

## JOB VACANCY

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The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Sustainable Municipal Services (SMS) Project is seeking to fill the position of:

### **Advisor** **Environmental Policy and Resource Efficiency**

#### **The overall purpose of the post**

The project 'Institutional Development to Modernise Waste Management in Kosovo' (or Sustainable Municipal Services Project - hereafter 'SMS') was co-funded by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the European Union, and implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH supports the modernisation of waste management system in Kosovo.

The SMS project supports and cooperates with a wide range of institutions and stakeholders. The project supports and cooperates with the central and local levels of Government. It provides support to the Ministry of Environment Spatial Planning and Infrastructure (MESPI) in developing a strategic, legal and institutional framework in line with the EU acquis and all 38 municipalities to provide sustainable waste services. It also supports the development of the private sector, marginalised communities and cooperates with other relevant stakeholders. The objective is to establish a functioning and sustainable waste management system that supports the transition towards a circular economy by reducing the amount of waste that ends up in landfills and increasing the amount of treated and recovered waste.

Municipalities in Kosovo have been facing a big challenge in providing sustainable basic services to their citizens. Through capacity building, technical advice and infrastructure support, the SMS project has supported municipalities in assuming their responsibilities within the waste management sector in order to overcome such challenges and provide sustainable services. The improvements in the sectors in recent years have created the momentum to modernise the waste management services through an integrated approach that is based on inter-municipal cooperation and contributes to the transition towards a more circular economy.

In addition to the local level of government, the project currently supports the MESPI to implement the "Kosovo Integrated Waste Management Strategy" (KIWMS) and the respective action plan, as well as in aligning the domestic legal framework with the EU acquis and ensuring its enforcement. The SMS project further supports MESPI in introducing economic instruments that implement the 'polluter pays' principle. Currently, it is supporting the design and set-up of a Deposit Refund System (DRS) for beverage containers in the country. It will also provide support in introducing an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) system for specific waste streams such as: Waste from Electronics and Electric Equipment (WEEE), Oils, Accumulators and Batteries, End of Life Vehicles (ELVs).

In this regard, the Environmental Policy and Resource Efficiency Advisor will provide advisory support to partners and institutions in setting-up and implementing reforms and processes in the sector of waste management sector and circular economy. Particularly, they will support the implementation of the Kosovo Integrated Waste Management Strategy by leading and steering activities related to circular economy and

implementation of the 'polluter pays' principle, including support in setting-up of economic instruments such as the Extended Producer Responsibility, including Deposit Refund System. They will conceptualise and implement project activities related to private sector development and civil society engagement in waste management and circular economy.

## **Main task and responsibilities**

The advisor shall be responsible to:

- Provide advisory support to partners and beneficiaries at all levels on the improvement of policies and implementation of measures in the field of waste management, circular economy and green agenda;
- Support the development of concepts, policy papers and products in setting up and implementing policies and economic instruments in line with the waste hierarchy and 'polluter pays' principle;
- Steer and coordinate the implementation of activities and processes related to the Extended Producer Responsibility, including the Deposit Refund System;
- Support capacity development of institutions, private sector and civil society in the area of the circular economy;
- Coordinate the cooperation with the private sector and civil society in the area of waste management and circular economy;
- Contribute to cooperation and development of synergies with donor projects, partner initiatives in and outside of Kosovo;
- Contribute strategically to project management in the acquisition, offer design, planning reporting and budgeting processes;
- Participate and contribute in GIZ sector networks and communities of practice;
- Write, review, edit, proofread and format products, deliverables and official documentation, publications, factsheets, proposals and other related materials to ensure accuracy, clarity and consistency of documents;
- Support the development and organization of events, programmes, round-tables and other activities;
- Contribute to the overall GIZ knowledge and data management in accordance with GIZ standards on all relevant platforms;
- Contribute to the regular project monitoring, evaluation and reporting duties;
- Respect GIZ values, standards and guidelines;
- Perform other assigned duties and tasks to ensure successful implementation of project activities.

## **Required qualifications, competencies and experience**

### **Qualifications**

- Master's degree in economics, environmental policy, sustainable development, public administration, EU law and policy, environmental law or a relevant area
- Additional knowledge on integrated waste management and circular economy is preferable.

### **Professional experience**

- At least 5 years of professional experience in a relevant field (e.g. economic policy, environmental law, policy development, circular economy, sustainability, integrated waste management)
- Experience in economic policy development and private sector engagement
- Experience in implementation of development projects at a local level and national level
- Work experience in or with public institutions, service providers and/or private sector in project-related area
- Experience in project management and research experience in an area related to the project's requirements
- Project management and research experience in related areas

## **Other knowledge, additional competences**

- Excellent knowledge of the English language is required; knowledge of the German language is an added value.
- Highly motivated, structured and strategic thinking, well organised and independent working style.
- Knowledge of environmental matters, sustainability, ecosystem and biodiversity
- Result-oriented and solution-oriented attitude
- Great interpersonal skills, including adapting communication to different recipients and networking in Kosovo and with the international community
- Able to establish a good and cooperative working relationship with all staff in the organisation, demonstrating respect for their respective roles and responsibilities
- Willingness to develop their competencies and skills as required by the tasks to be performed – corresponding measures are agreed with management
- Willingness to engage in regular partner interaction and exposure to on-the-ground waste management service provision.
- Proficient knowledge of Microsoft Office programs.

**Location:** Office in Prishtina, Kosovo

**Expected start date:** September 2022

## **How to apply?**

Interested and, suitably qualified and experienced candidates are invited to submit their electronic application in English, **in PDF version**, to [application.kosovo@giz.de](mailto:application.kosovo@giz.de)

- CV (Europass template is recommended)
- Letter of motivation
- Diploma(s) and at least 2 reference letters/recommendations
- Subject of the email: **Name & Surname – Env. Policy and Resource Efficiency Advisor– GIZ SMS project**

## **Applications that do not meet these rules will not be considered!**

Deadline for the application: **12<sup>th</sup> of August 2022**

*Only short-listed candidates will be contacted and invited to the next stage of recruitment.*

*GIZ encourages female candidates, candidates from ethnic communities as well as candidates with disability to apply.*