

In the framework of the project

EU Support to Strengthen the Fight against Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings in the Western Balkans

the Center for International Legal Cooperation is looking for:

Three International Resident Prosecutorial Advisors

and

Six National Advisors

***(Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro,
North Macedonia and Serbia)***

The project

Against the background of an increased irregular migration to the EU through the Western Balkans, there remains a pressing need for enhanced capacities and expertise within judicial authorities and law enforcement. This requirement is pivotal to effectively and efficiently prevent and combat migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings (THB) in the region. To address this demand and provide support to Western Balkans authorities, a project funded by the European Union, Germany, Italy and The Netherlands, and to be implemented by a consortium consisting of GIZ, CIVIPOL, the Italian Ministry of the Interior, the Center for International Legal Cooperation, the German Federal Police and the Austrian Criminal Intelligence Service, will be implemented across the Western Balkans countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia) over the next four years.

The core objective of this project is to enhance conditions for preventing and combatting migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings in the Western Balkans. This objective is pursued through collaborative efforts with law enforcement and judicial authorities, encompassing both inter-institutional and intra-regional cooperation (component 1). Additionally, the project seeks to strengthen partnership with EU Member States and EU Justice and Home Affairs Agencies,

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including active engagement of Western Balkan authorities in EMPACT, the European Multi-disciplinary Platform Against Criminal Threats (component 2). Furthermore, it strives to empower Western Balkan authorities and frontline workers to recognize and offer protection to potential victims of human trafficking. These individuals would be referred to competent state and non-state assistance and support services (component 3). Furthermore, the project assists border authorities in preventing and countering trafficking in human beings and migrant smuggling in line with EU standards and human rights (component 4). Implementation of the project will involve experts and embedded country teams (ECTs) consisting of resident international police advisors, resident international prosecutorial advisors, national (legal) advisers, technical advisers, project assistants and administrative officers.

The international resident prosecutorial advisors and national advisors

Within the scope of the project, the Center for International Legal Cooperation (www.cilc.nl) will take on the responsibility for a team of three international resident prosecutorial advisors, each covering two countries, and six national advisors, one for each of the six beneficiaries. All these advisors will form integral parts of the embedded country teams within the larger project framework. The team of international resident prosecutorial advisors and national advisors will operate under the guidance of the CILC project manager in The Hague, with additional support provided by the project coordinator situated in the region.

In a combination of Albania/Kosovo*, Montenegro/Bosnia and Herzegovina and North Macedonia/Serbia, the three international resident prosecutorial advisors will be deployed to specialized prosecution offices for combating serious and organized crime and in particular for fighting migrant smuggling and THB. In their tasks, they will be supported by national advisors, who also represent the international resident prosecutorial advisors when he/she is out of the country.

The main tasks of the **international resident prosecutorial advisors** will be the following:

- Advising and mentoring Public Prosecution Offices (PPO's), Ministries of Justice, Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA's) and other relevant agencies in conducting investigations and prosecutions in the area of migrant smuggling, THB and high-risk criminal networks involved in poly-criminal activities;
- Advising and coaching PPO's, Ministries of Justice, LEA's and other relevant agencies in order to increase their knowledge and capacities to fight Organized Crime Groups (OCG's) involved in migrant smuggling and THB;
- Coordinating operational and strategic activities of the project that are relevant for the PPO's;
- Providing input from the perspective of the prosecution and the local (legal and organizational) context to any relevant assessments, analyses, roundtables or other activities within or outside the project;
- Ensure accurate reporting of CILC's input to the project and its activities for the countries under their responsibility;
- Report on any significant sector developments that could potentially impact on the project;

- Ensure efficient coordination between the activities under their responsibility and other project activities, as well as activities from other projects and donor funded initiatives;
- Represent the project on-site, either individually or alongside fellow ECT members, during interaction with local partners and authorities, EU Delegations, embassies, international organizations, and other projects.

The **national advisors** will support their international resident prosecutorial advisors in their tasks, drawing upon their local knowledge, experience, and networks. In addition, they will also:

- provide occasional interpretation and translation services to the resident international prosecutorial advisors;
- provide input to logistical and administrative tasks on the ground;
- contribute to the reporting requirements of the project;
- conduct small legal and organizational analyses upon request from the international resident prosecutorial advisors and/or the international project manager.

CILC is currently seeking motivated candidates for three positions of international resident prosecutorial advisors and six national advisors to join the project team starting from October 1, 2023.

For the position of **international resident prosecutorial advisors**, we are seeking candidates with the following **profile**:

- Motivated (former) prosecutor from EU Member States with experience in international judicial cooperation in criminal matters, preferably with some experience and/or affinity for combating migrant smuggling and THB;
- Knowledge and experience in implementing European and international standards and best practices in international judicial cooperation in criminal matters and fight against serious and organized crime, including experience in financial investigations and asset recovery. Knowledge of standards in the area of migrant smuggling and THB would be an advantage;
- Experience and knowledge of capacity building projects and judicial reform projects funded by the EU and other international donors would be an advantage;
- Previous experience working abroad as international advisor in EU funded or other donor-funded missions or projects, particularly in the Western Balkans in the area of fighting serious and organized crime, especially combating migrant smuggling and /or THB, would be a significant advantage;
- Strong managerial, coordination and leadership skills;
- Ability to 'translate' challenges in an external legal context into practical solutions and ability to provide daily advice to beneficiaries in a respectful and constructive manner;
- Proficiency in English. Knowledge of one of the languages of the Western Balkans would be an advantage;
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, ability to work in a multi-ethnic team, and a result-oriented approach are necessary;
- Ability to be a team player within a multidisciplinary team of professionals.

For the position of the **national advisors**, we are looking for candidates with the following **profile**:

- Motivated national professionals with a background or affiliation in the field of judicial and police cooperation and/or a background in fighting THB and migrant smuggling;
- Preferably, some knowledge and/or experience in international judicial and police cooperation;
- Excellent knowledge of the national legal and institutional context in the area of fighting organized crime, particularly combating migrant smuggling and THB;
- Experience in and knowledge of capacity building projects and judicial reform projects funded by the EU and other international donors would be an advantage;
- Previous experience in working in EU-funded or other donor funded missions or projects, particularly in the field of fighting migrant smuggling and/or THB would be a strong advantage;
- Strong analytical and organizational skills;
- Proficiency in English;
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, ability to work in a multi-ethnic team, and a result-oriented approach is necessary;
- Ability to be a team player within a multidisciplinary team of professionals.

Selection procedures

Contractual issues

- Candidates for all positions should accept the contractual condition that additional professional activities in the Western Balkans during the project's implementation period are not allowed;
- Candidates will be contracted for a period of one year initially, with the possibility of (repeated) contract renewals as long as project allows. However, it is foreseen that both the international resident prosecutorial advisors and the national advisors will be involved in the project for at least three years.

Application procedure

Interested candidates should send a motivation letter and their CV to: vincken@cilc.nl

The application deadline for the positions of international resident prosecutorial advisor is August 25, 2023 (CoB).

The application deadline for the positions of national expert is August 30, 2023 (CoB)

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Inquiries regarding the status of the procedure will not be appreciated.