**Call for Expressions of Interest (CEI)**

**PAPAF 04.2019**

For external environmental experts – Vjosa-Narte and Llogara Protected Areas Management Plan

1. **Introduction**

NGO “CELIM” in partnership with NAPA (National Agency for the Protected Areas)are responsible for the implementation of ACAP Project Community Actions of Protected Areas, in accordance to the main objective of the project for the infrastructural, managerial and technical empowerment of the Regional Agencies for the Protected Areas. The project is financed by Italian Agency for Development Cooperation AICS (ref.AID - 011521) and the intention of CELIM NGO through this call is to conclude contracts with environmental external experts to support the implementation of the project in the Protected Areas of Vjosa-Narta and Llogara National Park, by drawing up the Management Plan of those areas.

1. **Contracting authority**

The Contracting Authority for this Call for Expressions of Interest (CEI) is CELIM Shqipëri, Rr. Ismail Qemali, Nd. 154, H.14, Ap.13; contact e-mail address: [acap.papaf@celim.it](mailto:acap.papaf@celim.it)

1. **General Description of the Procedure**

This procedure is based on the internal procedure of CELIM. The candidates interested in providing services in accordance with profiles listed below and fulfilling the requirements are invited to send their fulfilled and signed Application Form (Annex I). The CEI will be valid for 10 (ten) days from the date of its publication(**deadline at 17:00 of the tenth day**). The candidates may submit an application before the deadline.

Incoming applications received in response to this CEI will be evaluated by the CELIM and AKZM; the candidates who satisfy the exclusion criteria and the required selection criteria will be pre-selected and put on a shortlist, according to the required profiles.

1. **Type of expertise needed**

In order to be shortlisted, experts must fulfill the general criteria outlined in Section 5 and possess proven knowledge and considerable professional experience in the areas mentioned specifically. Experts shortlisted do not act or speak on behalf of CELIM and/or AKZM, and CELIM and AKZM cannot be held responsible for their actions and expressions.

**5. Selection criteria**

General qualifications and skills:

* University degree in Environmental Science or relevant field and at least 5 years of professional experience in field;
* Proven proficiency level in English;
* None nationality restrictions.

**Assets:**

* Postgraduate and/or doctoral degree;
* Have signed at least 5 SIC and ZPS management plans;
* Having drawn up at least one Naturalistic Plan of a Natural Reserve;
* Participation as a planner, zoologist and GIS expert in at least 3 National Parks, 1 regional and 5 nature reserves;
* 10% GIS-specific work among VIA, VINCA and VAS;
* Teaching background of at least 2 years at university;
* At least 20 publications among books, articles, reviews and conference proceedings.

CELIM reserves the right to request evidence or proof of statements included in the Application Form.

1. **Application**

The Application should follow the below steps:

* Filling in all the fields of the Application Form available at: <https://www.celim.it/en/news/>;
* Printing out the filled in Application Form;
* Signing the printed Application Form and the Annexes and sending them as pdf forms to the e-mail address: [acap.tenders@celim.it](mailto:acap.tenders@celim.it)

Expenses incurred in connection with preparing and submitting the application shall be borne by the candidates involved and shall not be reimbursed. Inclusion on the relevant shortlist entails no obligation on CELIM concerning a contract conclusion with a specific expert.