

TERMS OF REFERENCE no. 3

Project title: Strengthening transparency and accountability for gender equality in Western Balkans and Moldova (Gender Budget Watchdog Network, Phase II)

PUBLIC CALL FOR EXPERT/S: Developing a Guidebook for gender budget watchdogging in climate change financing and respective e-learning materials:

<p>About the project:</p>	<p>This project follows the Gender Budget Watchdog Network (GBWN) in the Western Balkans and Moldova’s previous, successful ADA and SIDA-supported project. GBWN members have developed this project based on results and lessons learned from the first phase; local circumstances including on-going critical policy processes related to EU Accession; and identified needs.</p>
<p>Project objective:</p>	<p>The overarching long-term objective of the project is to improve public commitments for gender responsive climate action and increase available financing to implement gender-responsive climate action in the Western Balkans region and Moldova.</p>
<p>Target groups:</p>	<p>The direct target group of the action is civil society organizations, members of the Gender budget watchdog network and beyond. Specifically, the action is focusing on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Women’s rights organizations - empowering them with capacity, knowledge and skills regarding climate change policies, the climate finance landscape and improve their understanding of processes, entry points, gaps and potentials for engendering; 2. Men’s organizations – these types of organizations are very rare in the region. Only ‘Be a men clubs’¹ exist and they will be invited to become beneficiaries of the project and be used for mobilizing other men in activism towards improvement of gender equality; 3. CSOs working on environment protection and climate change – to undertake gender analysis and incorporate a gender perspective in their work, increasing their gender awareness, knowledge of the inter linkages between gender and climate change, and skills to use GRB tools for holding governments accountable for use of climate change financing; 4. CSOs working on implementation of UN Resolution 1325 – in most of the countries there are networks of organizations working on women, peace and security issues. Considering that the proposal focuses on using GRB tools for monitoring resilience budget response we will target these organizations as most relevant.

¹ Youngs Men Initiative is implemented in all countries in the region, and since September 2022 the [\[YMI \] Young Men Initiative has been launched in](#) North Macedonia as well

Place:	Country / Region: Western Balkans and Moldova (ENP), <i>Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Moldova, and Serbia</i>
Timeframe	<i>February 2nd 2023 until April 25th 2023</i>
Results and Activities:	
Output	GBWN is institutionalized as a resource hub for CSOs on GRB
Activities	Developing a Guidebook for gender budget watchdogging in climate change financing and respective e-learning materials; <u>The expert/s will be engaged for 10 working days.</u>
Consultant's tasks and duties:	<p>The GBWN will hire expert/s to develop:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Guidebook for gender budget watchdogging in climate change financing; E-learning materials; <p>Background: Requirements for gender responsive climate actions are becoming stronger, particularly since Lima Gender Action Plan under the UNFCCC. There are also commitments made as part of the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans (funding provided by European Union, International Funding Institutions, domestic budget funding) and the NDCs under the Paris Agreement. For example, in article 7.5 of the Paris Agreement, governments acknowledge that adaptation action should follow a country-driven, gender-responsive, participatory, and fully transparent approach, taking into consideration vulnerable groups, communities, and ecosystems. Article 9 of the Paris Agreement refers to the need for increased availability of climate finance. There are strong demands for gender justice in climate actions and improved reporting on gender mainstreaming in development and implementation of climate change responses by the state parties.</p> <p>The overall aim of the Guidebook is to improve the understanding of gender concerns in climate change policy-issues both in the common and country specific perspective and to support CSOs to estimate gender responsiveness of the funded climate actions and policies. That also means presenting the links between climate responsive and gender responsive budgeting.</p> <p>The expert/s will develop:</p> <p>Guidebook for gender budget watchdogging in climate change financing - on how CSOs from gender perspective can watchdog the climate change financing (up to 30 pages). The Guidebook for CSOs that should include, at least 3 following topics: 1) Gender issues in Climate Change and gender mainstreaming in climate change policies 2) Climate Budget Tagging; Tracking climate change budgeting - climate budget tagging 3) options for tracking and overseeing gender responsiveness of funded climate actions.</p> <p>E-learning material that consists of separate PPTs for each topic of the guidebook, with suggested reading materials, possible exercises, and test for successful finalization of the module.</p>



	<p>(!) Attention (!) Two experts may deliver the assignment, as long as they have relevant experience: one in the field of GRB and the other in the field Climate Change! One <u>must</u> act as lead expert.</p> <p>Both, the Guidebook and the e-learning materials should be developed in the English language. Guidebook should be submitted as a word document and will be finalized as approved by GBWN members.</p> <p><i>In order to minimize possible negative ecological consequences of the intervention material will not be printed but shared online.</i></p>
<p>Qualifications of expert/s</p>	<p>Required experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At least 3 years of experience in GRB; - At least 2 years of experience in the field of climate change (policies and measures); - Experience in working with CSOs in the field of public policies in the last 5 years. - Experience in creating similar guides. <p>Required documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CV - maximum 5 pages; - Short motivational letter, maximum 1 page, highlighting the relevant experience and competencies; - Financial offer in EUR. <p>*Additional references may be requested during the evaluation process.</p> <p>Payments will be made upon receipt and approval of the deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deliverable 1. Developing Guidebook on English language for practical application by CSOs by 1st March 2023 - Deliverable 2. Developing e-learning materials and submitting a final report by 1 April 2023
<p>Deadline for the submitting the offer:</p>	<p>The deadline for submitting the offers: January 31st 2023, 17:00 h The applications should be sent to simonovski@crpm.org.mk; matevska@crpm.org.mk</p>

