

Role Title

Feasibility study expert

Role Information

Role Type	Location	Duration	Reports to:
Consultancy	Tripoli	15 Days	Project Team Leader

Project Background

EU for Civil Society Libya is a three-year project funded by the European Union (EU) and delivered by the British Council, ACTED and CILG-VNG. The project has the following key objective:

Strengthen democratic governance, accountability, and local development in Libya by empowering civil society actors to participate in decision-making processes.

Specific objectives linked to the main objective are:

Libyan CSOs' effectiveness, accountability, public perception, and participation in local governance initiatives are strengthened through

(1) Building the capacity of Libyan CSOs to become effective, accountable, and independent actors (SO1); and

(2) Enhanced awareness among citizens, local authorities, and policy-makers of CSOs' role as partners in local development, planning, delivery and monitoring (SO2).

The project has three result areas:

1) The institutional, organizational, and technical capacities of CSOs are identified and strengthened through a needs-based approach,

2) appropriate infrastructural capacity is in place to support CSO initiatives, increase civic engagement, facilitate knowledge-sharing, and raise public awareness of CSO initiatives and successes, and

3) cooperation between CSOs and engagement of CSOs in local governance is reinforced through the implementation of concrete initiatives at the community level.

Support to CSOs:

The project aims to support CSOs through capacity building activities, resource centres in Tripoli and Benghazi, and an online knowledge sharing platform.

Resource centre:

The purpose of the resource centre is to provide a physical space for CSOs to access resources, seek advice, and access information. The centres will provide services such as co-working spaces, ICT equipment, meeting and workshop spaces and information on funding and partnership opportunities. The centres will also host capacity-building activities planned under the project, including training workshops, coaching sessions, and networking events. The resource centre will also be staffed to provide support and advice for CSOs using the centre.

Online Platform:

The project also aims to provide support through an online platform. This will feature variety of

materials related to CSO organisational development, such as guides, templates, and training manuals, as well as sectorial and thematic studies produced by CSOs, donor organisations, and implementing partners. These materials will be collected and include funding, job, and volunteering opportunities through proactive outreach to donors, implementers, and CSO partners.

Purpose of the consultancy

The purpose of the consultancy is to review the feasibility and to provide recommendations for an approach and an action plan for development of the resource centre in Tripoli and the online portal.

This includes the following activities:

- Review the feasibility and approach to the resource centre in Tripoli. The project seeks to explore opportunities to work in partnership with other incubators or organizations to see if locations are available, or if other modalities are more appropriate in order to maximize benefits to CSOs in line with the purpose of the resource centre, and to ensure sustainability.
- Assess the value and sustainability of establishing a new online portal, or supporting any online portals/resources that may already exist.
- Make recommendations on the appropriate balance of resources between physical and online resources.

Scope of works:

An Expert is required to assess the feasibility of the physical resource centre and the online platform and provide recommendations for implementation that will maximise sustainability, value for money and the project's approach to context sensitivity.

This includes:

- Meetings and consultations with CSOs and other stakeholders in Tripoli to gauge the needs and demand for the resource centre and online platform.
- Scoping to identify similar support already available in Tripoli.
- Identify possible locations for the resource centre, including business incubation hubs, existing CSOs, shared office spaces etc.
- Identifying any online resource platforms already available in Libya.
- Doing a risk analysis of the options available.
- Recommending staffing provision and other set-up requirements for the different options

Expected Deliverables

- Report on options available.
- Presentation (PPT) on options available.
- Report to include:
 - Options available for hosting of resource centre, including risk analysis, value for money analysis, accessibility, and sustainability analysis for each option.
 - Options available for hosting of online portal including risk analysis, value for money analysis, and sustainability analysis for each option.
 - Analysis of the requirements of local CSOs.
 - Analysis of the appropriate balance between online and physical support that should be provided.
 - Stakeholder mapping of other provision/support to CSOs in Tripoli.

Skills and Competencies

Experience and Education:

- Minimum five years' experience of strategic analysis, writing business cases and planning.
- Minimum three years' experience of working with civil society organisations in Libya.
- Good knowledge of Tripoli and the not-for-profit market in Tripoli.

Language and skills:

- Excellent written and spoken English and Arabic.

The Expert will be required to declare any conflicts of interests with organisations identified through the scoping.

Contract details

The assignment is offered on a fixed- term basis for **15 working days** in total, spread over a 1 month period.

A competitive fee in line with **large donor funded programmes** is offered. This will be agreed once the successful candidate is identified and will be commensurate with the successful candidate's previous experience.

Due to the constraints imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, this assignment will initially be home-based. Should safety and security clearances be granted, the consultant will be required to travel in and around Tripoli.

To apply

If you are interested in this vacancy, kindly submit your application by January 27th , 2021.

Your Application should include the following:

1. Your CV
2. A supporting statement highlighting how your experience and skills match the requirements of the assignment

Applications should be submitted by email to HRLibya@ly.britishcouncil.org

Please mention the consultancy role you are applying to in the subject

Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted.