**Call for Specialist Research Consultants**

Mapping of Legislation & Policy on violence against women and the implementation of the Istanbul Convention in 6 Western Balkan Countries and Turkey

**Background:**

The European Women's Lobby (EWL) is implementing a 12-month project on the **“Regional Forum for the Promotion and Monitoring Progress of the implementation of the Istanbul Convention in six Western Balkan countries and Turkey”.** This regional forum is part of the UN Women three-year programme [“Ending Violence against women: Implementing Norms, Changing Minds”.](http://eca.unwomen.org/en/digital-library/publications/2017/10/implementing-norms-changing-minds---newsletter)

The development and framing of the Regional Forum will be based on preparatory analytical work with regards to the implementation of the Istanbul Convention (IC). This will take the form of a country-by-country mapping analysis based on interviews, desk research and literature review.

**The EWL is calling for specialist consultants in each country** to carry out the mapping of the current policies and legislation to prevent and combat violence against women and girls (VAWG). The countries included in this analysis are: **Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, FYR of Macednoia, Serbia and Turkey**.

**The specific objects of the mapping are:**

* Take stock of progress and achievement in the country since the ratification of the IC;
* Take stock of cooperation between national governments, civil society organisations and regional institutions in monitoring IC implementation;
* Identify key challenges faced by civil society in the implementation and monitoring of the IC;
* Collect good practices, challenges, and lessons learnt with regards to the implementation of the Istanbul Convention, the monitoring process, and the involvement and systematic consultation to women organisations for both the implementation and monitoring.

| **Activities** | **Deliverables** |
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| * Based on a questionnaire, conduct a review on existing legislation, policies and literature on VAWG and their implementation at national level. * Conduct interviews with women’s NGO’s to identify key challenges, collect good practice and take stock of cooperation between the governments and NGO’s. * Develop a mapping report of the dominant challenges regarding violence against women nationally and include recommendations and quotes from the interviewees. * Develop a short overview paper that will contribute to an Executive Summary, which will be presented as a Regional Report. | **A 10-12 page report.**  **And a 2-3 page executive summary for combined Regional Report.** |

**Essential Requirements/profile of the consultant:**

* Excellent analytical skills and experience in comparative analysis;
* Knowledge of and experience in issues relating to violence against women and its various forms;
* Knowledge of the Istanbul Convention and Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women Recommendation 35;
* Commitment to gender equality and women's rights;
* Knowledge and experience in legal text analysis;
* Detail-oriented, focused and efficient with very good time management and organisational skills;
* Excellent report writing skills (in English);
* Availability and flexibility to work in this project between February 2018 and February 2019.

**Desired Skills:**

* Be a national of one of the countries in focus for the analysis
* Knowledge of the way violence against women is addressed in the country
* Experience of direct work with women survivors of violence
* This piece of work is linked to the EWL work on Violence Against Women, therefore applicants must be familiarized and in agreement with the EWL position on male-violence against women “[Towards a Europe Free from All Forms of Male Violence against Women”](http://www.womenlobby.org/Towards-a-Europe-Free-from-All-Forms-of-Male-Violence-against-Women-December)and the [EWL charter of principles on violence against women](http://www.womenlobby.org/IMG/pdf/charter_of_principles_on_vaw.pdf?4447/dd137c1e473dfd89b093bd9c01182ce551912f91).

**Location of Work:**

It can be home-based. The consultant may be required to travel to different national locations in order to conduct interviews with women’s organisations; the cost of these travels should be incorporated in your outlined proposal.

**Duration of work**: 36 days

**The European Women’s Lobby is absolutely committed to providing equal opportunities for everyone regardless of their background. We value diversity and lived experience, and acknowledge the underrepresentation of people from certain backgrounds, both within our organisation and across civil society. We particularly encourage applications from Black, Asian and/or minority ethnic people; people with disabilities; and people from the LGBT+ community.**

**Application and timeframe:**

Deadline for applications: 23 March 2018 (17.00 CET)

Interviews: 27 March -3 April 2018

Selection of the consultant: 4 April 2018

Agree precise work plan and contract starting date: 9 April 2018

**Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.**

**For more information:**

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**Application form – to support the European Women’s Lobby in the design of a Regional Forum on the Istanbul Convention**

Please complete this form in answering the below questions and return to Project Coordinator Valentina Andrasek: [vandrasek@gmail.com](mailto:vandrasek@gmail.com) and in CC to Asha Allan EWL Policy Officer: [allen@womenlobby.org](mailto:allen@womenlobby.org) explaining how you would carry out this work. Please, add the following subject line to your e-mail **“Application Project Management Consultant – Regional Forum Istanbul Convention”.** Please attach the CV of the key person involved in delivering the work. The proposal should be **no more than 2 pages** and should reflect the proposed framework and tasks for the applicant as outlined above.

1. Why are you qualified for delivering this work? Please indicate your experience in conducting research, specifically regarding policy and legislation analysis, and any relevant experience in researching issues regarding violence against women and domestic violence
2. What is your experience in working for women’s rights and gender equality? Please indicate especially any relevant experience you have working on violence against women and girls, and any relevant experience of transnational civil society networks especially operating in Europe and/or the Western Balkans.
3. How would you deliver this work in coordination with EWL? How would you plan the work?
4. Please indicate the number of days you would need to deliver this project and the daily rate:

Day=

Rate=

Total=

**DISCLAIMER: The financial proposal provided in this application form must include all taxation requirements.**