

Technical Assistance to the Programme “Support of VET through Innovation”

Contract notice: VET 01/2018

Terms of Reference No.03/2020

Technician/Agronomist – part of Project Coordination Team

1. Description of the assignment:	
1.1 Title of assignment	Technician/Agronomist - part of Project Coordination Team
1.2 Activity	Support to the implementation of the Project "Technical Assistance to the Programme “Support of VET through Innovation" aiming at enhancing the institutional capacity of the MEF to develop a multifunctional VET centre in the Fier region, by building up a system of improved qualified skills responding to the needs of labor market and a sustainable sound system to monitor and evaluate the employment increase in the agricultural sector.
1.3 Background	The overall objective of the institutional technical assistance is to support MEF in policy advice and in the establishment of an agricultural multifunctional Vocational Education and Training Centre in the Fier Region in Albania, in order to increase the employability of VET graduates and to contribute to the enhancement of the country competitiveness in the agriculture and in the agro-food processing sectors.
2. Objectives and deliverables	
2.1. Objectives	<p>The purpose of this institutional technical assistance is to enhance the institutional capacity of the MEF to develop a multifunctional VET centre in the Fier region, by building up a system of improved qualified skills responding to the needs of labor market and a sustainable sound system to monitor and evaluate the employment increase in the agricultural sector. The expected results of the VET Programme are encompassed in a comprehensive approach to achieve the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agricultural multifunctional centre (MFC) of excellence efficiently managed and organised in the Fier region; 2. VET and labour market oriented curricula developed; 3. Linkages of the multifunctional centre with the private sector, especially in the agriculture and agro-food processing sectors, enforced in the framework of a functioning dual system; 4. Coherence with IPA II financing to Employment and Skills Sector maximized (policy advice).
2.2. Requested services	<p>Working as part of a team composed of Key and Non Key Experts in close collaboration with the Project team Leader, the role will be broad based with emphasis on supporting the Project leader in developing better ways to manage plant and animal farms.</p> <p>The practical activity in the agricultural vocational education and training is crucial for the skills development of the students and will meticulously address the practical part of each curricula defined in the second expected result. Tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of technical inputs for the creation of a demonstration farm, cattle-shed, agro-food processing plant;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a detailed list of workshops, equipment and training materials needed for both the Fier and Lushnje schools laboratories according to the needs of the secondary, life-long learning and post-secondary VET levels. • Technical support for the preparation and update of the curricula in the agronomic sector for secondary, post secondary and short term VET courses; • Support in piloting the constitution of a non-profit ‘agricultural enterprise’ to be managed by the VET school of Fier.
3. Expert inputs	
3.1. Total working days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To be decided upon approval of the Inception Report.
3.2. Period	February 2020 to December 2022
3.3. Location	Fier, Lushnje and Tirana as per project needs
4. Requested qualifications	
Expert profile required for this activity	
4.1. Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bachelor degree in agriculture ▪ Albanian mother tongue, excellent knowledge of English and Italian (spoken and written). ▪ Computer literate in standard programs
4.2. General Professional Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minimum of 5 years experience in agriculture, agro-food processing, agro-tourism sectors in Albania. ▪ Good understanding of EU standards in agriculture and related fields (agriculture, agro-food processing, agro-tourism)
4.3. Specific work experience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Experience in drafting VET curricula for secondary, post secondary and short term courses in agriculture sector ▪ Experience in assessing the equipment needs of laboratories in VET schools
5. Reporting	
5.1. Language	Albanian/English and Italian is mandatory
5.2. Report type/content	<p>Report on achievement, challenges, insights and recommendations referring to the requested outputs of mission</p> <p>Contribution to drafting the progress reports of the programme</p> <p>Final report</p>
6. Responsibility	
Proposed by	Luca De Pietri, Project Leader
	Date: 20.02.2020
CVs to be sent	<p>Email address: Luca.DePietri@regione.emilia-romagna.it</p> <p>By: 28/02/2020</p>

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