

Pre-proposal Conference Minutes

RFP for Assessing the readiness of Georgia for alignment with the EU Green Deal

Project Title: EU4Climate, # 00114346 **Date:** November 30, 2021

Time: 15:00 (GMT+ 4)

A pre-proposal Conference was conducted via zoom

Participants:

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- 1. Ekaterine Mikadze Project Manager
- 2. David Samunashvili Program Associate
- 3. Lika Tergiashvili Project Administrative and Finance Associate

The representative of the following companies participated:

- 1. Giorgi Mukhigulishvili, WEG
- 2. Mason Soule, ISET
- 3. Nini Nutsubidze, CENN
- 4. Nino Loladze, GIPA
- 5. Norberto Pignatti, ISET
- 6. Tibor Schaffhauser, Energy Community
- 7. Tutana Kvaratskhelia, WEG
- 8. Natalia Shatirishvili, WEG
- 9. Murman Margvelashvili, WEG
- 10. Irina Lazerini, Energy Community
- 11. Salome Gelashvili, ISET
- 12. Ana Gaprindashvili, CENN
- 13. Arsen Gogatadze, PWC

The overall objective of the RFP is to assess how well the current policy framework in Georgia is in line with the ambitions and policies under the EU Green Deal and what are the policy measures to be addressed/implemented. This shall be done by carrying out a mapping of relevant policies and gap analysis along the key pillars of the Green Deal.

This gap analysis shall be complemented by a collection and description of national best practice examples (e.g., flagship initiatives). Thereby not only the weak points but also the strong points in Georgian climate and environmental policies should be identified. The result of this exercise should support the Georgian government in designing a roadmap for further alignment with EU policies and attract international financial support.

A pre-proposal conference was held remotely via Zoom on 30 November 2021, at 15:00 (GMT+4). The meeting aimed to clarify questions of interested proposers concerning the proposal.

The introduction with brief overview about project and RFP was followed by question-and-answer session.

- 1. Q: Can proposed International Expert be Georgian Citizen but with International Experience? A: It is possible that proposed International Expert has Georgian Citizenship, main thing is to comply with requirements set forth in the RFP Section C of Annex 2.
- 2. Q: Considering that only two national experts are required by the RFP, does this mean that it is allowed that proposed methodology does not cover all the sectors? For example, one of the required Expert should have experience in either agriculture, or forestry or waste management sector, does this mean that methodology should cover only one of these sectors? Do you assume that other sectors are skipped?

A: None of the sectors should be skipped, though those sectors in which expert is proposed might be elaborated deeper. Final report which will be submitted by the selected company should cover all core pillars of EU green deal. It is opportunity to include sectoral expert to integrate sectorial approaches in general assessment.

Q: We can go deeper in some sectors, but do we need to cover all of them?

A: Absolutely right

3. Q: It was mentioned in the RFP that we should not combine several topics under one expert – How this would be possible?

A: Proposed one national expert might cover either agriculture, or forestry or waste management sector, but should not cover fields of second national expert, who on the other hand might cover only energy or industry sector.

Following the Q&A part meeting was closed.

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