

## **Request for Expressions of Interest**

### **Association for the Development of Rural Capacities (ADR) MEDARTSAL Project**

**Grant Agreement reference number: A\_A.1.2\_0234**

#### **Consulting Services**

Financial Audit for the MEDARTSAL Project

**Dear Sirs.**

1.The Project MEDARTSAL funded by the European Union under the ENI CBC Med Program under the Thematic objective A.1 BUSINESS AND SMES DEVELOPMENT and the Priority A.1.2: Strengthen and support euro-Mediterranean networks, clusters, consortia and value-chains in traditional sectors (agri-food, tourism, textile/clothing, etc.) and non-traditional sectors (innovative ideas solutions for urban development, eco-housing, sustainable water-related and other clean technologies, renewable energy, creative industries, etc.) .

MEDARTSAL project is implemented in 4 Mediterranean countries through a partnership of 8 partners from Lebanon, Italy, Spain and Tunisia. MEDARTSAL project aims to adopt coordinated actions to define and implement a MODEL FOR THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF ARTISANAL SALINAS, which will stimulate the local economy and territorial cohesion .

The total project budget is 3.299.001,13 EURO. The total contribution of the ENI CBC MED Program amounts to 2.969.101,02 Euro (a maximum of 90% of the total project cost) .

The 8 project's partners are in charge of implementing the project .

The Budget of the Association for the Development of Rural capacities from the overall budget is 523,781.61 EURO.

ADR intends to apply part of the proceeds of this grant to payments under contract for the Provision of Financial Audit for the MEDARTSAL Project to ensure compliance of expenditures under the MEDARTSAL project with the domestic law as well as their compliance with the Program requirements and provisions of the grant contract, including the valid version of the application form .

The audit is an expenditure and revenue verification procedure with regard to the Individual Financial Report for the Grant Contract between ADR, CUEIM and the Managing Authority.

The services include the carrying out of Financial Audit for the MEDARTSAL Project Financial Reports for the overall period of November 5,2019 – Nov 4, 2022. The Financial Audit is to be divided in three phases:

Phase 1: Financial Audit for the period of November 5, 2019- Nov 5, 2020

Phase 2: Financial Audit for the period of November 5, 2020- Nov 5, 2021

Phase 3: Financial Audit for the period of November 5, 2021- Nov 4, 2022

2. ADR now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, general qualifications and number of key staff, and so forth). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with AFD's least cost (LC) selection method for consultancy service contracts.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address stated below. The office hours are from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by **COB April, 30<sup>th</sup> 2020**

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