**SERVICE CONTRACT NOTICE**

**Habitat Assessment Research  
Location –**Bela Crkva/Serbia

**1. Reference**

RORS127/Municipality of Bela Crkva/TD1

**2. Procedure**

Simplified

**3. Programme title**

Interreg IPA CBC Romania- Serbia Programme / RORS00127

**4. Financing**

financing agreement

**5. Contracting authority**

Municipality of Bela Crkva Miletićeva 2, 26340 Bela Crkva, Republic of Serbia

**CONTRACT SPECIFICATION**

**6. Nature of contract**

Global price

**7. Contract description**

The contract should support Municipality of Bela Crkva Miletićeva 2, 26340 Bela Crkva, Republic of Serbia in the process of implementation of project ”CBC Network for Sustainable Use of Natural Resources” - GREEN-PATH, financed under INTERREG-IPA CBC Romania-Serbia Programme by creating Habitat Assessment Research document.

**8. Number and titles of lots**

One lot only

**9. Maximum budget**

EUR 80.000,00

**CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION**

**10. Legal basis, eligibility and rules of origin**

* The legal basis of this procedure is [REGULATION (EU) 2021/1529 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 15 September 2021 establishing the Instrument for Pre-Accession assistance (IPA III)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1529)

***Rule of Nationality:*** participation is open to all natural persons who are nationals of and legal persons (participating either individually or in a grouping) who are effectively established in a Member State of the European Union or in an eligible country or territory as defined under Article 11 of Regulation (EU) No [2021/1529] establishing the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA III).

Participation in the award of procurement contracts, grants and other award procedures for actions financed under the for IPA III shall be open to international and regional organisations and to all other legal entities who are nationals of and, in the case of legal persons, who are also effectively established in, the following countries or territories:

a) EU Member States

b) Beneficiaries listed in the Annex I of the IPA III

c) European Economic Area

d) Neighbourhood partner countries and territories covered by NDICI (annex I of NDICI)

e) Countries for which Commission has adopted a decision approving the request for reciprocal access to external assistance. Currently there are no such countries.

f) Where an agreement on widening the market for procurement of goods or services to which the Union is party applies, the procurement procedures for contracts financed by the budget shall also be open to natural and legal persons established in a third country other than those specified in the basic instruments governing the cooperation sector concerned, under the conditions laid down in that agreement.

***Rule of Origin:*** Goods and materials supplied under a procurement or a grant contract, financed under the INTERREG IPA Romania-Serbia Programme are fully untied and can originate in any country. All supplies and materials are fully untied and no verification of origins required.

* [Financial Regulation 2018 Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012;](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32018R1046)

(**Articles 178 and 179 of the Financial Regulation and points 36 to 41 of Chapter 3 of Annex I)**

* [REGULATION (EU) 2021/1060 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 24 June 2021 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32021R1060&qid=1645018135461)
* [REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 24 June 2021 on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32021R1059)
* Practical guide on contract procedures for European Union external action (PRAG) 2021.1

**11. Number of tenders**

No more than one tender can be submitted by a natural or legal person whatever the form of participation (as an individual legal entity or as leader or member of a consortium submitting a tender). In the event that a natural or legal person submits more than one tender, all tenders in which that person has participated will be excluded.

**12. Grounds for exclusion**

As part of the tender, tenderers must submit a signed declaration, included in the tender form, to the effect that they are not in any of the exclusion situations listed in Section 2.6.10.1. of the practical guide.

Tenderer included in the lists of EU restrictive measures (see Section 2.4. of the PRAG) at the moment of the award decision cannot be awarded the contract.

**13. Sub-contracting**

Subcontracting is allowed.

**PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE**

**14. Provisional commencement date of the contract**

03.09.2025

**15. Implementation period of the tasks**

14 months

**SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA**

**16. Selection criteria**

Capacity-providing entities

An economic operator (i.e. candidate or tenderer) may, where appropriate and for a particular contract, rely on the capacities of other entities, regardless of the legal nature of the links it has with them. If the economic operator relies on other entities, it must in that case prove to the contracting authority that it will have at its disposal the resources necessary for the performance of the contract by producing a commitment by those entities to place those resources at its disposal. Such entities, for instance the parent company of the economic operator, must respect the same rules of eligibility and notably that of nationality as the economic operator relying on them and must comply with the selection criteria for which the economic operator relies on them. **Furthermore, the data for this third entity for the relevant selection criterion should be included in a separate document**. Proof of the capacity will also have to be provided when requested by the contracting authority.

With regard to technical and professional criteria, an economic operator may only rely on the capacities of other entities where the latter will perform the tasks for which these capacities are required.

With regard to economic and financial criteria, the entities upon whose capacity the economic operator relies, become jointly and severally liable for the performance of the contract.

The following selection criteria will be applied to the tenderers. In the case of tenders submitted by a consortium, these selection criteria will be applied to the consortium as a whole if not specified otherwise. The selection criteria will not be applied to natural persons and single-member companies when they are sub-contractors.

The tenderer shall not use previous experience which caused breach of contract and termination by a contracting authority as a reference for selection criteria.

**1) Economic and financial capacity of the tenderer (**based on item 3 of the tender form). In case of tenderer being a public body, equivalent information should be provided. The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last three financial years for which accounts have been closed.

* the average annual turnover of the tenderer must exceed 40.000,00 EUR

**2)** **Professional capacity of the tenderer(**based on items 4 of the tender form).

The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last three years preceding the submission deadline.

* at least three staff currently work for the tenderer as consultants or on similar position;

**3) Technical capacity of tenderer**(based on items 5 and 6 of the tender form). The reference period which will be taken into account will be the last three years preceding the submission deadline.

* the tenderer has provided services under at least two contracts related to creation of research, feasibility study or other strategy document related to public sector.

This means that the service contract the tenderer refers to could have been started at any time during the indicated period but it does not necessarily have to be completed during that period, nor implemented during the entire period. Tenderers are allowed to refer either to service contracts completed within the reference period (although started earlier) or to service contracts not yet completed. Only the portion satisfactorily completed during the reference period will be taken into consideration. This portion will have to be supported by documentary evidence (-statement or certificate from the entity which awarded the contract, proof of payment) also detailing its value. If a tenderer has implemented the service contract in a consortium, the percentage that the tenderer has successfully completed must be clear from the documentary evidence, together with a description of the nature of the services provided if the selection criteria relating to the pertinence of the experience have been used.

Previous experience which would have led to breach of contract and termination by a contracting authority shall not be used as reference. This is also applicable concerning the previous experience of experts required under a fee-based service contract.

**17. Award criteria**

Best price-quality ratio.

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**TENDERING**

**18. Deadline for submission of tenders**

The deadline for submission of tenders is specified in point 8 of the instruction to tenderers.

**19. Tender format and details to be provided**

**Tenders must be submitted using the standard tender form** for simplified procedures, the format and instructions of which must be strictly observed. The tender form is available from the following internet address: <http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/annexes.do?group=B>, under the zip file called Simplified Tender dossier.

The tender must be accompanied by a declaration on honour on exclusion and selection criteria using the template available from the following Internet address:

<http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/annexes.do?chapterTitleCode=A>

Any additional documentation (brochure, letter, etc.) sent with a tender will not be taken into consideration.

**20. How tenders may be submitted**

Tenders must be submitted in English exclusively to the contracting authority, using the means specified in point 8 of the instructions to tenderers.

**Tenders submitted by any other means will not be considered.**

By submitting a tender tenderers accept to receive notification of the outcome of the procedure by electronic means.

**21. Alteration or withdrawal of tenders**

Tenderers may alter or withdraw their tenders by written notification prior to the deadline for submission of tenders. No tender may be altered after this deadline.

Any such notification of alteration or withdrawal shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with point 9 of the instructions to tenderers.

**22. Operational language**

All written communications for this tender procedure and contract must be in English.

**23. Additional information**

Financial data to be provided by the candidate in the standard application form must be expressed in EUR or RSD. If applicable, where a candidate refers to amounts originally expressed in a different currency, the conversion to EUR shall be made in accordance with the InforEuro exchange rate of July 2025, which can be found at the following address: <http://ec.europa.eu/budget/graphs/inforeuro.html>.