

Call for consultant(s): Development of the training module and conducting the training on Building Broader Coalitions for Budget Advocacy (BBC)

#### About ERC:

**Eurasian Regional Consortium (ERC)** unites three regional organizations operating in EECA - **Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (EHRA)**, **Eurasian Women's Network on AIDS (EWNA)** and **Eurasian Coalition on Male Health (ECOM)** which respectively representing interests of the three Inadequately Served Communities (ISPs) – **people who use drugs (PUD)**, **women living with HIV (WLHIV)** and **gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men and trans\* people (MSM/T)**. ERC is the unique consortium of organizations representing communities that are often facing stigma, discrimination and criminalization in our region. Regardless of the financial resources of the countries in our regions, the interests of these groups of society are often left behind in the process of transitioning from donor to national funding, where community groups are expected to meaningfully participate in the budget advocacy processes in order to ensure that our respective communities are not left behind, and community organizations are not placed in the unfair competition conditions on expense of each other, but are resourced to pursue joint and more effective activities.

ERC has been attempting to put in direct touch these communities from the very beginning of its existence (2016). It has launched several modules of interventions to help communities at the spot to understand public budgeting process and their role in forming, implementing and monitoring it. ERC has invested in building coordination between various communities for the better outcomes for each of them.

**Aim of the training** is to develop skills and understanding among community leaders on building broader advocacy alliances, coalitions with new partners to ensure the social contracting mechanisms existing in countries of the region are used for HIV prevention services provided by NGOs in EECA countries.

Training will be organized in three parts:

1. **Community led budget advocacy (EHRA methodology);**
2. **Coordination between communities (ECOM methodology);**
3. **Building broader partnerships and coalitions for budget advocacy** (developed and conducted by consultant(s)/trainer(s)).

The three days training will address the first two parts during the first day, while the rest of the time will be devoted to giving participants concrete knowledge and skills and do practical exercises like developing country road maps etc. While budget advocacy part will be coordinated by EHRA, and the coordination part by ECOM, all three ERC partners in cooperation with the consultant(s) will be responsible for the third part in their agreed and relevant capacities.

#### Training participants

Up to 18 Community activists, based on the merits of individual application from EECA countries from following community organizations/initiative groups, their consortia or joint advocacy platforms:

people who use drugs (PUD), women living with HIV (WLHIV) and gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men and trans\* people (MSM/T).

Participants from the following countries will be eligible to apply for participation in the three day training: *Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan.*

**N.B.:** *Residence in these countries is not the requirement for the consultant under present call.*

Follow up

At the training, small grants program will be presented to the training participants. Only training participant nominating organizations, consortia and joint advocacy platforms will be eligible to participate in this small grant program to implement the roadmaps developed during and after the three days training. Call for proposals will be presented by the ERC staff members.

### Scope of work

We expect the consultant to complete the following steps for this assignment:

1. Analyse existing practicing of successful cooperation between communities and possible allies such as:

- Members of parliament, especially health committees;
- Finance and economic ministries;
- National or municipal agencies responsible for state procurement;
- Civil society advocating for open governments and open procurement.

2. Develop a training materials (recommendations with described case studies and other supporting documents) for building broader coalitions for budget advocacy which will include set of theoretical and practical components which provide for the knowledge and skills on how to build such coalition step by step

3. Deliver 3 days training;

4. Prepare training materials for online publication and provide training report.

### Timeframe

Call announced: 17.10.2019

Call closed: 10.11.2019

Selection of consultant(s): 11.11.2019

Signing contract and commencement of work: 12.11.2019

The first draft of the Training materials and outline of training in Building Broader Coalitions for budget advocacy (BBC), should be provided to ECOM no later than 20.11.2019.

Comments on the first draft will be provided within 5 working days (26.11.2019).

The final draft of the training materials and the training agenda should be submitted to ECOM by 03.12.2019

Deliver the three day training on 10-12.12.2019

Provide module publishable online on 20.12.2019

The schedule of the consultant's work should be flexible and not exceed 10 working days during the period from 11.11.2019 – 20.12.2019

### **Expected results and performance evaluation**

1. The experience of successful engagement with wider circle of actors such as members of parliament, political parties, the patients groups and others involved in creation and endorsement of the funding for ISP health services is studied. The strengths and weaknesses of interaction are identified, best practices and lessons learned are described and available for communities, their consortia and joint advocacy platforms in the form of module in the online learning toolkit;
2. The description and analysis of practices is integrated into the concept of training module and contains step by step guide on how to engage broader circle of stakeholders to back up ISP communities initiatives as theoretical presentations or practical exercises;
3. Three day training delivered on December 10-12, 2019 in Tallinn, Estonia;
3. A short status report and other required paperwork is completed by the consultant.

Main contact person for this task in ECOM will be Paata Sabelashvili - Advocacy Coordinator. He will also be in charge of evaluating and accepting draft documents prepared by the consultant(s).

### **Remuneration and compensation**

A service contract will be signed between the consultant and ECOM, according to which ECOM will not be liable for the payment of any taxes by the consultant. The consultant performs all the necessary tax and other type of payments by the law of the country of residence of the consultant.

The amount of remuneration is the subject of negotiations between the applicant and ECOM prior to signing contract. The work schedule of the consultant should be flexible and not exceed 10 working days.

### **Requirements**

#### *Essential*

- Experience in working with state actors in EECA or other regions;
- Experience in working with community organizations and their consortia in the EECA region or outside it, as a staff of the organization or a consultant.
- Experience in conducting trainings during the last 3 years.
- Demonstrated theoretical knowledge of and/or practical experience in budget advocacy.

- Good skills in preparation of the concept and module for training.
- Good knowledge of English and Russian.

#### *Additional*

- Higher education in social sciences or equivalent.
- Work experience in NGOs and/or state institutions working in the field of HIV and/or sexual health.

#### **Application process**

Applications are accepted only from physical persons (individually or in a group). Interested parties must submit their application via e-mail, specifying in the subject "Consultancy for building broader coalitions training". The letter should be sent to: [contact@ecom.ngo](mailto:contact@ecom.ngo)

The deadline for applications is November 10, 2019, 23:59 Eastern European time.

The application must contain:

1. A cover letter that includes summary of the background clearly showcasing the consultant's experience/expertise required.
2. A short offer (no more than 2 pages) describing the proposed methodology: step by step guide on how to engage with broader coalitions for budget advocacy, the schedule of the consultant(s) works, the number of days and the daily rate of the consultant(s).

ECOM does not return received files.

Only those candidates who meet the requirements presented in this announcement will be notified of the results of the selection.

In case of questions on this announcement, please contact Paata Sabelashvili, ECOM's Advocate of Advocacy, via e-mail: [paata@ecom.ngo](mailto:paata@ecom.ngo)