

## **INVESTMED Project: Call for expert on Grants and Financial Schemes**

The [Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association \(EMEA\)](#), independent regional economic policy think tank based in Barcelona, is recruiting **1 Expert on grants and financial schemes to be part of the EMEA team for INVESTMED project.**

The [INVESTMED](#) project is co-funded by the European Union under the ENI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme 2014-2020. INVESTMED will have an impact on MSMEs, start-ups and recently established enterprises where staff will be trained and coached to become more sustainable and competitive and financially supported via an open competition. INVESTMED has a duration of 30 months, with a total budget of 3.8 Million euro, of which 3.4 Million euro are funded by the European Union (90%).

### **About EMEA:**

EMEA serves as a leading independent and innovative economic policy research institution and forum for debate on the political and socio-economic reforms in Mediterranean with an opening door to Africa with the aim to promote sustainability, inclusiveness, and regional economic integration and prosperity. It strives to contribute to the rethinking of the Euro-Mediterranean in view of the new dynamics of an emerging multi-polar world. Striving to contribute to the rethinking of the region in view of reform processes in the political, economic and social agendas of Mediterranean countries post financial crisis and Arab spring, EMEA develops new scientific concepts, initiatives and projects promoting sustainability, inclusiveness, regional economic integration and prosperity.

### **Our projects:**

EMEA is leading and partner in several EU-funded projects co-funded under EuropeAid, Horizon 2020, ENI CBC, Interreg MED. The candidate sought will be contributing to projects focused on financial support schemes addressed to businesses supporting organisations, start-ups, and entrepreneurship initiatives in the Southern shore of the Mediterranean.

### **Tasks and responsibilities of the Expert:**

- Represent EMEA in the working package on sub-granting under the INVESTMED project;
- Review and contribute to the design and management of the INVESTMED grant scheme in close coordination with the team leading the task and with the partners of the project;
- Review and contribute to the design and preparation of the assessment and selection procedures and criteria of the final beneficiaries of the INVESTMED grant scheme;
- Review and contribute to the manual/guide to enable the implementation and justification of the projects undertaken by the final beneficiaries of the grant scheme;
- Review the outcomes of the implementation of the subsidised projects of the final beneficiaries, along with the local partners (local technical assistance teams), mainly in terms of goals and deliveries;
- Represent EMEA in high-level project meetings and local consultations;
- Supervise the data collection on the final beneficiaries and produce policy papers and recommendations based on the results of the sub-granting;
- Participate to the project meetings when needed;

- Contribute to the drafting of the narrative and financial reports in accordance with the requisites of the ENI CBC MED programme;
- Coordinate with EMEA project managers and EMEA President on aspects related to the project implementation;
- Other similar functions entrusted to her/him in accordance with her/his status.

**Qualifications and competences required:**

- Master's degree (Mathematics, Statistics, Economics and Finance, Business Administration, or equivalent);
- At least 5 years of experience with data collection, stakeholder consultation processes, outreach and surveying;
- Demonstrated experience in grants schemes business management support, consultation and entrepreneurship support;
- Knowledge of entrepreneurship ecosystem and financial inclusion;
- High-level written and verbal communication skills;
- Excellent command of English (C1), both orally and in writing;
- Good knowledge (B2) of at least one of the following languages: French, Arabic;
- Team player, strong interpersonal skills, diplomacy, autonomy and sense of responsibility and respect of deadlines, strong time management skills.

**Qualifications and competences desired:**

- PhD in a relevant field (economics, business administration, management and equivalent);
- Good knowledge of the Grants and financial schemes;
- Experience with cultural and creative economy/blue economy/green economy projects.

**Compensation:**

Performing the tasks and responsibilities of the Expert contract is estimated to require a fixed number of days. The rates are defined according to the experience of the selected Expert and based on the number of countries covered by the Experts.

**Conditions:**

The successful candidates must be able to sign an expert contract in the European Union. Further questions/enquiries regarding the position can be e-mailed to [info@euromed-economists.org](mailto:info@euromed-economists.org)

**Application and deadline:**

Applications should include a one-page letter of motivation and a curriculum vitae in English. For the CV, please use the Europass template (<https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/>).

Both documents should be emailed to [info@euromed-economists.org](mailto:info@euromed-economists.org) with “**Grant Expert Application – [First Name and Last Name]**” in the subject line by **25 May 2021**.

**Starting date: 01 June 2021**