

## Legal Consultancy: National Legal Experts in South Eastern Europe

### 1. Overview

The Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights in Italy is identifying high-level criminal justice experts to assist in delivering its innovative technical assistance and capacity-building project on illicit trade in South Eastern Europe. The project commences in September 2017 and will run for 24 months.

As time is of the essence, interested experts should send their CV to Mr Tobias Freeman, Project Manager and Senior Legal Officer, as soon as possible and by **Friday 4 August 2017** at the latest.

### 2. Siracusa International Institute

The Siracusa International Institute<sup>1</sup> is an Italian non-profit organisation and foundation established in 1972. Its purpose is to contribute to international peace and security through the effective implementation of criminal law, as well as promote the rule of law and protect human rights in criminal justice systems worldwide. It also seeks to end impunity for the most serious international crimes by strengthening international criminal justice and related mechanisms. The Institute is recognised by decree of the Italian President and Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It has consultative status with the UN and Council of Europe, in addition to being a member of the UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme Network.

For more than 45 years, the Siracusa Institute has been a global leader in technical assistance, capacity-building, professional training, as well as research in international and comparative criminal justice, human rights, and the rule of law. The Institute has particular expertise in training judges, prosecutors, law enforcement officers and related criminal justice professionals. Past and ongoing projects have been carried out in Kosovo, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, Tunisia, Bahrain, Egypt, Lebanon and Libya, for example. The Institute has more than 10 years' experience in training criminal justice professionals including judges in Afghanistan and Iraq. For more information, visit [www.siracusainstitute.org](http://www.siracusainstitute.org).

### 3. Strengthening the Fight against Illicit Trade in South Eastern Europe

In September 2017, the Siracusa International Institute launches a new two-year project, ***Strengthening the Fight against Illicit Trade in South Eastern Europe***. Through a comprehensive scientific study of 12 countries in the region, the project aims to identify specific national needs in respect of the criminal justice response to illicit trade, while also ensuring a coordinated and harmonised regional approach to the problem.

The project will be carried out in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Kosovo, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and Turkey.

To conduct this ambitious project, the Institute will engage national legal experts, in addition to regional legal experts and legal training experts with expertise in developing curricula and training materials for criminal justice professionals.

On the basis of identified national and regional gaps, needs and best practices, the Institute aims to work closely and collaboratively with national authorities to:

- a. develop specialised curricula and training materials for criminal justice professionals;
- b. develop policy recommendations for national criminal justice institutions; and
- c. conduct training activities, including for national trainers and national training sessions for national judges, prosecutors, and law enforcement and customs officers.

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<sup>1</sup> In January 2017, the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences (ISISC) adopted a new public name, the Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights.

#### **4. National Legal Experts**

In relation to each country identified above, the Siracusa International Institute will engage a high-level criminal justice expert to conduct a comprehensive scientific study of the criminal justice response to illicit trade in the national context. The national studies will analyse different sectors of illicit trade holistically, rather than in a compartmentalised manner as is the typical approach to illicit trade at the national and international levels.

More specifically, the National Legal Experts will be tasked to:

- conduct a comprehensive scientific study of the criminal justice response to illicit trade in the national context, including by conducting interviews and consultations with key officials in national criminal justice institutions, as well as desk research;
- analyse the phenomenon of illicit trade in the national context, and identify the most prevalent sectors of illicit trade and aspects, including from a cross-sectoral perspective, which present the greatest challenges in the national context;
- identify and analyse the practical challenges and obstacles to the fight against illicit trade in the national context;
- collect and analyse national data on investigations, prosecutions, convictions, sentencing and other aspects of enforcement related to illicit trade and related crimes;
- analyse national legislation broadly related to illicit trade, encompassing criminal offences that are key facilitators or predicate offences for illicit trade;
- analyse the role, responsibilities and effectiveness of national criminal justice institutions and related enforcement mechanisms in the broader context of the institutional machinery addressing illicit trade;
- analyse national supervisory bodies responsible for overseeing the judiciary, and prosecuting and law enforcement institutions;
- assess the feasibility of the establishment of a national interagency task force dealing with illicit trade;
- analyse cross-sectoral initiatives to combat illicit trade, including through public-private cooperation;
- analyse the role of the private sector in national investigations and prosecutions of illicit trade, and related challenges, limitations and constraints related to the private sector;
- conduct a national training needs assessment for judges, prosecutors, law enforcement and customs officers involved in the fight against illicit trade and related crimes;
- identify national best practices in relation to the investigation, prosecution, punishment and prevention of illicit trade and related crimes;
- propose legal and policy recommendations for strengthening the national justice sector and the criminal justice response to the fight against illicit trade.

Requirements:

- At least 10 years' experience in the field of criminal law and criminal justice;
- Proven expertise in relation to illicit trade, organised crime, corruption, terrorism, money laundering and/or related areas;
- Proven knowledge and experience in legal and institutional analysis, including comparative analysis and review;
- Strong relationships and demonstrated experience in engaging with national criminal justice institutions;
- Demonstrated experience in conducting training needs assessments, including for criminal justice professionals;
- Strong analytical skills; and
- Fluency in English and the local language.

#### **5. Expressions of Interest**

Interested experts are invited to send a detailed CV and any other relevant information to Mr Tobias Freeman, Project Manager, at [t.freeman@siracusainstitute.org](mailto:t.freeman@siracusainstitute.org), before Friday 4 August.