

SERVICE PRIOR INFORMATION NOTICE

Capacity Building of BiH Railways Regulatory Board focusing on the Fourth Railway Package

Location – Western Balkans; Bosnia and Herzegovina

1. Publication reference

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2. Procedure

Restricted

3. Programme title

Annual Action Programme for Bosnia and Herzegovina for the year 2017 – Objective 2

4. Financing

BGUE-B2019-22.020102-C8-NEAR DELBIH

5. Contracting Authority

European Union, represented by the European Commission on behalf of and for the account of the partner country Bosnia and Herzegovina

6. Nature of contract

Global price

7. Contract description

This assignment aims to strengthen the role and the capacity of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Railways Regulatory Board, the railway regulator in Bosnia and Herzegovina, through provision of technical assistance.

Such technical assistance shall consider, but not necessarily be limited to, activities concerning implementation of the Fourth Railway Package of the EU Directives. The priority shall be given to:

- a. Provision of documents on the legal framework of the existing legal, functional and organizational rail system in Bosnia and Herzegovina,
- b. Provision of satisfactory level of railway transport safety on level crossings, through a study on the technical condition of railways in Bosnia and Herzegovina, elaborating the criteria for defining the necessary level crossings and redefining the number of level crossings in Bosnia and Herzegovina railway system,
- c. Developing a normative approach for calculating infrastructure charges in the railway system in Bosnia and Herzegovina,
- d. Provision of documents for safety management system in the Bosnia and Herzegovina railway sector, namely for Railways of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina Infrastructure Manager and Railway Undertaking, Railways of Republika Srpska Infrastructure Manager and Railway Undertaking, and single document on safety management system for any potential Infrastructure Manager and Railway Undertaking to enter the market,

- e. Provision of document on analysis of the current state of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Railway Regulatory Board with the proposal of future legal framework, organization and powers,
- f. Provision of study on the supervision and regulation of railway transport market in Bosnia and Herzegovina,
- g. Award of public service contracts in railway transport in Bosnia and Herzegovina,
- h. Provision of documents for the transposition and application of international electronic documents in the railway system in Bosnia and Herzegovina,
- i. Provision of study on the organization and authority of the Investigation Body in Bosnia and Herzegovina, potential events to be investigated, and recommendations.

8. Indicative budget

EUR 1 500 000

9. Intended timing of publication of the contract notice

April 2020

10. Additional information

N/a

11. Legal basis¹

Regulation (EU) N°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) N° 231/2014 of the European Parliament and the of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II).

Please be aware that after the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the EU, the rules of access to EU procurement procedures of economic operators established in third countries will apply to candidates or tenderers from the United Kingdom depending on the outcome of negotiations. In case such access is not provided by legal provisions in force, candidates or tenderers from the United Kingdom could be rejected from the procurement procedure

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.

¹ Please state any specificity that might have an impact on rules on participation (such as geographic or thematic or long/short term).