

Central and Eastern European Bankwatch Network is seeking a

EuroIFI CEE outreach consultant.

CEE Bankwatch Network is an international non-governmental organisation with member organisations currently from 12 countries across the central and eastern European region. The aim of the network is to monitor the activities of the international financial institutions which operate in the region, and to propose constructive alternatives to their policies and projects in the region.

CEE Bankwatch Network is partner the EuroIFI project, led by Eurodad. The partners of the project decided in September 2013 that a more focused approach would be needed in order to determine the relevance of IFI related work in these areas and to identify key partners that could benefit from actively engaging in the network. It was also decided that, considering the increased role of the IMF in the European region, a priority area that needs urgent attention is identifying partners in CEE working on IMF and macroeconomic issues. This focused approach would be best managed by someone within the CEE region.

The consultant would be managed by EuroIFI project partner Bankwatch.

The consultant would be expected to liaise regularly with Bankwatch, the EuroIFI coordinator and with network members working on relevant issues.

The consultant would be expected to participate regularly in EuroIFI activities.

The Consultant will be expected to justify their activities on the basis of the stated objectives of the EuroIFI project (top) and input into the verification of these objectives.

The expected duration of the consultancy is September 2014 until April 2015.

Activities and outputs for the EuroIFI CEE outreach consultant

The purpose of this consultancy is to facilitate the following objectives within the EuroIFI project:

1. CSOs in Central and Eastern Europe increase their knowledge and understanding of development finance issues.
2. The dialogue between European CSOs and networks working on development finance and those working on linked issues is improved.
3. Organise one strategy meeting and one training in Central and Eastern Europe to encourage new groups to participate.

The verification of these objectives are to be determined through:

1. The link between development finance and other issues is made in messages and actions.
2. The quality and quantity of joint meetings addressing linked issues.
3. Periodic assessment through surveys and stock taking.
4. Report and evaluation of the strategy meeting.

The expected activities and outputs.

- 1) Outreach and coordination with CSO groups in CEE countries with active or recent IFI presence. Countries with active, recent or potential IMF presence should be a central target including Romania, Bosnia, Serbia, Ukraine, Latvia, Poland and Georgia, Slovenia and Croatia. Activities include
 - a. Awareness raising of relevant activities by EuroIFI network members.
 - b. Linking CSOs in CEE to relevant network members.
 - c. Facilitating EU and IFI level advocacy and support network activities in CEE
 - d. Coordinating and facilitating meetings between CSO groups in CEE and relevant officials from IFIs and regional institutions.
 - e. Coordinating joint statements and briefings with network members and CSO groups in CEE.
 - f. Coordinating and encouraging participation of CSO groups in CEE at the strategy meeting in CEE.
 - g. Following up and maintaining contact with CSOs in CEE after the strategy meeting.
- 2) Organise a strategy meeting in an EU CEE country for network members and CSO groups in CEE in 3rd or 4th quarter 2014 (TBD by the availability of CEE partners but should not conflict with the Annual meetings of the World Bank and IMF).
 - a. The meeting should include a training on the findings of the mapping.
 - b. The meeting should facilitate networking and information sharing between different groups.
 - c. The meeting should give space for CSOs based in CEE to strategise and coordinate joint activities.
 - d. Seeing the need to draw attention to the IMF one of the days of the strategy meeting should focus on IMF, debt and macroeconomic issues.
- 3) Produce an impact assessment and proposals for future actions that could promote positive outcomes of the above activities to be presented at the EuroIFI strategy meeting in the first half of 2015.

Description of the ideal candidate

Experience, knowledge

- Proven track record of working with CSOs, networking activities with CSO from CEE countries, coordination and facilitation of networks
- Proven track record in advocacy work with CEE countries governments
- Proven track-record in research (desktop research, field trips and interviews)
- Knowledge on the IFIs operation in CEE countries
- Experience in international event organizing
- Good contacts with CSOs in CEE region is advantage

Grounds for exclusion from participation in a procurement: Candidates will be excluded from participation in a procurement procedure if:

they are bankrupt or being wound up, are having their affairs administered by the courts, have entered into an arrangement with creditors, have suspended business activities, are the subject of proceedings concerning these matters, or are in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;

they have been convicted for an offence concerning their professional conduct by a judgement which has the force of res judicata;

they have been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means justifiable;

they have not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which they are established or with those of the country where the contract is to be performed;

they have been the subject of a judgement which has the force of res judicata for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organisation or any other illegal activity detrimental to the Communities' financial interests;

they are currently subject to an administrative penalty referred to in section 2.3.5 of the Practical Guide to contract procedures for EC external actions:

Without prejudice to the application of penalties laid down in the contract, candidates or tenderers and contractors who have made false declarations, have made substantial errors or committed irregularities and fraud, or have been found in serious breach of their contractual obligations may be excluded from all contracts and grants financed by the Community budget for a maximum of five years

How to apply

To apply please send your consultancy offer and CV to jobs@bankwatch.org with **EuroIFI CEE outreach consultant** in the subject line. Also if you have enquiries about the position, please use the same address.

We accept applications until September 17, 2014.