SERVICE PRIOR INFORMATION NOTICE

Improvement of Budgeting System, multi-annual budget planning and Public Internal Financial Control System

Location - Europe (non EU), Montenegro (ME)

1. Publication reference

EuropeAid/138389/IH/SER/ME

2. Procedure

Restricted

3. Programme title

Instrument for Pre–Accession Assistance (IPA II)

4. Financing

Financing Agreement Concerning National Programme Montenegro 2014 (objective 1 - part 1 and Objective 2 - part 1)

5. Contracting Authority

The Ministry of Finance, the Directorate for Finance and Contracting of the EU Assistance Funds (CFCU), Stanka Dragojevica 2, 81000 Podgorica, Montenegro

6. Nature of contract

Global price

7. Contract description

The first objective is the full development and implementation of a **program budgeting system,** including the elaboration of a national action plan for its implementation, the amendment of the current budgeting legal framework and of the corresponding administrative procedures in line with the EU *acquis*, as well as the organization of the corresponding training activities.

The second objective is the adoption of a **medium-term budget framework**, including the development of macroeconomic and fiscal policy guidelines for better connection of strategic goals and budget planning, as well as the revision of legislation for capital budget planning.

The third objective is related to **Public Internal Financial Control System** and encompasses the improvement of managerial accountability, establishment of risk management system at central and local level and the development of the appropriate quality assurance and indicators for financial management and control, thus increasing the transparency of budget planning and budget spending.

8. Indicative budget

EUR 1.555.000.00

9. Intended timing of publication of the contract notice

October, 2016

10. Additional information

N/A

11. Legal basis¹

- 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).

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