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**HU-Budapest: IPA — audit activities related to the Hungary–Croatia IPA cross-border cooperation programme and the Hungary–Serbia IPA cross-border cooperation programme, in accordance with Article 105 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 718/2007 2012/S 20-031228**

**Location: Europe (non-EU) — Croatia, Hungary, Serbia**

**Contract forecast notice**

**Services**

Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):

Main object:

79212000 Auditing services

1. **Publication reference:**  
EuropeAid/132459/D/SER/Multi.
2. **Procedure:**  
Restricted.
3. **Programme:**  
IPA.
4. **Financing:**  
Budget line.
5. **Contracting authority:**  
Directorate General for Audit of European Funds (DGAEF), Budapest, József nádor tér 2–4., 1051, HUNGARY.
6. **Nature of contract:**  
Fee-based.
7. **Contract description:**  
DGAEF located in Hungary as audit authority is responsible for the performance of audits regarding the Hungary–Croatia IPA cross-border cooperation programme and the Hungary–Serbia IPA cross-border cooperation programme in the programming period 2007–2013, in line with Article 105 of Regulation (EC) No 718/2007. These audit tasks shall be partly carried out with the involvement of an external auditor. DGAEF as awarding authority concludes contract(s) for performance of the following tasks in respect of both programmes:
  1. carrying out system audits and audits on operation annually, preparation of audit reports;
  2. carrying out a follow-up procedure;
  3. providing for accession to documents;
  4. participation at Group of Auditors' meetings, presentation of audit results, consultation, communication and conciliation with GoA members.All tasks to be implemented by the external auditor shall be in compliance with the international audit standards.
8. **Numbers and titles of lots:**  
The contract is divided into lots:

Yes, number of lots: 2.

Lot 1: audit activities related to the Hungary–Croatia IPA cross-border cooperation programme in accordance with Article 105 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 718/2007.

Lot 2: audit activities related to the Hungary–Serbia IPA cross-border cooperation programme in accordance with Article 105 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 718/2007.

9. **Budget:**

Maximum budget: 450 000 EUR.

10. **Intended timing of publication of procurement notice:**

March 2012.

11. **Additional information**

12. **Legal basis:**

Commission Regulation (EC) No 718/2007 of 12.6.2007 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA); Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17.7.2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA); Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25.6.2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities; Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23.12.2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002; Commission Decision C(2007) 2034 on the rules and procedures for service, supply and works contracts financed from the general budget of the European Communities for the purposes of cooperation with third countries (with the exclusion of Section II.8.2).

13. **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

18.1.2012.

**Remarks:**

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

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