

Market Consultation

Government 2 Government (G2G) Experts' programme Green Cities Serbia.

Organisation: The Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO)

The Netherlands Enterprise Agency (**in Dutch: Rijksdienst voor Ondernemend Nederland, RVO**) supports private and public organizations with funding, international business partners, knowledge, and regulations. The Partners for International Business (PIB) programme is one of the programmes that RVO executes.

The PIB programme supports Dutch Business in a public private partnership to realize their international ambitions.

More information about RVO can be found on: www.rvo.nl and <http://english.rvo.nl/>.

Purpose of the notification

The purpose of the market consultation is to find interested organisations that are able to perform the assignment of organizing the G2G experts' programme Green Cities Serbia.

Extent and duration

The project is intended to run from November 2022 until November 2023

Background and aim of the project

Urbanization and climate change require new solutions for the quality of life in cities. Public green spaces have a positive effect on biodiversity, climate, well-being and air quality. This ensures that cities become better places to live and work. Relevant themes are health, climate, economy, biodiversity and social cohesion.

This G2G project is part of the PIB Serbia Green Cities. The PIB was set up as the knowledge gap around innovative green solutions at both government as knowledge level is a great opportunity for the Dutch greening sector to position itself in the Serbian market. By sharing our know-how and helping public and private stakeholders make the best decisions, we will be able to develop relationships of trust and become their preferred partners.

This will lead to long-term cooperation between the Dutch sector, among which the cluster, and the local authorities and private sector by embedding the use of the Dutch products and services as a preferred high-quality solution sought by end-users and the Serbian government. As a result, the Dutch and Serbian sector can benefit from each other.

In May 2022, a delegation of 13 Serbian city officials/city architects made a 5-day study tour to 5 municipalities in the Netherlands to show Dutch city best practices on sustainable and green planning and landscaping. With a special focus on innovative projects that seek collaboration with community and private partners and including the Floriade Expo. The Serbian local authorities were made familiar with the Dutch policy context, financial instruments and regulatory aspects of green city concepts on the one hand and Dutch solutions and sustainable best practices on the other; they gained insights into how these can be applied in Serbia and got a better understanding of the practical, technical, financial, and sustainability limitations and opportunities. As a follow-up to this successful study tour the PIB cluster in coordination with their Serbian counterparts proposes to develop the present expert programme.

Budget indication

Maximum budget is € 47.811 excluding Dutch VAT.

Goals and deliverables

The aim of the project is to develop and implement an expert programme of 1 year in which specific challenges experienced by Serbian local authorities are addressed by Dutch experts from local governments. The challenges are brought in by various Serbian municipalities that participated in the study visit, in which we look for a combination of large, small, touristic, etc. These challenges can be in different areas: political (how do you convince local politicians of the need for greening), legal (mandatory greening?) and also very practical: how do we tackle pollution, what are the possibilities for concrete situations.

Required skills/experience

The organisation, that will execute the assignment on behalf of RVO, must meet the following requirements:

- Experience with implementing international projects;
- Experience and a network in the (Dutch) local governments sector;
- Experience and a network in the sector Greening the city.

Expression of interest

Based on the market consultation, RVO can decide to start a procurement procedure. Interested companies/consultants can be invited to this procedure. Your response to this market consultation does not mean you have the right to be invited to this procurement procedure.

When multiple organisations respond, there can be a supplier selection.

If you want to express your interest to this market consultation, you can send an e-mail to Sophie van Bochove, Senior Consultant Operational Procurement at Sophie.vanbochove1@rvo.nl.

You do not have to send documents; only add your company details and address.

The deadline for responding to this notification is set at **18 October 2022, 12.00u CEST**.

Yours sincerely,

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