and future Ministerial decisions, conclusions and recommendations.

**g. Estimated Budget:** 100.000 EUR

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

**i. Selection Criteria:**

**Key expert 1: Team Leader**

Qualifications and skills

- University degree in law, post graduate is an advantage;
- Knowledge and practical experience of work with the International Trade Issues, especially Free Trade Agreements;
- Proficiency in English,
- Languages spoken in the CEFTA Region will be an advantage;
- Excellent skills with Microsoft Word Office, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook;
- Strong interpersonal and multicultural relationship skills;
- Ability to manage priorities, work under pressure and meet tight deadlines.

Specific professional experience

- At least 10 years' experience in Trade related areas;
- Knowledge of implementation of international (WTO) and EU agreements, standards and practices, especially related to the Dispute Settlement;
- Proven record of previous work in CEFTA region is an advantage.
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**Key expert 2: Senior Legal Expert**

Qualifications and skills

- University degree in law, post graduate is an advantage;
- Knowledge and practical experience of work with the International Trade Issues, especially Free Trade Agreements;
- Proficiency in English,
- Languages spoken in the CEFTA Region will be an advantage;
- Excellent skills with Microsoft Word Office, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook;
- Strong interpersonal and multicultural relationship skills;
- Ability to manage priorities, work under pressure and meet tight deadlines.

Specific professional experience

- At least 5 years' experience in international and regional trade agreements, in particular the experience in legal scrubbing and drafting legal texts in English language,
- Proven record of previous work in CEFTA region is an advantage.