

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST:  
ROSTER OF EXPERTS/CONSULTANTS  
for the needs of the  
INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN KOSOVO (IWRM-K) PROGRAM**

<b>Location:</b>	Kosovo, Pristina
<b>Post Level:</b>	National and Regional
<b>Type of Service:</b>	On-demand short-term consultancy assignments
<b>Type of Contract:</b>	Individual Contract
<b>Application Deadline:</b>	10 December 2020, at 16:00
<b>Duration validity:</b>	January 2021-April 2024

**PROGRAM BACKGROUND**

The Swiss-funded Integrated Water Resources Management in Kosovo (IWRM-K) Program aims to build long-lasting water resources management capacities at national and river basin levels in line with Kosovo's socio-economic and political priorities, as well as the needs of sustainable development. It strives to help replace the current fragmented approach with a more comprehensive, and highly participatory approach of managing water resources at river basin scale, aligned with the principles of IWRM and the EU Water Framework Directive.

The IWRM-K works toward fundamentally improving the capacity and strengthen the role of the (newly created) Ministry of Economy and Environment (MEE), and especially the River Basin District Authority (RBDA) as an institution with a central role over river basin management planning and development. This is carried out in parallel to efforts to clarify roles and strengthen functional relationships with a wide range of institutional and non-institutional stakeholders charged with responsibilities over the main components of the country's IWRM System (Planning, Monitoring, Implementation, Permitting and Inspection, Communications and Stakeholder Participation, and Data Exchange and Management).

The four-year Phase 1 of the IWRM-K (May 2020 – April 2024) focuses on:

**1. Development of plans & implementation of pilot measures**

Kosovo will be provided with a consolidated water resource management planning framework comprising three River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs) for Ibër, Morava e Binçës and Lepenc (in line with EU Water Framework Directive), along with a unified RBMP development methodology. The planning process is backed by a targeted water monitoring programme that will also be used to enhance national-level monitoring capacities.

**2. Improving legislation, institutional capacity, knowledge & skills**

The Program provides significant opportunities for improving and streamlining the water legislation as well as enhancing institutional and organizational capacity building among the key water stakeholders. A number of educational and skills development opportunities are foreseen, targeting current and future water professionals.

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