**SERVICE PRIOR INFORMATION NOTICE**

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROJECT PREPARATION OF INVESTMENT PROJECTS IN THE TRANSPORT SECTOR IN MONTENEGRO**

**1. Publication reference**

EuropeAid/140118/IH/SER/ME

**2. Procedure**

Restricted

**3. Programme title**

Country Action Programme for Montenegro (2017) – Support to the Transport Sector in Montenegro

**4. Financing**

Financing Agreement concerning the Country Action Programme for Montenegro (2017) under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance IPA II (2014-2020)

**5. Contracting Authority**

Directorate of Public Works, Novaka Miloševa 18, 81000 Podgorica, Montenegro

**6. Nature of contract**

Fee-based

**7. Contract description**

The purpose of this contract is the creation of a Project Preparation Facility to support the generation of mature projects. Those projects would be ready to be proposed for implementation, financing and eventual construction by the transport sector entities namely Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affairs and its related bodies. The Consultant will provide engineering project preparation services from initiation, to further development and implementation of mature and financially viable transport projects on the future Comprehensive and Core Network of Montenegro.

**8. Indicative budget**

**EUR 2.5 million**

**9. Intended timing of publication of the contract notice**

4 March 2019

**10. Additional information**

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**11. Legal basis[[1]](#footnote-2)**

* Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11th March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II)
* Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action;
* Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 447/2014 of 2nd May 2014 on the specific rules for implementing Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11th March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II).

Please be aware that after the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the EU, the rules of access to EU procurement procedures of economic operators established in third countries will apply to candidates or tenderers from the United Kingdom depending on the outcome of negotiations. In case such access is not provided by legal provisions in force at the time of contract award, candidates or tenderers from the United Kingdom could be rejected from the procurement procedure.

**Remarks:**

There must be a minimum period of 30 calendar days between the publication of this prior information notice and the publication of the corresponding contract notice.

No applications or requests for information should be sent at this stage.

1. Please state any specificity that might have an impact on rules on participation (such as geographic or thematic or long/short term). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)