

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Non-Key experts required for the EU funded project

“EU for Natura 2000 in Serbia” – 1 position

The project “EU for Natura 2000 in Serbia” is funded by the European Union, managed by the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Serbia, and implemented by a consortium led by Eptisa Southeast Europe d.o.o. Main institutional beneficiaries of the project are the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Institute for Nature Conservation of Serbia. The overall objective of the project is to assist the Republic of Serbia to carry out preparation for establishment of Natura 2000 network, in context of the preparation for EU accession. The project will be implemented in the period May 2019 – May 2021, and includes 5 main results:

1. Designation process for potential SPAs and pSCIs substantially completed, according to the Birds and Habitats Directives, for Natura 2000 network;
2. Information System, Database and GIS for Natura 2000 developed;
3. Harmonization of national legislation with EU directives related to nature protection revised and completed;
4. Technical and administrative capacity for implementation of nature protection legislation strengthened;
5. Public awareness campaign for Natura 2000 implemented.

To complement its team of experts for the project, Eptisa Southeast Europe is seeking applications from suitably qualified professionals to support implementation of the project activities by covering the following positions:

JUNIOR NON-KEY EXPERT

POSITION: JUNIOR NON-KEY EXPERT FOR FIELD MAPPING EUROPEAN NEWTS SPECIES (*Triturus* species)

1. OVERALL PURPOSE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The project “EU for Natura 2000 in Serbia” is looking for a Junior non-key expert for field mapping European newts species who shall contribute to carrying out fieldwork on *Triturus* species according to Habitats Directive in the Republic of Serbia, together with the Key Expert 2 of the project.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

The expert will be engaged within Result 1 (Result 1 – Designation process for potential SPAs and pSCIs substantially completed according to the Birds and Habitat directives, for Natura 2000 network) and within the specific activity of field mapping, *Triturus cristatus*, *Triturus karelinii* (ivanbureschi), *Triturus dobrogicus*, and *Triturus macedonicus* supporting Senior non-key expert for Amphibian and Reptile species and Key Expert 2 of the project.

3. SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS

Task	WD
Field mapping European Newts species from Annex II and IV of Habitats Directive with occurrence in the scope working area of the project	15

4. WORK RELATIONSHIPS / REPORTING

The expert will directly report to the Key Expert 2 Deputy Team Leader / Habitat and SPA Expert.

The expert will deliver 1-page monthly reports in English language, that will be attached to the expert's draft monthly timesheet. Performance of the task will be assessed by the Team Leader and the Key Expert 2.

5. LOCATION AND TIMING

This assignment shall be implemented in Serbia, with main location site Belgrade, and in the tentative period from March 2020 – March 2021. The assignment is foreseen to take up to **15 working days**. For field mapping project activities implement outside of Belgrade, costs of travel, accommodations and meals will be covered by the project.

6. REQUIREMENTS

Qualifications and Skills

- University degree (or equivalent) in Biology or equivalent of 5 (five) years of relevant experience above the general experience required below;
- Excellent communication, reporting and teamwork skills;
- Fluency in written and spoken Serbian;
- Fluency in written and spoken English;
- Computer literacy.

Professional Experience

- At least 3 years of experience of general professional experience in the field of amphibian's research, ecology and/or field mapping;
- Proven experience (at least 3 years) in performing at least 1 project related to amphibian species field mapping activities;
- At least 3 (three) years general experience relevant to Balkans nature;
- Previous experience in sector of environment and nature protection will be considered an advantage;
- Previous experience in working with state administration and/or public institutions will be considered an advantage.

HOW TO APPLY

- If your profile matches the criteria listed above, please send your updated **EU format CV (maximum of 5 pages) in English** to the following email address: info@natura2000.rs;
- email subject: **JNKE FOR FIELD MAPPING EUROPEAN NEWTS SPECIES**;
- Deadline for submission of applications is **March 5th, 2020**.

Note: More detailed job description, exact duration (number of working days) and starting date for each position depend on the project needs and will be discussed with the shortlisted candidates only.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and asked to provide corresponding certificates proving their education and professional experience.

Note that civil servants and other staff of the public administration, of the partner country or of international/regional organizations based in the country, can only be approved to work as experts if well justified. The justification should be submitted with the CV and shall include proof that the candidate is seconded or on personal leave.