



TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToRs)
Research Expert for Monitoring National Health Strategy

Name of the Project: **Support Participation, Accountability and Civil Society Empowerment (SPACE)**
Reference number: **IPA III/2022/441-234**
Job title: **Research Expert for Monitoring of the National Health Strategy**
Location: **Tirana**
Working Days: **20 days**
Duration: **February - May 2024**

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1.1 Contracting authority

"Together for Life" (TFL) association is a non-political, non-governmental and not-for-profit organization, established in late 2009 as an initiative of a group of reputable journalists as a membership organization. TFL has undertaken a range of innovative and successful projects and activities.

It has gained reputation as the first and most prominent organization dealing in health rights in the country; as well as has expanded its activity to promote the debate on the building of civil society and a culture of good governance and human rights in Albania; with a focus on vulnerable communities; communities living in remote or economically less advantaged areas; women and youth. It was founded on values of transparency, participatory approach; teamwork; commitment and efficiency based on the principles of development and coordination of all stakeholders in the development process.

1.2 Background of the Project

“Support Participation, Accountability and Civil Society Empowerment (SPACE)” project in Albania, was launched on 9 January 2023 and has a duration of 36 months, until January 2026. With the financed support of the European Union (EU).

The action focused and assessed public participation in preparation, implementation and monitoring of legislative drafts, government strategies and budgeting aiming (policy cycle) to increase transparency and accountability in the public sector strengthening CSOs capacities, especially local grassroots CSOs from different regions in Albania.

The project is implemented by the Together for Life (TFL) organization as coordinator partner and BIRN Albania, Qëndresa Qytetare and Destiny Center for Excellence as implementing partners.

2. PROJECT OBJECTIVES, PURPOSE & EXPECTED RESULTS

2.1 Overall objective

The overarching objective of SPACE is to strengthen the engagement of CSOs in public policy processes/cycle through evidence-based advocacy and monitoring of reforms.

2.2 Results to be achieved by the project

This action will provide the following results:

Outcome 1: Civil society organizations will work better to demand improved accountability and budget transparency of public institutions (health and education sectors)

Outcome 2. Increased public pressure on authorities to respond, change behavior and reduce corruption;

Outcome 3: CSOs, media, youth, state/non-state stakeholders work together to improve the budget transparency and accountability, leading to the better quality of services for the Albanian citizens.

3. SCOPE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

3.1 Objective of the consultancy

In the framework of SPACE project, TFL is seeking to contract a research expert to prepare the methodology and support the other experts to prepare the monitoring report of the National Health Strategy 2021-2030.

3.2 Specific work for this assignment

More specifically, the Research Expert is expected to conduct a monitoring report of National Health Strategy according to following steps:

- Develop and implement data collection methodology to track key health legal and policies indicators;
- Identification and collection of relevant health data from various sources;
- Analyzing and interpreting collected data using statistical methods and data analysis tools.
- Collaborates with legal expert and health expert to prepare the final monitoring report of the National Health Strategy.

The final report is submitted to the project staff and is accepted by the latter when it is assessed that it is in line with the general objectives formally and in terms of content.

4. ASSIGNMENT MANAGEMENT

4.1 Responsible body

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4.2 Management structure

Decision-making process is regulated by Contracting Authority.

5. TIMING OF THE ASIGNMENT

The assignment will start in 05/02/2024 until 06/05/2024.

6. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ASIGNMENT



6.1 Qualifications and selection criteria for consultant

- University degree in a relevant field such as mathematics, economics, public health, or a related discipline.
- At least 5 years of experience as a researcher in this area or relevant sectors.
- Proven expertise in conducting monitoring of the health policies or similar position (work experience with the Civil Society sector will be considered an asset).
- Good knowledge of the health sector.
- Good analytical and writing skills;
- Proficiency in report drafting.
- Ability to work in a team and to perform in respect of deadlines.

6.2 Proposal:

The research expert is expected to submit a proposal, including:

- Letter of Interest, including a summary of approaches to be implemented for the successful fulfillment of the assignment;
- Financial offer which indicates the fee per day for this duty (in Euro). The service provider should submit a Financial Offer as described in Annex A.
- CV of the expert in EU format, including a summary of expertise areas as per requirements of this ‘Term of Reference’.

6.3 Fee-based

This is a fee-based contract based in the number of days – 20 days in total.

6.4 Application Process

The deadline for submission of applications is **January 22, 2024**.

Applications must be submitted in English to the Contracting Authority in the email address: info@togetherforlife.org.al or in the postal address:

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