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### Call for Experts for implementing activities, for the "TERCO" project, approved by the ESPON Programme

**The deadline for receipt of the applications is 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2011.**

Posted by the South and East European Development Center (SEED), Department of Planning and Regional development, University of Thessaly, Greece

#### 1. Background

The TERCO research project, "European Territorial Cooperation as a Factor of Growth, Jobs and Quality of Life", is funded by ESPON Applied Research under Priority 1 (2013/1/9), which started on 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2010 and will end on 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2013. The main objective of the project is to assess the relationship between transnational territorial co-operation (TTC) and the development paths of EU and neighbouring regions. The Department of Planning and Regional Development at the University of Thessaly is responsible for the coordination of the WP2.5 "*Identification of adequate territorial structures of Transnational Territorial Cooperation and analysis of specific border situations of territorial cooperation*". The Partnership of the TERCO projects is as follows: *Lead-Partner*: EUROREG - Centre for European Regional and Local Studies, University of Warsaw (Poland). *Project-Partners*: University of Strathclyde (Scotland); Free University of Brussels (Belgium); University of Eastern Finland (Finland); University of Thessaly, (Greece) and Autonomous University of Madrid (Spain).

#### 2. Job Description

The External Expert will work in cooperation with the scientific team of TERCO project at the University of Thessaly towards achieving the goals of the empirical work. The research work involves:

- Mapping of territorial cooperation-related agents and institutions in Greek, Bulgarian and Turkish side.
- Conducting in-depth interviews with a selected but considerable number of stakeholders and experts in Greek, Bulgarian and Turkish side.
- Collecting Questionnaires in Greek, Bulgarian and Turkish side.
- Discourse analysis (document analysis) in Greek, Bulgarian and Turkish side.
- Newspaper screening in Greek, Bulgarian and Turkish side.

More analytically, the empirical work will be organized around the following data-generating activities and research tasks: the collection and analysis of relevant official documents, political statements, press material, reports of

debates, brochures, and local archival work, the collection of ethnographic data involving questionnaires, interviews and group meetings with policy-makers, network actor representatives related to territorial cooperation issues.

### **3. Deliverables**

- List with potential territorial cooperation-related agents and institutions in Greek and Turkish side
- Conducting 10 in-depth interviews in Greece, 10 in-depth interviews in Bulgaria and 10 in-depth interviews in Turkey.
- Collecting 50 standardized questionnaires in Greece 50 standardized questionnaires in Bulgaria and 50 standardized questionnaires in Turkey.
- Compiling of in-depth Interview Report.
- Compiling of Standardized Questionnaire Report
- Compiling of Discourse Analysis Report.
- Compiling of Newspaper Screening Report

### **4. Required Skills and Experience**

#### **Education:**

- University Degree in economics or social sciences or any other related applied sciences.
- Master's degree in economics or social sciences or any other related applied sciences (preferably with specialization in Sustainable Development).
- Expertise in Legislative Framework Analysis of Greece and Turkey.

#### **Experience:**

- Experience in implementing and coordinating Cross-Border projects.
- Previous experience in Turkey-related issues is an important asset.
- Previous experience with international development agencies will be a strong advantage.

#### **Language requirements:**

- Fluency in speaking, reading and writing Turkish, Greek and English is required.

#### **Other Requirements:**

- Involvement in territorial cooperation related projects.
- Advanced IT skills are welcomed.
- Ability to work effectively.
- Strong communication skills and cooperation skills;
- Have excellent analytical skills;
- Working in Teams

### **5. Equal Opportunities**

Equal opportunities policy without distinction on the grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation will be applied.

### **6. Location and duration**

The services will be executed under the guidance and coordination of the SEED-UTH Team. Most of the services listed in Article 2 and 3, will take place across the Greek-Turkish-Bulgarian triangle. The time length of the Contract spans to a twelve (12) month period after the contract has been signed.

## **7. Contract**

There will be a fixed term contract for the period May 2011-May 2012. The total amount of money available in order to complete the above activities comes to ten thousand euros (10.000,00) € VAT included. Travels and accommodation expenses for the successful applicant have to be considered within their contract agreement budget. Hence, travel and accommodation costs will be covered by the successful applicant.

## **8. Procedure of applying**

### **a. Required documentation:**

- Degrees/Certificates, prior working experience certificates. Genuine copies and official translations of originals will be submitted by applicants before their final selection for the recruitment of the SEED. Failure to submit genuine copies of the originals shall automatically mean the rejection of the candidate.
- Curriculum Vitae in English
- The name, current position, and relationship to the applicant, of one referee

### **b. Submission of Documents:**

All candidates must send the expression of interest and all supporting documents **by post (registered post or courier)** to:

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**Not later than 5<sup>th</sup> of April, 2011**

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