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MEDITERRANEAN INFORMATION OFFICE FOR ENVIRONMENT, CULTURE AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT – MIO ECSDE

ANNOUNCES THE PRESENT CALL FOR OFFERS
For the

***Technical support for the Biological Monitoring in Drin River Basin in
Albania***

**SUBMISSION OF OFFERS IS EXTENDED UNTILL 5th of June, 2017 at 17:00 h Athens
Time**

MAX AVAILABLE BUDGET: 10.000 USD including VAT.

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Description of Service

In framework of **GEF/UNDP/GWP-Med Project “Enabling Transboundary Cooperation and Integrated Water Resources Management in the Extended Drin River Basin”** Project, Component 1 “Contributing to the Consolidation of a Common Knowledge Base Extending to the Total of the Drin Basin”, GWP-Med is announcing the present Call for Offers for the Biological Monitoring of the river Drin Basin in Albania.

The Biological Monitoring is planned to improve the understanding of the present baseline conditions of the Drin Basin and the major transboundary concerns or more specifically, to amend and improve the existing data and information of the current state of water resources, and fill the data and info gaps. The biological monitoring of water quality using as bio – indicators macro Invertebrates, diatoms and macrophytes will complete the chemical and physico – chemical monitoring of surface water along the basin. Monitoring of zoo - benthos and phyto- benthos will give a valuable contribution on the assessment of ecological status of the River Basin.

The objective of the assignment is to conduct the biological monitoring using macro invertebrates, diatoms and macrophytes as biological indicators of water quality at selected surface bodies, including sampling in eleven monitoring stations, sorting

and identification of species, indices calculation and interpretation of results. The aforementioned activities will be presented within the Biological Monitoring Report.

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Awarding Criterion

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Total expert days	25 points
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Offer Submission

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- **CV of the expert**
- **List of relevant projects** along with contact details for reference checking purposes (please indicate the e-mail addresses or fax numbers of contact persons).
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- The expert should have extensive experience with regard to the implementation of WF Directive requirements related to biological water quality assessment using benthic invertebrates and benthic algae as indicators.
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