



Montenegro  
Ministry of Transport

## Request for Expressions of Interest

### Update of the Transport Development Strategy 2019-2035 (Including the Implementation plan, and an Action Plan for the period 2026 – 2027)

Consulting Services: **QCBS**  
Loan No. **94710-0 ME**  
Reference No. **MNE-WBTTFP-94710-QCBS-25-2.2.2**

April 18, 2025

The Government of Montenegro has received financing in the total amount of USD 15,000,000.00 (equivalent) from the World Bank, toward the costs of the “**Western Balkans Trade and Transport Facilitation Phase 2**” (**TTFP**). **Ministry of Transport (MoT)** is the umbrella ministry under which the transport sector falls and will serve as the lead implementing body for the project and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan towards payment for Consulting services under the Contract Ref. No: **MNE-WBTTFP-94710-QCBS-25-2.2.2 Update of the Transport Development Strategy 2019-2035 with the Implementation plan, and an Action Plan for the period 2026 – 2027**.

The Program Development Objective for the MPA is to reduce trade costs and increase transport efficiency in the Western Balkans- Six Countries. Montenegro, with one of the two gateway ports to the Western Balkans, holds a critical position for the landlocked countries of the region as well as along the TEN-T corridor and linkages to the broader European region. Given its advanced progress, towards EU membership and developed road transport infrastructure, Montenegro stands to gain significantly from efficiency gains provided by the TTFP in the country and in neighboring countries through increased road and rail connectivity and enhanced trade integration. The Project consists of the following components:

- Component 1: Facilitating movement of goods across the Western Balkans
- Component 2: Enhancing transport efficiency and predictability
- Component 3: Support the implementation of commitments
- Component 4: Support to project implementation units (PIU)

In addition to MoT, there are several other beneficiaries of the Project:

- a. Ministry of Maritime Affairs
- b. the Customs Administration (CA);
- c. the border police under the Ministry of Interior;
- d. the Railway Infrastructure of Montenegro;
- e. the Port Authority of Bar, along with the Port of Bar.

The Consultant will work closely with relevant stakeholders ensuring compliance with Montenegro’s policies, EU regulations, and international best practices.

Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications. The associations should clearly indicate the form of the association (Joint-venture, Consortium, sub-consultancy; member in charge; other member/s and or sub-consultants). Joint ventures should submit letter/confirmation, indicating their intent to form a joint venture if awarded the contract and shall provide the above-mentioned information for each member of the joint venture.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Direct QCBS** (modified approach of a *Quality Cost Based Selection (QCBS)*) method set out in the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” Issued in July 2016, Revised November 2017, August 2018, and November 2020. The attention of interested

Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 11.1; 3.21 - 3.24; 3.13; 3.14; 3.16; 3.17 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

The detailed **RFP (Request for Proposal)** which include **Terms of Reference (TOR)** and procedure instructions, can be obtained upon request at the e-mail address given below. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below, from 09:00 to 15:00 hour's local time.

Technical and Financial proposals must be delivered in written form. The sealed envelopes containing the Technical and Financial Proposals shall be placed into one outer envelope and sealed. This outer envelope shall be addressed to the Client and bear the submission address, RFP reference number, the name of the assignment, the Consultant's name and address, and shall be clearly marked "Do Not Open Before [date/time]".

The deadline for submission is **May 20, 2025. 12:00h.**

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