

Mentor for CSOs on Social Economy and Social Entrepreneurship for the needs of the USAID Civic Engagement Project in Macedonia

Call for Expression of Interest

December 15, 2017

The USAID's Civic Engagement Project in Macedonia (CEP) aims to strengthen the constructive engagement by civil society organizations (CSOs) on policies and issues of public concern, and increase and sustain youth involvement in public life in Macedonia. CEP is implemented by East West Management Institute, Inc. (EWMII), in partnership with four local CSOs: the Foundation for Internet and Society "Metamorphosis" (Metamorphosis), the Association for Democratic Initiatives (ADI), the Foundation Open Society - Macedonia (FOSM), and National Youth Council of Macedonia (NYCM).

The overall goal of the Civic Engagement Project is to enhance CSOs and youth's capacity to advance public policies, improve public services, promote good governance and contribute to improving the standard of living of people in Macedonia. At the close of CEP, CEP-supported CSOs and CSO alliances will possess the knowledge, mechanisms, and resources to generate civic activism and lead public debate and action, and constructively engage government counterparts and institutions on transparent and accountable governance issues at all levels of decision-making. CEP will also create and support a cadre of youth leaders and youth-focused organizations that will develop the skills to connect with relevant government stakeholders and participate in public policy discussions.

CEP is soliciting the expression of interest for mentor by individuals from Europe and the US with a proven track record in developing successful social economy and social enterprises frameworks and strategies. The mentoring support is requested for the needs of Association for Research, Communication and Development – PUBLIC, CEP grantee. Mentor must have extensive experience and expertise in the fields relevant to designing and implementing legislative and strategic frameworks for social economy and social enterprises. The mentor must also possess relevant experience working in Balkan countries. Mentor is encouraged to have a 'team approach' to mentoring and to cultivate relationships built on foundations of mutual respect.

The specific mentoring assignment includes following work packages:

- *Work package #1:* Assist the implementation team from PUBLIC in developing policy recommendations based on the specific context and findings from primary research that will be conducted by the project team in the period between November, 2017-March, 2017.
- *Work package #2:* The project envisages the development of a strategy for social entrepreneurship in Macedonia accompanied by an action plan. The mentor will assist the project team and the assigned pool of three external experts through the provision of feedback and strategic directions.

Mentor must be available to assist PUBLIC team via e-mail, Skype etc. Physical presence on the spot is not envisaged as form of mentoring support.

Interested candidates are encouraged to express their interest for mentor by submitting:

- An up-to-date Curriculum Vitae (CV) not to exceed 3 pages;
- A cover letter indicating mentor's daily rate and availability; and
- The names and contact information of three references.

Applications must be submitted in English as soon as possible, but **not later than January 15, 2018** to cep@fosm.mk. For questions, please, write to Elizabeta Markovska Spasenoska at elizabeta.spasenoska@fosm.mk. For more information about the CEP, see Facebook page:

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