

Terms of Reference

Local Consultant – Senior Energy Expert

A. Introduction

The World Bank (WB) is a key and long-term partner of Romania in the energy sector transition towards net-zero targets, contributing with investments, knowledge, and capacity building activities, in collaboration with different stakeholders, supporting the definition and achievement of several national sectoral objectives and the alignment of energy priorities and strategies with the European Union directives and vision.

The ECA Energy Unit (IECE1) is seeking a Short-Term Consultant to support the Romania Energy Team in the context of the ongoing activities (advisory and investment operations) in the country.

B. Tasks and Responsibilities

The consultant should support the World Bank team on the following tasks:

- Contribute, draft and review deliverables and outputs (in English and Romanian) in the context of advisory services and technical assistance, as needed and guided by the World Bank team.
- Liaise with Government officials and other stakeholders and support the team in various stakeholder engagement and consultations part of the energy engagements in the country, as needed and guided by the World Bank team.
- Support the team in preparing the agenda, summary of discussions and operational and relevant material agreed with the World bank team.
- Carry out desk-based research and data collection, where possible and as needed, in the context of the advisory activities above.
- Supporting the Bank team in the coordination and discussions with Government, policy makers and stakeholders.
- Provide hands-on training and support to specific technical counterparts as agreed and guided by the World Bank team.
- Participate in mission(s) and submit contributions to mission-related documents (e.g., Aide Memoire).
- Provide additional support as needed.

C. Key Deliverables

- Contributions to deliverables and outputs of advisory activities above.
- Consultation material as agreed with World Bank team.
- Participate in mission(s) and submit contributions to mission-related documents (e.g., Aide Memoire).
- Other as needed.

D. Place of Work and Reporting

The consultant is expected to be based in Bucharest, Romania, with possibility to travel domestically and internationally. The consultant will report to Mr. Mariano Gonzalez Serrano (Senior Energy Specialist) at the World Bank.

E. Expected Effort

The estimated effort is expected to be (a) up to 10 days between June 01 to June 30, 2024, and (b) 50 days between July 01, 2024, to June 30, 2025. The latter may be extended should the candidate have availability and the work program so requires, up to a maximum of 150 days per fiscal year.¹

F. Consultant qualifications

- A Masters' level degree in engineering, energy planning, finance, economics, business administration, public policy, or equivalent areas.
- At least 5 years of relevant experience in the energy and infrastructure field.
- Bank operational experience or experience in international cooperation context is desirable.
- Experience drafting technical reports and performing sectoral research, analytical work.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and proven ability to build strong partnerships with clients, different stakeholders and colleagues across units and departmental boundaries in a multi-cultural environment with virtual teams located in different countries.
- Good written and oral communication skills in English and Romanian (professional proficiency).
- Ability to communicate complex issues in simple terms and to engage in evidence-based dialogue with clients.

To apply, we invite you to send your CV (max. 3 pages) and a cover letter describing your interest in this role (max 1 page), both in English, at mfanconi@worldbank.org by June 23st 2024.

¹ The fiscal year at the World Bank starts on July 1 and end on June 30.