

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT

Republic of Serbia

Serbia Accelerating Innovation and Growth Entrepreneurship (SAIGE)

Project ID No. P170185

Assignment Title:

- **NITRA Institutional Financing Analyst, Reference No. SER-SAIGE-IC-CS-24-61**

Serbia has received a loan from the World Bank (Bank), through the “Serbia Accelerating Innovation and Growth Entrepreneurship Project” (Project), to contribute to the country’s growth and competitiveness by improving (i) relevance and excellence of scientific research and (ii) innovative entrepreneurship and access to finance for enterprise growth.

Scope of Work

The following are the specific tasks and responsibilities of the Consultant:

- Review related documents/data and provide recommendations for improvements;
- Support NITRA in the process of evaluation of the scientific performance of RDIs, including HEI;
- Support NITRA in the process of drafting a program for financing core scientific activities of HEI accredited within the NITRA;
- Support in the process of establishing KPIs of RDIs scientific performances;
- Participate in online and in-person meetings and events with Client representatives;
- Provide inputs for strategy and policy development in this regard.

Timing and Duration

The Consultant will be engaged on a part-time basis for one year with the potential for extension based on candidates’ performance and Project needs. The expected time effort for the assignment is up to 70 days. Depending on the need there is a possibility of increasing the time effort. The Consultant agrees to be engaged in no more than 48 hours per week cumulatively for this assignment plus any additional assignments/contracts.

Required experience and qualifications

- Minimum PhD University Degree in the relevant field;
- At least 10 years of relevant work experience in the field in the private sector, public sector, and/or academia;
- Experience in using scientometrics and bibliometrics methods and tools, statistical methodology and research, including data mining;

- Track record of papers published in Journal Citation Reports indexed journals on the topics of evaluation of HEIs scientific performance;
- Relevant experience on projects financed by international institutions will be considered an advantage;
- Spoken and written in Serbian and English.

The detailed Terms of Reference for the above referenced consulting services is posted on the website of the NITRA: <https://nitra.gov.rs/cir/inovacije/projekat-saige>

The Central Fiduciary Unit (CFU) of the Ministry of Finance now invites eligible Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The evaluation criteria for the assignment:

- General experience (40 Points)
- Specific Experience relevant to the Assignment (60 Points)

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the *World Bank’s Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers – Procurement in Investment Project Financing Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services (July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018)* (“the Regulations”) setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the *Open Competitive Selection of Individual Consultants* as set out in the Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 09:00 to 15:00 hours.

Expressions of interest **in English language** must be delivered in a written form to the email below, by **September 30, 2024, 12:00 hours, noon**, local time. Interested consultants must provide **Cover Letter** and **CV** representing description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions and availability of appropriate skills (**scanned diplomas to be sent with CV**).

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