



Montenegro
Ministry of Transport
Western Balkans Trade and Transport Facilitation Project (TTFP) Phase 2

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – CONSULTING FIRM)**

Name of Project: “Western Balkans Trade and Transport Facilitation Phase 2” (TTFP)

Loan No: 94710-ME

Assignment Title: The European Rail Traffic Management System (ERTMS) Implementation Plan of Montenegro

Reference No. MNE-WBTTFP-94710-CS-CQ-26-2.3.11

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) 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-CS-CQ-26-2.3.11- ERTMS Implementation Plan of Montenegro.

The overall objective of this consulting services (“the Services”) is to prepare a fully operational, costed, and phased National ERTMS Implementation Plan, compliant with national legislation, EU Regulation (EU) 2023/1695 and aligned with EU railway interoperability policy.

The Plan shall provide the basis for the Government to adopt a strategic roadmap for migration from legacy signalling systems to full ERTMS deployment across the national railway network.

The Plan shall be developed as a comprehensive CCS TSI-compliant roadmap covering all requirements of Regulation (EU) 2023/1695, including all relevant Control-Command and Signalling subsystems, interoperability interfaces, certification and authorization processes, migration rules, and institutional arrangements necessary to ensure full system-level compliance beyond ETCS deployment alone..

It is expected that the Consultant will commence in the 3rd quarter of the Year 2026 and provide services within 9 months, or any period as may be subsequently agreed by the parties in writing.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for this assignment can be obtained upon request at the e-mail address given below or on the Client website www.gov.me/msa

The Ministry of Transport (MoT) through the Technical Service Unit, now invites eligible Consulting Firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultant should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The Evaluation criteria will be the following:

1. **General Qualification and Competences of the consultant (firm)**

Capacity, competences and organizational structure of the Consultant firm (Company). The Consulting firm must be a legal entity;
(Max **20 points** on this criteria).

2. **Qualification of the consultant (firm) relevant to the assignment:**

- (i) Specific Experience obtained under successful implementation of at least three (3) similar contracts in the role of prime supplier, management Supplier, JV member, or subcontractor. For contracts under which the

Bidder participated as a Joint Venture member or sub-contractor, only the Bidder's share, by value, and role and responsibilities shall be considered to meet this requirement. The similar complexity of these projects in this context means and include activities of (1) design, development, and implementation of ERTMS, (2) national or corridor-level strategic documents/studies/deployment planning covering ETCS/GSM-R/FRMCS, (3) other relevant ETCS/GSM-R/FRMCS studies, etc.

- (ii) Required similar contracts presented as reference in (i) above, at least two (2) shall have been delivered in either EU's or an EU accession country;
- (iii) Professional staff generally available: List of the key staff that is generally available for this kind of work (without submission of bio data or CVs). The number of permanent staff of the consultant (individual company or joint venture overall) working in the fields related to this contract, must be at least 3 for each of the last three years (2023, 2024 and 2025);

*For each submitted reference (Contract) the Consultant is required to enclose preferably the statement from the previous Client which unambiguously confirm that assignment has been successfully and substantially implemented. In addition, the Consultant firm shall prepare a table which consist following information: name of the assignment, short description of work done, year of contract's implementation, country/region, contact reference (name, e-mail, phone number).

(Max **80 points** on this criteria).

Qualification requirements of Key Experts are further described in ToR.

**CVs or biodata for Key Expert's- (staff) are not required and will not be evaluated at this stage.*

A Consultant firm will be selected in accordance with the CQS method set out in the World Bank's "*Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers*" Issued in February 2025 (Sixth edition). The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs 3.13 - 3.17 setting forth the World Bank's policy on Conflict of Interest.

Expressions of interest must be delivered only by e-mail to the address below and in subject must clearly indicate project name, subject number: **ERTMS Implementation Plan of Montenegro/ MNE-WBTTFP-94710-CS-CQ-26-2.3.11**

The deadline for submission is: August 18, 2026 - 12:00h.

Ministry of Finance /Technical Service Unit

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