

SCOPE OF WORK

Consultant Name:	TBD				
Project/Activity Name:	USAID/Sweden FARMA II Project {Bosnia}	Activity #	4729		
Assignment Title:	Federation of BiH Draft Veterinary Law - Veterinary Policy Expert				
Position Type:	Full Time		Part Time	X	STTA
Consultant Nationality:			TCN	X	CCN
Engaged By:	Cardno Emerging Markets USA, Ltd.				
Position Reports to:	CoP / Component 2 lead				
Assignment Office:	Sarajevo				
Assignment Period:	Start Date: May 2017		End Date: July 2017		
Total LOE for Position:	Total LOE: up to 30 days	Onsite: 10	Offsite: 20	Travel:	

USAID/Sweden FARMA II - Description of Project

USAID and the Government of Sweden have awarded Cardno Emerging Markets USA a five-year contract for implementation of the Fostering Agricultural Markets Activity II (FARMA II) project in Bosnia & Herzegovina (BiH). The purpose of the FARMA II Project is to create agricultural and agribusiness economic opportunities for BiH farmers and entrepreneurs. FARMA II will achieve this by assisting agricultural producer organizations to adopt European Union (EU) and international agricultural and food standards and new production techniques, produce new high value products and expand their access to foreign and domestic markets. The objective of FARMA II's Component 2 is to strengthen the BiH public sector capacity to implement regulations, norms, practices, and rules in the areas of agriculture & food, veterinary & plant health and safety, accreditation, standardization and quality certifications related to food and agricultural products which meet EU and international best practice requirements.

Background

As it was noted in past EC Progress Reports BiH should harmonize its official control system and upgrade its food establishments to be able to exports products of animal origin to the EU. And as a potential candidate country for EU accession, BiH should gradually align its regulations with the EU *acquis* and ensure their effective implementation. This objective should also be reflected in the plans, programs and strategies adopted at state and entity level.

Amongst other activities, FARMA II has been working with the Entity Ministries of Agriculture to prepare for future implementation of relevant EU policies, including food safety, veterinary and phyto-sanitary regulations. Gradual alignment in this field is defined by the EU negotiation Chapter 12 (Food Safety, Veterinary and Phyto-sanitary Policy), and reflects the EU's integrated approach to food safety aiming to assure a high level of food safety, animal health, animal welfare and plant health within the EU, through coherent farm-to-table measures and adequate monitoring, while ensuring the effective functioning of the internal market. The principal pre-requisites for a candidate country in this domain are the transposition of the EU legislation, and its implementation by a properly structured and trained administration.

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The purpose of this assignment is to provide technical assistance to support a new Draft Federation of BiH Veterinary Law, taking into account the Draft State level Veterinary Law and Draft RS Veterinary Law, and the overall requirement for gradual alignment with the EU Acquis. This new Draft Federation of BiH Veterinary Law will be based on the analysis, conclusions and recommendations of the regulatory assessment carried out in accordance with the Federation of BiH Decree on Regulatory Impact Assessment Procedure. The new Draft Federation of BiH Veterinary Law will be presented and discussed within a dedicated working group and in a public consultation forum, anticipated to be held in June 2017.

Activities

The Veterinary Policy Expert will support the following activities (and will work as part of a multi-disciplinary team to include legal/regulatory and economic analytical expertise):

Activity 1 – New Draft veterinary law preparation

Task 1: Review of existing Federation Veterinary legal base and other relevant legal documentation including (draft) BiH and RS laws and support for gap analysis;

Task 2: Preparation of draft text to support and guide the Federation Veterinary Working Group, suggesting the most favorable options in the new text of the law, ensuring gradual harmonization with relevant aspects of the EU acquis and new Drafts of RS and State veterinary laws, where appropriate, taking into account the current situation in BiH, the policy priorities at entity and state level and the capacity of all relevant institutions;

Task 3: Participation to the Working Group discussions which will be established for the purpose to support drafting the new Federation of BiH Veterinary Law, and report on results of such meetings;

Task 4: If needed, assistance to the Economic Expert in identification of an appropriate framework for measuring the efficiency, effectiveness and compliance.

Activity 2 – Presentation and discussion of the new Draft Veterinary Law

Task 1: Support for the presentation and discussion of the findings with all relevant authorities and stakeholder groups through a consultation process to be facilitated by FARMA II, in partnership with the Federation MoA.

Deliverables

- Drafting of key components of the new Draft Federation of BiH Veterinary law, in support of a dedicated working group;
- Presentation and discussion of key reforms in the Draft Federation of BiH Veterinary Law and their rationale with all relevant key stakeholders (to be defined in partnership with the working group);
- Final report on the activities and outcomes.

Timing and Level of Effort

Total LOE is estimated at up to 30 days and is expected to take place between May and July 2017. This is anticipated to include 20 home-based days (desk research) and 10 days in country.

Qualifications and skills

- University degree in veterinary science or closely related subject;
- Ideally, post-graduate degree in veterinary science or closely related subject;
- Excellent analytical, communication, presentation and facilitation skills;
- Excellent written and oral in both BHS and English language;
- Excellent computer skills and proficiency in Microsoft Office applications;
- Proven ability to work in a team and under pressure.

Professional experience

- At least 10 years of relevant professional experience;
- Experience in implementation of the EU *acquis* in the field of veterinary, food safety and animal health and animal welfare;
- Experience in at least one country in transposition of the EU *acquis* in these fields and Western Balkans preferred;
- Experience in BiH in legal approximation of veterinary regulations would be an advantage.