

## **Call for Expression of Interest (CEI) for Procurement of IT Equipment (Hardware and Software)**

### **Scope**

The Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF) is launching a tendering process to select a supplier for procurement of IT equipment (hardware and software) for the Forensic Department of the Ministry of Interior of North Macedonia. The subject of this tendering process is supply, delivery, installation, testing of the IT equipment and maintenance during the warranty period. The equipment will be used for establishing medium size DNA laboratory - with 50,000 to 500,000 specimens - for running Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) for storing, processing and automated exchange of biometric (DNA) data on international level. The required IT equipment will comprise the following: rack cabinet with UPS and accessories; rack servers; rackmount backup storage; network switches; laptops; workstations; operating systems for servers and computers; anti-virus software and other related IT equipment and software.

### **Background**

North Macedonia is investing significant efforts in building all the necessary legal, organizational, and technical capacities for establishing an exchange of DNA, dactyloscopy and vehicle registration data among the signatories of the [PCC Prüm framework](#). The aim of these efforts is to ensure that North Macedonia has developed institutional capacities and technical preconditions for engaging in law enforcement cooperation in line with the EU Prüm standards.

Starting from 01 April 2021, DCAF has supported the authorities of North Macedonia in reforming and modernizing security sector institutions and policies through the [Intelligence and Security Sector Reform Programme in the Republic of North Macedonia \(2021-2026\)](#). The Programme is funded by Switzerland, the Netherlands and Sweden. Within this Programme, DCAF will support the Ministry of Interior's Forensics Department in upgrading its capacities for, storing, processing and automated exchange of biometric (DNA) data as foreseen under the [PCC Prüm framework](#).

### **What is DCAF**

DCAF is a foundation dedicated to making states and their populations safer, through more effective and accountable security and justice. Since 2000, the Centre has facilitated, driven and shaped security sector reform (SSR) policy and programming around the world.

Good security sector governance (SSG), based on the rule of law and respect for human rights, is a cornerstone of development and security. DCAF assists partner states in developing laws, institutions, policies and practices to improve the governance of their security sector through inclusive and participatory reforms based on international norms and good practices. In everything we do, DCAF adheres to the principles of impartiality, local

ownership, inclusive participation and gender equality. DCAF also advises governments and international organizations in designing and implementing their own programmes for supporting states in developing their security sector governance.

DCAF creates innovative knowledge products, promotes norms and good practices, and provides legal and policy advice. DCAF supports capacity building of state, civil society and private sector stakeholders by providing access to independent expertise and information on SSG/R. DCAF's Foundation Council comprises representatives of 60 member states and the Canton of Geneva. With programmes that touch on more than 80 countries, DCAF is internationally recognized as a centre of excellence for SSG/R.

### **Selection criteria**

- Ability to provide the required equipment in full (hardware and software);
- Minimum 10 years of track record in providing similar equipment and technical solutions.

### **Information to provide for the CEI**

- Letter of interest signed by authorised representative of the company. The letter should state whether the required equipment can be provided in full;
- Proof of legal registration\*;
- Contact person information (name, surname, job title, phone number, e-mail).

An expression of interest must be submitted in English to: [k.babanoski@dcaf.ch](mailto:k.babanoski@dcaf.ch) and [c.cattaud@dcaf.ch](mailto:c.cattaud@dcaf.ch) by **15 August 2022** (close of business) at the latest.

Those companies, pre-selected through the CEI, will be invited by a direct written invitation and will receive the Tender Dossier. The outcome of this pre-selection will be sent to the contact person named in the CEI.

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