



DECENTRALIZED COOPERATION PROJECT BETWEEN EUROPE AND LIBYA

REBUILD: Research and Education Building Urban Institutions for Local Development

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INTRODUCTION TO OGS

The National Institute of Oceanography and Applied Geophysics - OGS is a public research institute governed by the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR). OGS operates internationally in the field of marine and earth sciences including oceanography, geophysics and seismology. The institute aims to safeguard and improve the environment and natural resources and focuses its efforts on the assessment and prevention of geological, environmental and climatic risks, as well as spreading scientific culture and knowledge.

OGS structure for international cooperation and research promotion (ICAP) is dealing with sharing knowledge, building partnerships, fostering international mobility and collaborations and promoting higher education activities through the tools of Science Diplomacy and Capacity Building.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

REBUILD is a decentralized cooperation project. It aims at strengthening local public services in Libya through a training system provided by Libyan universities to Libyan municipalities. There are three main activities:

- training of trainers, from Libyan universities to Libyan municipalities;
- the establishment of a community of practices;
- 2 pilot projects on fishing and waste management.

For the execution of the actions and activities of the Pilot Activity on Fishery (4.1) "REBUILD" Project, the Friuli Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region, through the International Relations and European Planning Service, has signed an Agreement with the OGS in order to jointly pursue, each for their own competences, the achievement of the objectives project, aimed at promoting a pilot action of the fishing sector to support the development of the fishing industry in the Libyan coastal municipalities of Tripoli, Benghazi, Sirte, Zliten and Tobruk in Libya.

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CALL FOR EXPERT

Posting Title: Local expert in fish certification of the project/pilot action LIBYA REBUILD - PROJECT PILOT FISHERY (4.1), in the framework of the agreement with International Relations and European Planning Service of the of Friuli Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region.

Pilot Project Duration: June 2022 – March 2025

Location of activities: Libya, with possible missions in Tunisia. Working in co-operation with the international expert in fish certification and reporting to the project management (local project manager and the project manager in Italy).

Necessary Qualifications:

Education: University degree in Biology, Veterinary, Economics, Law, on topics related to food health/safety, animal health, quality management, environmental sciences, nutrition, possibly related to possibly related to fishery and aquaculture produces.

Expertise: The candidate must have demonstrative long-term work experience and expertise in the fields of quality and safety control of fresh produces, particularly in the fishery and aquaculture sectors in Libya. He/she has the knowledge of the main fish species caught and supplied in the country, the relevant refrigeration, processing and distribution phases, the available facilities in Libya and the necessary controls and administrative documentation required. The expert must be aware of the Libyan industrial and artisanal fishery activities, like of aquaculture operations, and of the quality and traceability certifications, required to introduce the produces on the market of the EU and/or of the surrounding countries.

Technology: Computer skills and use of relevant software and other applications, e.g. Microsoft Office package

Teamwork: Good interpersonal skills, solid relations with the operators along the fishery and aquaculture supply chain in Libya and abroad, ability to interact with local and international competent authorities for food health/safety, import/export operations, certification bodies; open-minded towards team-work composed also by international experts and contributions. Sensitivity and respect for diversity, including gender balance.

Preferred Competencies

Professional Experience: at least 15 years in the quality and certification business, focused on inspections and controls of fresh food/fishery (both from industrial and artisanal fishery) and aquaculture sector in Libya and countries of the same region, with deep knowledge of the local catch/farming, processing, storage and cold chain logistics, distribution channels, import and export facilities.

Preferences will be given to experienced professional, quality and certification consultant/entrepreneur:

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- with solid industrial/commercial relations and fluent interaction with local authorities competent for food health/safety, import/export operations, certification bodies, better if he/she has already been involved in PathDev project activities;
- awareness of the current status of Libyan commercial and spatial planning relations with the EU, particularly for the fishery and the aquaculture sector.

Sectors: Quality control and certification in fresh food produces, Fishery and Aquaculture, Food/fish processing, Refrigerated Logistics, Distribution & trade channels, Import/Export

Skills: pragmatism and established interaction with local authorities competent for food health/safety, certification bodies, laboratories. Good relations with fishery communities, aquaculture farms, industrial/commercial operators (including entrepreneurial associations and cooperatives), import/export operations, training and VET institutes.

A title of preference would represent the experience abroad (i.e. related to the quality and certification procedures in EU), or for exporting to the EU market, Tunisia and surrounding countries.

Foreign languages: English (mandatory); Arab (mandatory)

Geographical scope: Knowledge of the Libyan and regional context.

Main Tasks:

The Expert, under the coordination of the Project Management (in Libya and in Italy), and working with the international fish certification expert, must be able to:

- Avail, upon previous phases, on the identification of the species of fish and assessment of marine food production in Libya, those imported and exported, with the relevant supply chains, costing and pricing and administrative procedures; identification of Libyan sector gaps and weaknesses of the whole supply chain from the catch till commercialization;
- Organize the process to define the certification and traceability criteria, to be adopted for fishery and aquaculture produces in Libya;
- Lead/update the process to define the procedures to certify the fishery and aquaculture produces, to be potentially exported towards EU and non-EU countries, according to the status of the international commercial treaties;
- Lead the process to identify the targeted certifications to be applied for and obtained;
- Support the drafting of guidelines of fish storage and management;
- Interact with the experts in fishery, refrigeration/refrigerated logistics, supply chain (trade and export), fish processing, marine biologists and health and safety specialists;
- Deliver classroom and on-site training sessions to fishers (young one and those needing upgrade qualifications), future certifiers, future laboratory specialists, just like to those public officers and policy makers, in charge of planning investments and activities in favour of the sector, of consumers, and of the increase of Libyan trade exchange with EU and other countries in the region;
- Support the organization and involvement of Libyan focus groups (composed of certification bodies, laboratories for health and safety controls, fishers and their associations/cooperatives, fish processing, operators of refrigerated logistics, wholesalers and retailers, import/export firms, marine biologists, training and VET institutes), for research, discussion purposes, just like to tackle common challenges and build-up a Libyan supply chain of fishery and aquaculture;

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- Support the international and local experts in the implementation of their tasks, also providing the required information and data, drafting reports in English;
- Ensure his/her presence on the occasion of on-site missions from Project Management and involved institutions from Italy, Tunisia, European Commission.
- Identify local resources for the better achievement of the Pilot Action goals;
- Co-operate and communicate with the REBUILD project management and the involved institutions in Italy, in Libya and Tunisia, with the European Commission, when required;

Condition: Independent Consultant

Type of contract: external advisory

Application: Please send the professional CV in English (preferably [Europass](#) format) and a motivation letter in English (maximum 2 pages) to rebuild@ogs.it ~~The deadline for submission is May 10th 2022.~~ The deadline for submission is May 20th 2022. The successful candidates will be contacted directly by email by the end of the month.

For further enquires, contact rebuild@ogs.it