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## **Team Leader – Local Governance Moldova**

Skat Consulting Ltd. is looking for an **experienced local governance expert and project manager** for the function of the **Team Leader** of our project **Ma Implic (I get involved) – Civic Engagement in Local Governance in Moldova**.

### **Skat Consulting Ltd.**

Skat is a Swiss consulting company with 40 years of track record of successful, high-impact projects and partnerships, adding value to companies, organizations, and government agencies at home and abroad. We are well known as independent resource centre and consultancy working in the fields of development and humanitarian aid. We have strong experience in implementing Swiss funded projects; since more than 10 years, we are supporting local public administrations in Moldova and neighbouring countries. Governance is a growing field of expertise in Skat.

### **Project context**

Building democratic and effective local self-governance system is a serious challenge that the Republic of Moldova has been facing since its independence in 1991. Local public administrations (LPA) are responsible for providing public services to the population. However, due to a high degree of fragmentation of local government, deficit of human resources, limited revenues base, non-transparent access to regional and national capital investment funds, and lack of guidance from the central level, the municipalities are often unable to fulfil their mandate and respond to the needs of the population in a participatory, effective, inclusive and sustainable way. Thus, LPA's abilities and incentives to improve the situation are constrained.

The public's capacity to hold LPAs accountable is also poor. Citizens are reluctant to engage in public affairs, due to underdeveloped civic culture as legacy of the post-Soviet Union, low level of social cohesion, unawareness of rights and entitlements, especially among vulnerable, lack of understanding of existing ways to demand better services, and lack of trust in LPAs' potential to improve the situation. Repairing this disconnection between the population and the local self-governance system is a pending and challenging development task.

Although the National Decentralization Reform Strategy has expired in 2018 and a new policy have not been developed yet, a window of opportunity for advancing in the local governance system is opening with the inclusion of the consolidation of local autonomy and decentralization as one of the priorities of the new Government of Republic of Moldova. Emerging experiences of increased local level civic activism throughout the country encouraged by various international development projects are also positive trends.

### **Project summary**

The Ma Implic Project is part of the Swiss Cooperation with the Republic of Moldova. The overall objective of the project is formulated as "Rural population of Moldova has equitable access to quality public service provision".

The "Ma Implic" project aims at ensuring that rural population of Moldova has equitable access to quality public service provision. In pursuing this goal the project works at two levels:

At the local level, on the "supply side", the project supports LPAs in 30 targeted partner municipalities to manage service provision in a participatory, effective, inclusive and sustainable way through identifying and satisfying LPAs' strategic needs in communal service planning, budgeting and service management, as well as building organizational capacities of local Service Providers' in effective communal service operation and maintenance. On the "demand side" the projects ensures that people, including vulnerable, are more engaged in local decision-making and monitoring of

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