

Call for Expression of Interest (Eoi) for short-term experts

Assistance to U-LEAD with Europe's Top Initiative 'Acceleration of amalgamation process': amalgamation process and local self-government (LSG) reform

1. Background

U-LEAD with Europe: Ukraine – Local Empowerment, Accountability and Development Programme (U-LEAD) is a multi-donor action of the European Union and its member states Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Poland and Sweden which supports these efforts. The programme contributes to the establishment of multi-level governance which is transparent, accountable and responsive to the needs of the population. It supports the Government of Ukraine and in particular MinRegion in implementing the reforms and the establishment of new institutions, such as the Central Reform Office and the Local Government Development Centre with its 24 Regional Centres.

2. Objective and Purpose of this Call for Expressions of Interest

U-LEAD is supporting the MinRegion in acceleration of the amalgamation process across Ukraine. For this purpose, the Programme **is looking for the expressions of interest** from potentially interested experts who might be qualified to conduct the following tasks:

- Prepare background information and analysis (in the form of briefings, analytical reports) on the issues related to the ongoing amalgamation process in Ukraine;
- Contribute to the preparation of the comparative analysis of amalgamation process and LGS reform in Ukraine with other European countries: namely, preparation of inputs, collection of background information, translation of supporting documents, proofreading when necessary (in Ukrainian language) etc;
- Assist in the preparation of the training materials and practical toolkit on amalgamation process;
- Assisst in the preparation of the manual(s) on the amalgamation process and information materials about the reform.

3. Eligibility Criteria

In order to be considered for further cooperation the expert should meet at least these requirements:

- available for assignment preliminary from September, 2018 to October, 2019;
- have a sound understanding and previous experience in the analysis of the amalgamation process and LSG reform;
- have relevant experience in policy analysis and preparation of analytical materials;
- registered as a sole proprietor (3rd group) or be ready to register himself or herself prior to signing the contract;
- have a working level proficiency in English (at least upper-intermediate), ability to smoothly communicate both oral and written form;
- experience in result-based reporting in given frames would be an asset;
- positive experience with U-LEAD with Europe or other international technical assistance programmes would be an asset.

4. Submission

In order to be considered for possible cooperation, interested experts should send the following information to mariana.semenyshyn@giz.de by **COB of 23th August 2018 (by the end of the day)**: CV in English language with detailed overview of qualifications relevant to the requirements (up to 3 pages)

No financial offers and other attachments will be considered at this stage.

Please indicate *Eol_amalgamation_surname_of_the_expert* in subject line of the email.

Documents should be submitted **in English only.**

5. Additional Information

Please note this is **an invitation to express interest only** and therefore:

- Expressing your interest does not pre-qualify you as a short-listed candidate;
- Expressing your interest does not guarantee that you will be eligible for a forthcoming invitation for the request for proposals;
- GIZ reserves the right to change or cancel the above requirements at any time; without incurring any liability towards any interested party and/or any obligation to inform any interested party of the grounds for its action.
- All costs incurred in connection with the submission of this EOI are non-refundable by GIZ.