

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 - Regulatory Impact Assessment – Veterinary Legislation Expert				
Position Type:	Full Time		Part Time		STTA
Consultant Nationality:			TCN		CCN X
Engaged By:	Cardno Emerging Markets USA, Ltd.				
Position Reports to:	CoP / Component 2 lead				
Assignment Office:	Sarajevo				
Assignment Period:	Start Date: April 2017		End Date: June 2017		
Total LOE for Position:	Total LOE: up to 25 days	Onsite: up to 30	Offsite:		
		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 detailed regulatory impact assessment of the new Draft Federation of BiH Veterinary Law which will encompass all main consolidated regulations related to the veterinary sector, and in particular the State level veterinary law, and their alignment with the EU Acquis. This regulatory assessment needs to be carried out in accordance with the Federation of BiH Decree on Regulatory Impact Procedure. Findings from the assessment will be used to support the submission of the new law to the Federation Parliament. Certain findings, conclusions and recommendations may also form part of a wider set of activities and contributions, to be presented and discussed at a private sector conference on the state of the crop and livestock sectors in the Federation and BiH and options for the ways forward, anticipated to be held in June 2017.

Activities

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

Activity 1 – Determine regulatory baseline and gap assessment

Task 1: Collection of relevant legal documentation and determination of a baseline, current situation and definition of problems within current legislation; Carry out institutional consultations at the vertical and horizontal level and with the private sector; Suggest options for solution of identified problem and their effects;

Task 2: If and when needed, assistance to the Economic Expert in assessment of the regulatory impact upon citizens and the business community, as well as public administration, and in identification of an appropriate framework for measuring the efficiency, effectiveness and compliance.

Activity 2 – New draft veterinary legislation preparation

Task 1: Determination of the goals for adoption of the new law; Report on results and suggest the most favorable options in new text of the law ensuring harmonization with relevant aspects of the EU acquis and all relevant entity and state laws;

Task 2: Preparation of draft text to support the working group;

Activity 3 – Presentation and discussion of the findings

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

- Support for drafting of key components of the new draft Federation veterinary law in support of a dedicated working group
- Veterinary regulatory components of a Regulatory Impact Assessment of the FBiH draft Veterinary Law (to form part of an overall RIA including all relevant legal and technical aspects)
- Presentation of all findings in relevant formats to be used by the competent authorities
- Final report on the activities and outcomes

Timing and Level of Effort

Total LOE is estimated at up to 25 days and is expected to take place between April and June 2017.

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 7 years of relevant professional experience;
- Relevant experience in veterinary regulatory analysis;
- Previous proven experience in EU acquis and legal approximation of veterinary regulations in the Western Balkans preferred.

We encourage qualifying candidates to send a Cover Letter including three References and CV.

The closing date for the receipt of applications is **March 31, 2017**.

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All information received will be treated with confidentiality.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.