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CALL FOR APPLICANTS:

**Methodological support for the organisation of a PANACeA
Community Building and Capitalization Event – Podgorica,
Montenegro (16-18 May 2018)**

Background information

Plan Bleu is participating in the Interreg MED Horizontal project PANACeA - Streamlining Management efforts in Protected Areas for enhanced nature conservation in the Mediterranean, funded by Interreg MED Programme.

PANACeA fits in the Interreg MED Priority Axis 3: "Protecting and promoting Mediterranean natural and cultural resources"; specifically contributing to the Specific Objective 3.2 of the programme: "To maintain biodiversity and natural ecosystems through strengthening the management and networking of protected Areas".

The Interreg MED programme is a transnational European Cooperation Programme for the Mediterranean area. It is co-financed by the ERDF (European Regional Development Fund), an instrument of the EU regional policy and of its new programming period.

Brief description of the scope of the project

The objective of PANACeA is to streamline networking and management efforts in Mediterranean Protected Areas (PAs) as a mechanism to enhance nature conservation and protection in the region.

The project aims at ensuring synergies between relevant Mediterranean stakeholders –including managers, policymakers, socio-economic actors, civil society and the scientific community –, and to increase the visibility and impacts of their projects' results towards common identified strategical targets.

PANACeA builds a community of nature conservation stakeholders in the Mediterranean and acts as the Communication and Capitalisation instrument of the projects within the Interreg Med dealing with protection of biodiversity and natural ecosystems. Through its tool, the Interreg Med Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection Knowledge Platform, PANACeA ensures the transfer of synthesised projects' outcomes and their dissemination across and beyond the region.

The main thematic focus areas include coastal and marine management, biodiversity monitoring, sustainable use of natural resources, management of protected areas, climate change, governance, cooperation and scientific and innovative methodologies, under the umbrella of a series of projects: ACT4LITTER (marine waste in marine protected areas), AMARe (marine spatial planning and PAs), CONFISH (network of fish stock recovery areas), ECOSUSTAIN (water quality monitoring solutions in protected wetlands), FishMPABlue2 (governance of artisanal fisheries in protected areas), MEDSEALITTER (marine litter impact on biodiversity), MPA-ADAPT (adaptation of MPAs to climate change), PlasticBusters MPAs (preserving biodiversity from plastics in Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas), PHAROS4MPAs (Blue Economy and Marine Conservation: Safeguarding Mediterranean MPAs in order to achieve Good Environmental Status), POSBEMED (strategy for joint management of Posidonia beaches and dunes), WETNET (wetland governance) and additional projects to be included in the coming period.

In-depth information on the project objectives, approach and expected outcomes can be found on the following link: <http://planbleu.org/fr/activites/milieu-marin/panacea-une-initiative-regionale-de-rationalisation-en-matiere-defforts-de>

Scope of these Terms of Reference

In PANACeA, Plan Bleu is responsible for WP3 Community Building and WP4 Capitalization. In the framework of both work packages, a Capitalisation and Community Building event "Empowering the Mediterranean Community: tools for eco-system based management" is foreseen in Podgorica, Montenegro from the 16th to the 18th of May 2018. The capitalisation event is foreseen to last 2 days, while the community building event 1 day.

A first capitalisation and community building event was held in Barcelona from 23-25 of October 2017, and was used to set the ground for utilizing existing knowledge in the Mediterranean region and start bridging the needs of regional practitioners to researchers and to facilitate knowledge-based policy making. To further foster the dialogue between policy, research and practice in addressing management needs and challenges in the region, and greater engagement and influencing policies based on current evidence and data, the Adriatic region of the Mediterranean Sea and its policy makers and practitioners have to be more integrated in the overall basin actions, contributing to preserving the Mediterranean Sea biodiversity and marine ecosystem services. Pursuing innovative management tools and integration of different data platforms/interfaces in the region shall utilize results of community efforts on emerged and identified community cross-cutting issues: planning and management efforts with and outside protected areas, climate change adaptation, marine litter, sustainable resource management and integrated ecosystem monitoring, including water quality.

To follow the main PANACeA's efforts to focus on increasing the impact of MPs transferable results and tools to bridge the Science Practice Policy gap and raise awareness across Mediterranean region, the Montenegro event shall focus on community developed tools and first results of the modular projects, tackling potential solution for common issues.

The scope of these Terms of Reference is to select an expert to provide services for rapporteuring of the Capitalisation event, and animating the community building event as well as producing the seminar final outputs.

In concrete, the selected expert is expected to:

- participate to the capitalisation and community building events;
- analyse the results of the presentations of the capitalization event based on the notes taken during the event;
- draft an integrated report of around 25 pages building on the presentations made during the capitalization event, as well as on the concept note of the event, and on previous results of PANACeA;
- help prepare the methodological proposal for the community building event in coordination with PANACeA's partners by drafting a short concept note;
- animate the discussions of the community building event;
- prepare a brief report of the community building event's results.

Deliverables and calendar

WORKLOAD

The expert is expected to start working beginning of April 2018 and end 30th of June 2018. The following table describes the estimated workload.

Deliverables	Number of days
Scoping meeting	1
Methodological support to community building event	3
Participation to community and capitalization events	4
Drafting one report for the capitalization event, and one report for the community building event	4
Total	12

DELIVERABLES CALENDAR

- The methodological approach to the Community Building Event should be delivered by 23rd of April 2018
- The expert will participate to the event from 16th to 18th of May in Podgorica Montenegro, and will animate the 1-day community building event

- The first draft of the capitalization event report is expected 1st of June 2018
- The first draft of the community building event report is expected 1st of June 2018
- The final version of the capitalisation event report (corrections included) should be delivered by 15th June 2018.
- The final version of the community building event report (corrections included) should be delivered by 15th June 2018.

WORK ORGANIZATION

Each of the above described steps will be validated by Plan Bleu. Regular calls and meetings (face to face or by skype depending on the expert location) with Plan Bleu and/or other PANACeA partners will be planned during the activities development to ensure a smooth development of the tasks and that the results are adapted to the needs.

Travel costs associated with the participation to the event will be covered by PANACeA's partnership.

Selection of the expert

- Masters or PhD or equivalent degree in Environmental studies or relevant area
- Previous relevant experience in biodiversity protection
- Experience in the Mediterranean region strongly desired and a good knowledge of actors and governance processes in Mediterranean countries
- Familiarity with the modular projects and the INTERREG program will be an added advantage
- Strong conceptual and synthesis ability combined with good writing and communication skills
- Ability to mobilize information and existing knowledge in an efficient way
- Relevant project and publications references
- Fluency in English as well as proven technical writing skills is required.

The selection of the expert will be done based on a presentation of a letter of interest and CV accompanied by an economic offer making reference to these Terms of Reference.

CONTRACTUAL AND FINANCIAL TERMS

The acceptance of the offer of the successful tender will implicate the acceptance of the conditions and schedules detailed in this ToR.

A duly-issued invoice will be required for payment at the presentation of the final document. The payment term for the invoice will be: bank transfer 15 days after the invoice date (bank account details should be detailed)

The tax legislation in force at the date of acceptance of the offer will be applied.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

In the spirit of cooperation and exchange, the ownership of the work covered by the contract related to this ToR and co-funded by the Interreg MED Programme is open to the public and free of rights.

The deliverables and results of the project should be accessible and available for free to the general public in a usable format. The MA/JS and any other relevant Programme stakeholder can use them for information and communication purposes.

The authorship of the work covered by the contract related to this ToR is co-shared between the author and all the partners of the project.

How to apply

- Applications must be submitted no later than **31st March 2018.**
- Applications must be submitted by mail or e-mail to:

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