

# **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT**

## **Republic of Serbia**

### **Serbia Accelerating Innovation and Growth Entrepreneurship Additional Financing (SAIGE AF)**

#### **Loan No. 7230-YF**

#### **Assignment Title:**

- **NITRA coordinator for EXPO 2027 (part-time), Reference No. SER-SAIGE-IC-CS-26-74**

Serbia has received a loan from the World Bank (Bank), through the “Serbia Accelerating Innovation and Growth Entrepreneurship Project” (Project), to support the strengthening of the Serbian Innovation and Entrepreneurship ecosystem. The main objective of the Project is to improve (i) the relevance and excellence of scientific research; and (ii) innovative entrepreneurship and access to finance for enterprise growth, as a way of contributing to Serbia’s growth and competitiveness. The European Union Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA-II) is also providing complimentary financing support for the Project.

## **Scope of Work**

The Consultant shall perform the following tasks:

- Coordinate activities related to EXPO 2027 among The Ministry of Science, Technological Development and Innovation (NITRA) and relevant SAIGE-supported institutions and programs (including RDIs, SF and IF beneficiaries);
- Review and analyse granted projects with market potential implemented by PIEs, and provide recommendations to NITRA regarding potential participation and presentation at EXPO 2027 Belgrade;
- Maintain regular communication with the management of NITRA, SAIGE Project Manager, NITRA Project Officer, and selected grants implementation teams;
- Liaise with EXPO-related stakeholders (RDIs, innovative private sector entities, etc.) and the EXPO 2027 organizational team;
- Organize and coordinate meetings between selected RDIs, innovative private sector entities, and the EXPO 2027 team;
- Participate in coordination and planning meetings as required;
- Prepare analytical notes, briefings, reports, and other relevant documentation as required by the Client;
- Perform other related duties as requested by the Client.

## **Timing and Duration**

The Consultant will be engaged on a part-time basis until September 30, 2026.

The expected initial time effort for the assignment is up to 10 working days (i.e., 80 hours) per month. The engagement will be subject to appropriate extension based on the Project’s needs and the performance of the candidate.

## Required experience and qualifications

- University degree in economics sciences (master's or equivalent is desirable, bachelor's degree is mandatory);
- At least 5 years of relevant professional experience, with financial and operational execution;
- Experience in projects implemented/funded by international organisations, in the last 3 years, will be considered an advantage;
- Experience in co-operation between officials of the Government and other public authorities;
- Experience in the private sector will be considered an advantage;
- Excellent spoken and written Serbian and English;
- Excellent communication, organisation, and teamwork skills;
- Advanced computer skills.

The detailed Terms of Reference for the above referenced consulting services is posted on the website of the NITRA <https://nitra.gov.rs/cir/inovacije/projekat-saige>.

The Central Fiduciary Unit (CFU) of the Ministry of Finance now invites eligible Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The evaluation criteria for the assignment:

- Qualifications and General experience ( 40 Points)
- Specific Experience relevant to the Assignment ( 60 Points)

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the *World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers – Procurement in Investment Project Financing Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services (July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018)* (“the Regulations”) setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the *Open Competitive Selection of Individual Consultants* as set out in the Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 09:00 to 15:00 hours.

Expressions of interest **in English language** must be delivered in a written form to the email below, by **April 15, 2026, 12:00 hours, noon**, local time. Interested consultants must provide **Cover Letter** and **CV** representing description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions and availability of appropriate skills (**scanned diplomas to be sent with CV**).

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