

SERVICE PRIOR INFORMATION NOTICE

Technical assistance and Financial and Operational Performance Improvement Plans (FOPIP) to PUC in the city of Niš Location - Republic of Serbia

1. Publication reference

EuropeAid/140927/IH/SER/RS

2. Procedure

Restricted

3. Programme title

Annual Action Programme for Serbia for the year 2018

4. Financing

Financing agreement

5. Contracting Authority

The Government of the Republic of Serbia, represented by the Ministry of Finance, Department for Contracting and Financing of EU Funded Programmes (CFCU), Belgrade, Serbia

6. Nature of contract

Fee-based

7. Contract description

Contract will ensure capacity building for the Public Utility Company (PUC) responsible for the sustainable provision of water and wastewater service in the city of Niš. The service include Financial and Operational Performance Improvement Plan (FOPIP), addressing the whole range of operations undertaken by the PUC in the field of water services.

8. Indicative budget

EUR 600.000,00

9. Intended timing of publication of the contract notice

September 2020

10. Additional information

N/A

11. Legal basis

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 and Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II).

Please be aware that following the entry into force of the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement* on 1 February 2020 and in particular Articles 127(6), 137 and 138, the references to natural or legal persons residing or established in a Member State of the European Union and to goods originating from an eligible country, as defined under Regulation (EU) No 236/2014** and Annex IV of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement***, are to be understood as including natural or legal persons residing or established in, and to goods originating from, the United Kingdom ****. Those persons and goods are therefore eligible under this call.

* Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community.

** 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.

*** Annex IV to the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement, as revised by Decision 1/2014 of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers (OJ L196/40, 3.7.2014)

**** including the Overseas Countries and Territories having special relations with the United Kingdom, as laid down in Part Four and Annex II of the TFEU

Remarks:

There must be a minimum period of 30 calendar days between the publication of this prior information notice and the publication of the corresponding contract notice. No applications or requests for information should be sent at this stage.