

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT

Republic of Serbia

Serbia Accelerating Innovation and Growth Entrepreneurship (SAIGE)

Project ID No. P170185

Assignment Title:

- **Social Risk Assessment and Management Specialist, Reference No. SER-SAIGE-IC-CS-24-62**

Serbia has received a loan from the World Bank (Bank), through the “Serbia Accelerating Innovation and Growth Entrepreneurship Project” (Project), to contribute to the country’s growth and competitiveness by improving (i) relevance and excellence of scientific research and (ii) innovative entrepreneurship and access to finance for enterprise growth.

Scope of Work

The Social Risk Assessment Specialist will be responsible for the following tasks:

Social Risk Assessment

Assessment of Science Fund (SF) and Innovation Fund (IF) grants applications and Tech Transfer projects supported through RDI transformation

Comprehensive Assessment of social risks associated with the Project-funded AI Institute and BIO4 Campus activities

Social Risk Mitigation

Information disclosure, Stakeholder Engagement and Communication

Grievance Mechanism Management

Monitoring and Reporting

Timing and Duration

The Consultant will be engaged on a full-time basis. The assignment is expected to last until September 30, 2025.

The Consultant shall not have another full or part-time assignment during the engagement under this Contract.

The Consultant will be based at the Client/PIU office in Belgrade, with possible travel to project sites and stakeholder locations as required.

Required experience and qualifications

- University degree (minimum Master) in Social Sciences, Risk Management, or related fields; Five (5) years of direct experience in social risk assessment and management for WB, EBRD, or other IFIs may be substituted for a degree in a relevant field.
- Additional knowledge in AI would be considered as an advantage;

- Experience with the scientific research sector and competitive research funding;
- Proven experience in social risk assessment and management, on internationally funded projects would be considered an advantage;
- Proven experience in social risk management in research and innovation projects would be considered an advantage;
- Previous work experience with multidisciplinary teams;
- Demonstrated clear and concise writing/ reporting and presentation skills;
- Knowledge of written and spoken Serbian and English;
- Computer literacy and use of MS Office tools;
- Experience with relevant local, national, and international regulations and standards related to social risk management.

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 **December 13, 2024, 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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