

<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE</b>	
<b>Project title: Strengthening transparency and accountability for gender equality in Western Balkans and Moldova (Gender Budget Watchdog Network, Phase II)</b>	
<b>PUBLIC CALL FOR HIRING INTERNATIONAL EXPERT FOR DEVELOPING NETWORK QUALITY STANDARDS</b>	
<b>About the project:</b>	This project supports the Gender Budget Watchdog Network (GBWN) development and work in the Western Balkans and Moldova. GBWN is watchdogging the public finance use for gender equality and specifically applies gender lenses in monitoring of climate change financing.
<b>Contracting authority</b>	The contracting authority is the Centre for Research and Policy Making – CRPM on behalf of the Gender Budget Watchdog Network – GBWN.
<b>Project objective:</b>	The overarching long-term objective of the project is to improve public commitments for gender responsive climate action and increase available financing to implement gender-responsive climate action in the Western Balkans region and Moldova.
<b>Target groups:</b>	The direct target group of the action is civil society organizations, members of the Gender budget watchdog network and beyond. Specifically, the action is focusing on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Women’s rights organizations</li> <li>2. Men’s organizations</li> <li>3. CSOs working on environment protection and climate change</li> <li>4. CSOs working on implementation of UN Convention 1325.</li> </ol>
<b>Subject of Procurement</b>	<b>GBWN is looking for international expert for developing network quality standards</b>
<b>Scope of work:</b>	<p>Gender Budget Watchdog Network (GBWN) has Public Call for Capacity Building and Sub-Granting in Gender Responsive Budgeting and Climate Change Financing by the Gender Budget Watchdog Network from N. Macedonia, Serbia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro and Moldova.</p> <p>The Network has founding documents adopted, a web platform that is designed as a learning and experience exchanging nexus of the CSOs that use gender responsive budgeting tools in their work. To further the capacity of the network we broaden and deepen its e-platform with developing resources for self-learning, mentoring schemes to members. For this purpose, <b>Quality standards of CSO GRB work/ Network’s quality standards</b> need to be developed mirroring the Global standards for CSOs and CSO networks. Based on the standard developed the partners will organize a network meeting/workshop.</p>
<b>Deliverables</b>	The hired expert will need to:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prepare Network quality standards based on the Global Standard for CSO accountability.</b> The consultant will need to adapt the 12 accountability commitments to the needs and specificities of the GBWN and capture a shared understanding of accountability from CSOs members in engaging two-way dialogue with stakeholders.</li> <li>• <b>Develop quality standards on policy research, analysis and advocacy</b> and in participatory way involve the GBWN members in setting the quality standards in GRB work.</li> <li>• <b>Deliver the workshop on Networks quality standards and quality standards on policy research, analysis and GRB advocacy</b> internalizing the document, approve it and decide on a strategy how the standards are rolled out among network members (webinars, capacity building and mentoring support being some of the options).</li> <li>• <b>Produce training report including evaluation of the training.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Location:</b>	Homebased and Workshop in Macedonia
<b>Time frame</b>	<p>The expert will be engaged for fifteen <b>(15) working days</b> in the period from <b>1<sup>st</sup> of April 2025 to 31 July 2025</b>. Distribution of the working days will be in the following way:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ten (10 days) for preparation of the Network quality standards and quality standards for policy research, analysis and GRB advocacy; including an online workshop using participatory tools in developing the standards;</li> <li>• One (1) day for preparation of the training</li> <li>• Three (3) days for training delivery.</li> <li>• One (1) day will be used for preparation of the training report.</li> </ul>
<b>Requirements</b>	<p>The expert should meet following qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Demonstrated experience in applying and adapting the Global Standard for CSO Accountability;</li> <li>- Demonstrated experience in developing policy work standards (preferably in think tanks or for think tanks);</li> <li>- Strong understanding of GRB methodologies and experience in developing quality standards for CSOs working in this area,</li> <li>- Experience in designing and delivering capacity-building workshops, including the ability to present complex accountability frameworks in an accessible manner.</li> <li>- Experience in adapting and integrating research, analysis, and advocacy quality standards (i.e. those developed by the PASOS network of think tanks or any other relevant).</li> <li>- Capability to produce comprehensive reports.</li> </ul>
<b>Application</b>	<p>To apply please submit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CV</li> <li>- Short motivational letter</li> </ul>



- Financial offer expressed in EUR

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