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Final Evaluation Consultant

Environment and Security Initiative (ENVSEC)
Transforming Environmental and Security Risks into Cooperation

1. General Context of the Environment and Security Initiative (ENVSEC)

The Environment and Security Initiative (ENVSEC) is a partnership between the United Nations Environment and Development Programmes (UNEP and UNDP), the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the Regional Environment Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC). The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has joined the Initiative as an associated partner. The Initiative provides multi-stakeholder based analysis of environment and security risks as well as addresses environmental legacies of conflicts through strengthening national and regional capacities, institutions and cooperation, leading to concrete investments in remediation and clean-up activities.

The ENVSEC Initiative recognizes that the best path to addressing environmental and security concerns is through international dialogue and neighborly cooperation. It therefore assists governments to identify common solutions and to develop joint projects for achieving them. ENVSEC addresses the critical links and impacts of environmental management, human security, conflict prevention and sustainable development in the localities that are prone to conflicts and growing tension.

The ENVSEC programme in SEE, with the joint funding from Finland and Austria, has engaged the ENVSEC partner agencies between September 2009 and December 2012 in the countries of South Eastern Europe across the four thematic priorities which were set through national and regional consultations.

The overall goal of the project is to contribute to the reduction of environment and security risks, and to the increased cooperation both between and within countries in the SEE Region. Activities to achieve that goal include policy integration, capacity building of government institutions (including local government), hotspot risk mitigation, and civil society strengthening and promotion of good environmental governance. The project contributes to improved knowledge, understanding and management of environmental and security risks.

The main beneficiaries of the project included policy and decision makers as well as experts of relevant Ministries for Environment and Natural Resources, Ministries for Foreign Affairs, Economic Development, Emergencies, Transport and Industry, Agriculture, etc., local government representatives, agencies and civil society organizations.

2. Beneficiaries of the evaluation

The beneficiaries of this evaluation will be the ENVSEC partners agencies, the donor Governments of Finland (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and Austria (Austrian Development Agency), and ultimately the ENVSEC project beneficiaries in the regions where ENVSEC operates.
3. **Specific Objectives**

The Evaluation focus on the ENVSEC work in the SEE and in particular in the Initiative’s four main pillar:

- Management and reduction of transboundary risks from hazardous activities
- Management of shared natural resources
- Strengthening regional cooperation on environmental governance through participatory and informed decision making and implementation processes
- Adaptation to the impacts of climate change for reducing security risks in SEE

The evaluation will particularly have the following objectives:

- To evaluate the appropriateness of project objectives and their continued relevance with respect to ENVSEC’s overall principles, objectives and requirements and the projects’ capacity to reach out to target groups and involve key stakeholders;
- To assess the extent to which ENVSEC programme in SEE has met its objectives, has a continued relevance, efficiency, and effectiveness, and potentials for impact and sustainability;
- To investigate to what extent the programme has built up upon ENVSEC regional assessments and the continuing monitoring of environment and security risks and priorities to assist environmental institutions, other national and local stakeholders in: 1) improving, establishing and implementing effective environmental policies, 2) creating increased awareness among the governments and civil society of links between the environment and security, 3) mobilising technical expertise and financial support for clean-up and remediation;
- To verify the adequacy of monitoring and follow up by ENVSEC partners (implementers) and the capacity of the latter to react to delays or unforeseen circumstances;
- To suggest corrective follow up and measures, if necessary, in order to consolidate ENVSEC achievements and improve programme ongoing and future operations;

4. **Methodology**

The consultant will review relevant project documents, outputs and reports and travel to all countries where ENVSEC programme has developed. The expert will be responsible for the overall planning, implementation and reporting (preparation, finalization, presentation and timely delivery). He/she will use his/her own computer and responsible for all the costs related to the missions.

The evaluation of four ENVSEC pillars will be conducted on the basis of interviews, meetings, telephone conferences with ENVSEC project managers, ENVSEC Regional Desk Officer and Secretariat members, representatives of ENVSEC partners agencies, local stakeholders as well as donors and partners.

5. **Expert profile**

- Experience in managing/monitoring/reviewing projects or programme in the region or other countries;
• Good knowledge and understanding of project evaluation methodology;
• Practical work experience with or within the United Nations system or international development organizations in countries with transitional economies is an asset;
• The position requires good communication skills and excellent drafting skills in English and local Balkan languages
• Strong PC and IT communications skills.

6 Duration

The provisional staring date of the assignment is 15 November 2012 till 31 December 2012.

The expert is expected to provide the ENVSEC partners and donors with an interim version of the report by 10 December for comments and finalize the work by 31 December.