

Senior Water Resources Management Specialist

Terms of References

Project Title:	<i>Integrated Water Resources Management in Kosovo (IWRM-K)</i>
Post Title:	Senior Water Resources Management Specialist (short-term national expert)
Duty Station:	Program Facilitation Unit based in Pristina
Duration of Initial contract:	Up to 40 days until April 2020 (possibility for extension)

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT:

The recently launched *Integrated Water Resources Management in Kosovo (IWRM-K) Program*, funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) stands in its inception phase lasting until April 2020, point in time when the 4-years long implementation phase is planned to start. The Program is implemented by the consortium of Skat Consulting Ltd. (Switzerland) and the Environment Agency Austria, in partnership with other international and national experts providing complementary expertise required for the conceptualization and implementation of the IWRM-K.

The Program undertakes a wide range of national and local level interventions, including: **a)** support to developing institutional capacity of the key water sector stakeholders; **b)** preparation of planning and technical base that informs water resource management; **c)** support to knowledge and skills development of water professionals; and **d)** grants scheme to support priority measures aiming at improving water resources management in river basins. The IWRM-K is implemented in close cooperation with a wide range of stakeholders at national, regional (river basin) and local levels, including the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning (MESP) with its main constituent agencies (Hydro-meteorological Institute, Environmental Protection Agency, and River Basin District Authority), other ministries, water companies, municipalities, educational institutions, and CSOs/NGOs.

To be able to reach the full-size implementation phase, during the course of the ongoing inception phase, the Program will focus on the following key aspects: **a)** carrying out capacity development needs assessment in the water sector; **b)** formulating the Program Document that will guide future SDC funding; and **c)** mobilizing stakeholders for the upcoming implementation phase.

As part of the inception phase, the Program is currently in a process of assessment of some of the key components of the Kosovo's overall water resources management system, including: **a)** water resources management planning; **b)** monitoring of surface and groundwater resources (quantity and quality); and **c)** water information system and data management. These assessments are based on a comprehensive review of extensive available technical documentation, as well as communication with the key national counterparts within the MESP. This work led by the Environment Agency Austria (EAA) that is expected to result in inputs that will help prioritize Program interventions (to be included in the respective Program Document), as well as define the scope of the main working packages to be launched in the course of the Program's implementation phase.

To ensure proper implementation of the Program activities relating to the key water management related areas defined above, Skat Consulting Ltd. now wishes to hire a short-term national **Senior Water Resources Management Specialist** with previous relevant experience from similar assignments in the context of Kosovo. Her/his main responsibility will be to provide expert support to the relevant experts coming from EAA, as well as the Program team based in Pristina in carrying out the specified assessments, identifying priorities and formulating actions to be considered as part of the Program's implementation stage.

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