

## RFP02/2021: River Basin Management Plans for Kosovo

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**Q1:** Section 6 of Annex 1 (TORs) under Qualification requirements, Note d), Page 30 states: “Wherever possible, companies are encouraged to involve local experts (on key or non-key positions) and/or other support personnel. While there is no strict requirement, the involvement of local expertise should account to at least 25% of the planned number of expert-days. This will be considered a strong asset;”. Please confirm it is correct to consider as “local experts” the experts who are from the Western Balkan region.

**A1:** The purpose of this suggestion is to enable, to the extent possible, the involvement of local / Kosovo-based experts and/or support staff in the preparation of the RBMPs. This would allow for their direct support to the process, but also provide capacity development opportunities (to enhance local knowledge as much as possible).

However, considering the nature of work and limited corresponding local expertise, this is not a strict requirement. Considering this, we also encourage the involvement of experts from the wider region who possess the necessary knowledge of relevant aspects of water resource management in Kosovo.

In conclusion, involving local experts (Kosovo nationals) and regional experts knowledgeable in the relevant Kosovo context will be considered an asset during the evaluation of proposals.

**Q2:** Section 3 of TORs (Duties and Responsibilities, paragraph “Task 2 - Data Collection and Analysis of Existing Conditions” it is stated that: “Data collection for each river basin based on review of existing (historical) documents and field visits, and possible supplementary monitoring expedition(s). As part of these tasks, the Contractor will review, supplement and incorporate into the RBMPs the relevant outputs of the WBS. The required data, along with their availability (e.g., in the WBS) and need for further data collection and analysis as part of the Contractor’s responsibilities is presented in the following table”. Please confirm that carrying out water samples campaigns and lab analysis is not included in the scope of work.

**A2:** The supplementary monitoring activities including water sampling and laboratory analyses will be carried out through different contractual arrangement(s), based on the monitoring plan / design proposed by the selected RBMPs Contractor following the detailed assessment. Consequently, they shall not to be budgeted by the bidders to RFP02/2021.