

## **SERVICE PRIOR INFORMATION NOTICE**

### **Trade, Private sector development and engagement, and regional integration Facility**

#### **Location - Countries eligible under the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)**

**1. Publication reference**

EuropeAid/137462/DH/SER/Multi

**2. Procedure**

Restricted

**3. Programme title**

Trade, Private sector development and engagement, and regional integration Facility

**4. Financing**

Budget line – DCI-HUM

**5. Contracting Authority**

European Union, represented by the European Commission on behalf of and for the account of the partner countries.

**6. Nature of contract**

Fee-based

**7. Contract description**

The EU aims at setting up a global facility to provide horizontal advisory services and technical support to the European Commission staff (in HQ and EU Delegations) for the implementation of the policies and the design of related interventions on trade, regional integration and private sector financed by the national, regional and thematic programmes implemented in and by beneficiary countries. This will contribute to improve the sustainability, quality and effectiveness of EU (Commission) interventions in these fields, with a view to ultimately increase the development impact. The services will include: 1) provision of advisory services (technical support) throughout the whole programme/project cycle of the respective actions; 2) promotion of knowledge creation, sharing and management to reinforce capacities of EU staff; 3) contribute to enhancing communication, visibility and coherence of related interventions.

**8. Indicative budget**

Maximum budget EUR 2 000 000

**9. Intended timing of publication of the contract notice**

September 2015

**10. Additional information**

N/A

## 11. Legal basis<sup>1</sup>

Regulation (EU) N°236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action and Regulation (EU) N°233/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014-2020 under which this contract is to be financed.

### **Remarks:**

There must be a minimum period of 30 calendar days between the publication of this prior information notice and the publication of the corresponding contract notice.

No applications or requests for information should be sent at this stage.

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<sup>1</sup> Please state any specificity that might have an impact on rules on participation (such as geographic or thematic or long/short term).