

Call for experts
Preparation of Smart Ohrid Pre-Feasibility Study Social Impact Assessment

The Centre for environmental research and information “Eko-svest” is seeking experts or a group of experts for the preparation of the Smart Ohrid Pre-Feasibility Social Impact Assessment.

This call is open until the 8th of August 2017. Experts, or a group of experts are required to submit their offer, indicating the area of their intervention (from the ToR, see below), CVs (curriculum vitae) of all experts to be involved in the task, a time schedule for the deliverables and a price for the task to be undertaken.

Offers must be submitted in electronic format, to stojan@ekosvest.com.mk no later than EOB on the 8th of August 2017.

Questions about this call can be addressed by e-mail to stojan@ekosvest.com.mk no later than the 5th of August 2017.

Terms of reference
Smart Ohrid Pre-Feasibility Social Impact Assessment

The general purpose of the “Smart Ohrid” concept is to demonstrate the practical possibilities and benefits from implementing sustainable public transport schemes and plans in the Ohrid region, in order to avoid environmental damage while at the same time stimulating and enhancing tourism development in the region.

Additionally, a broader aim is to raise awareness about the various sustainable solutions for transport and tourism in natural protected areas as well as the benefits from those.

Within the framework of the Smart Ohrid concept, a Pre-Feasibility Social Impact Assessment (SOPFSIA in the text that follows) is foreseen in order to qualitatively examine the impacts of proposed infrastructures within the concept on local people and tourism, as well as their alternatives.

An outline of the proposed content of the SOPFSIA is attached to these Terms of Reference.

The SOPFSIA will provide relevant decision makers with sufficient information to justify acceptance, modification or rejection of the Smart Ohrid concept.

It will inform the policies of relevant authorities so as to lead to a feasibility study and eventual adoption and implementation of the concept proposals.

More narrowly, it will form the basis of further assessments and analyses that will take place in subsequent phases of the wider pre-feasibility study that the SOPFSIA is part of.

The study will consider the possible Social impacts of the proposed infrastructural installations developed as part of the Technical Assessment within the Smart Ohrid Pre-

Feasibility Study (SOPFTA), and compare them to the possible Social implications of building an expressway in the Galichica National Park, as well as the baseline 'no action' Social conditions in the Smart Ohrid study area.

The consultants are required to use their professional judgment and experience to review all relevant factors and to bring these to the attention of the Contracting Authority. They will be expected to use the results of a customized tourism survey developed for the purposes of the Smart Ohrid Pre-Feasibility Study. They will also need to co-operate closely with the team responsible for delivering the SOPFTA as well as the Smart Ohrid Pre-Feasibility Environmental Impact Assessment (SOPFEIA).

On the basis of the proposed time schedule outlined in this Terms of Reference, the consultants will prepare a work plan and include this in their offer. The work plan should set out the consultants' approach to the following activities:

- fact finding/data collection;
- an analysis of possible social impacts under the scenarios proposed by the SOPFTA;
- a briefing report summarizing the analysis of alternative solutions;
- consultation with representatives of local communities and tourism bodies;
- preparation of the draft and final SOPFSIA.

The consultants must specify the qualifications and experience of each specialist to be assigned to the study. For each specialist proposed, a Curriculum Vitae must be provided (of no more than four pages) setting out the relevant experience.

The study conclusions must be presented in the SOPFSIA in the proposed format given in Appendix 1.

The draft SOPFSIA is to be presented to the Project coordinator in Eko-svest for comments by the 18th of September 2017. Within 7 days, comments on the draft SOPFSIA will be provided.

The experts will take account of these comments in preparing the final SOPFSIA. The final report in English in electronic version (word format) is to be submitted by the 15th of October 2017.

The experts should respond to this time schedule in their offer.

Appendix I

Smart Ohrid Pre-Feasibility Social Assessment, proposed components

Project Background

1. Study Goals, Objectives and Scope (description of the proposed infrastructural interventions)
2. Description of baseline socio-economic and tourism conditions in the study area
4. Smart Ohrid Concept Social Impact Report
 - Qualitative assessment of significant potential project-related impacts on local people and tourism in all stages of the proposed infrastructural interventions (construction and operation)
 - Potential mitigation and management strategies
5. Consideration of Alternative Scenarios
6. Conclusions and Recommendations

Maximum length excluding appendices: 20000 words.