



Counter Serious Crime in the Western Balkans

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

For

EU Member States PROSECUTORS to be seconded

Background

Since late 2011, the Center for International Legal Cooperation in cooperation with the German Development Cooperation (GIZ) has been involved in two regional IPA2010 and IPA2014 projects focusing on enhancing capacities for cross-border cooperation in the public prosecution offices and ministries of justice in the countries of the Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia) in the fight against organized crime. Numerous activities took place to strengthen local capacities and during the last phase of the project also over 350 criminal investigations were supported. Moreover, the focus is on harmonizing the practices in the mentioned countries with EU best practices and enhancing the cooperation between the public prosecution offices in the mentioned countries and the relevant European institutions and networks like EUROJUST and the European Judicial Network in Criminal Matters. Since late 2011, the backbone of the project have been expert teams - consisting of EU member states prosecutors and national legal officers - who were seconded to the various countries and embedded in the respective public prosecution offices. As of 1 January 2018, the next phase in this process of targeted assistance to support the law enforcement authorities in the Western Balkans to fight serious and organized crime will start within the project 'Countering Serious Crime in the Western Balkans'. This project will be part of a larger concerted regional approach, agreed by the Government of the Western Balkans, the European Union and other donor, under the so-called Western Balkans Counter Serious Crime initiative (WBCSCi). Basically, this project continues the work of the foregoing grant projects IPA2010 and IPA2014. It will start on 1 January 2018 and will have an initial duration of 24 months.

In line with the previous projects, the core instrument in the provision of assistance will again be so-called Embedded Country Teams (ECT), consisting of EU member states, (national) legal advisors and EU member states police advisors (to be deployed by the Italian Ministry of the Interior).

In the project, to be implemented by various organizations under the lead of GIZ, CILC will be responsible for the recruitment and management of the EU member states prosecutors, to be seconded to the six countries in the Western Balkans.

Therefore, CILC is now looking for **six** experienced and motivated **EU member states prosecutors** to be seconded to the public prosecution offices in **Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo*, Montenegro and Serbia** respectively.

Work Description

The EU member states prosecutors (Long-Term Experts) should be responsible, among others, for:

- Enhancement of the capacities of the local PPO's and police forces to fight Organized Crime by offering mentorship and real-time support to planned/on-going investigations and prosecutions from the moment the case is filed in the PPO;
- Initiating the weekly ECT meeting to exchange information with the EU Police Advisor on cases to be supported and to report the results to the CILC management;
- Supporting the process of concluding Cooperation Agreements between the Beneficiaries and Euro-just or support to implement them;
- Providing input to CILC "working orders" for administrative support by the GIZ offices;
- Promoting and representing the project to the outside, in particular the local authorities, the EU delegation, embassies, other donors/implementers, on conferences, workshops, etc.;
- Establishing and maintaining contacts to all relevant national and international project partners;
- Monitoring and regular reporting on the activities and results in the components under CILC management;
- Consulting with the Legal Advisor to fulfil his/her tasks.

Required Profile

- Prosecutor or former prosecutor experienced in international cooperation;
- Knowledge/ experience of European and international standards and best practices in international judicial cooperation in criminal matters, fighting organized crime. Experience in financial investigations and asset recovery would be advantage;
- Familiarity with institutional building and judicial reform projects would be an advantage;
- Previous working experience in EU funded or international projects, as well as a professional position abroad, would be an advantage;
- Ability to communicate solutions to problems in different legal environments, and provide advice on day-to-day questions from the final beneficiaries;
- Sound managerial and coordination skills;
- Very good command of written and spoken English and computer literate. Knowledge of one of the languages of the Western Balkans would be an advantage;
- Excellent interpersonal and good communication skills, reporting and analysis capacity and drive for results;
- Suitable profile to work within a multidisciplinary team.

Selection Procedure

Applications, including a motivation letter and a CV in English with relevant professional experience should be submitted by email to:

Center for International Legal Cooperation (CILC)

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The deadline for the reception of applications will be the **22 December 2017 at 12.00 o'clock**. The selection procedure (which may include (telephone) interviews shall be based on professional background, relevant work experience and language skills, according to the requested qualifications.