

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

**Project title: Strengthening transparency and accountability for gender equality in Western Balkans and Moldova (Gender Budget Watchdog Network, Phase II)**

### PUBLIC CALL FOR HIRING INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS PRODUCING GENDER REPORTS

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| <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: <ul 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> </ul>   |
| <b>Subject of Procurement</b> | <b>GBWN is looking for 8 international experts developing 7 gender reports and one 1 methodology</b>   |
| <b>Scope of work:</b>         | The selected international experts will be responsible for producing comprehensive Gender Budget Watchdog Reports that assess the planning and execution of climate-related public funds in the Western Balkans and Moldova through a gender-responsive budgeting lens. Specifically, the expert(s) will analyze how gender considerations are integrated into the allocation and use of funds from the following financial mechanisms and institutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Global Environment Facility (GEF)</li> <li>2. Green Climate Fund (GCF)</li> <li>3. Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF)</li> <li>4. Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF)</li> <li>5. European Investment Bank (EIB) projects</li> <li>6. European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) green projects</li> </ul> |

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| <b>Deliverables</b> | <p>The hired experts will need to produce the following reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gender Budget Watchdog Report of Planned and Executed Funds for Western Balkans and Moldova in the Global Environment Facility (GEF);</li> <li>• Gender Budget Watchdog Report of Planned and Executed Funds for Western Balkan and Moldova in the Green Climate Fund (GCF);</li> <li>• Gender Budget Watchdog Report of Planned and Executed Funds for Western Balkan and Moldova in the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF);</li> <li>• Gender Budget Watchdog Report of Planned and Executed Funds in the Western Balkan Investment Fund;</li> <li>• Gender Budget Watchdog Report of Planned and Executed Funds in the EIB projects for Western Balkan and Moldova;</li> <li>• Gender Budget Watchdog Report of Planned and Executed Funds in the EBRD green projects for Western Balkan and Moldova;</li> <li>• Gender Budget Watchdog Report of Planned and Executed Funds in the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF);</li> <li>• Methodology paper on domestic resource mobilization from gender perspective in Western Balkan and Moldova.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Location:</b>    | Homebased   |
| <b>Time frame</b>   | The experts will be engaged for approx. <b>15 working days</b> in the period from <b>September 15 2025 to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2025.</b>  |
| <b>Requirements</b> | <p>Applicants must demonstrate the following qualifications and competencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Experience in conducting gender budget analysis</b> and/or policy audits related to climate finance.</li> <li>- <b>Familiarity with international and regional climate finance mechanisms</b>, particularly in the context of the Western Balkans and/or Moldova.</li> <li>- <b>Solid understanding of international climate finance mechanisms</b>, including specific experience with one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Global Environment Facility (GEF)</li> <li>○ Green Climate Fund (GCF)</li> <li>○ Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF)</li> <li>○ Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF)</li> <li>○ European Investment Bank (EIB) climate-related projects</li> <li>○ European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) green investments</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>Demonstrated ability to analyze and interpret financial and project data</b> from international and regional financial institutions, including identifying gender gaps and assessing gender responsiveness of climate-related spending.</li> <li>- <b>Experience producing structured, evidence-based policy or watchdog reports</b>, ideally related to public finance, gender equality, and/or climate action.</li> <li>- Experience with <b>gender analysis and gender responsive budgeting</b> frameworks is an asset;</li> </ul> |

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|                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Knowledge of the socio-political and institutional context</b> in the Western Balkans and Moldova, particularly as it relates to gender equality, public budgeting, and climate policy is an asset</li> <li>- <b>Excellent analytical and writing skills in English</b>, with the ability to present complex financial data and gender analysis in a clear and accessible format for civil society, donors, and policymakers.</li> <li>- <b>Demonstrated capacity to produce high-quality analytical and policy reports</b>, including synthesis of complex financial data and gender impact assessments.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Application</b> | <p>To apply please submit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CV</li> <li>- Financial offer expressed in EUR</li> <li>- List of produced academic papers, research, publications, reports, and other relevant work</li> </ul> <p>The documents should be sent to: <a href="mailto:petriskova@crpm.org.mk">petriskova@crpm.org.mk</a> no later than <b>7<sup>th</sup> of September 2025</b>.</p>  |