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Vacancy Announcement

Energy Advisor

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GIZ Office Kazakhstan would like to announce a new vacant position in the capacity of Energy Advisor in the project “Renewable Energy in Central Asia”.

On behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), GIZ implements the programme “Renewable Energy in Central Asia”. The project is co-financed by the EU. The overall objective of the programme is to enhance the conditions and regional cooperation for integration and expansion of renewable energy sources (RES) at national and regional levels in Central Asia (CA). To achieve this goal, the programme works with all Central Asian countries (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan) across five fields of action.

Firstly, the programme works closely with energy ministries and grid operators to create conditions and coordination structure among them, aiming to produce regionally coordinated data and information as a foundation for decision-making regarding the implementation of RES. Secondly, it supports the adaptation of the legal and institutional framework to increase public and private investments in RES at the national level in Central Asian states. Thirdly, the programme contributes to the structural improvement of regional learning of stakeholders in academia in the field of energy systems analysis to assist the integration of RES scientifically and practically into the Central Asian power systems. Fourthly, it endorses capacity development initiatives and measures in relevant institutions for planning and conducting national gender-sensitive information campaigns about the potential of RES, energy efficiency and digitalization in the electricity sector. The last field of action supports a political, cross-border dialogue on the cooperation of electricity grids with a focus on the integration of renewable energy.

Overall, the programme has multidimensional and multilevel character, as it cooperates with state and non-governmental institutions at various levels and works in close coordination with other international organizations in CA, particularly with the European Union.

Duty station: Astana, Kazakhstan

Application deadline: 18.02.2025

Responsibilities

- provide professional advisory services to and cooperate with a broad range of relevant stakeholders in Kazakhstan, Central Asia and Europe
- preparation of concepts and agendas, as well as organisation of high-level meetings and energy policy dialogue in the frame of the project and Team Europe Initiative (TEI) in Central Asia, in close coordination with the project manager
- liaise closely with the TEI Secretariat Advisor located in Astana
- draft reports, concepts, protocols, correspondence, etc. for the coordination of Central Asian countries on energy topic
- mapping and continuous up-dating of the project database including analysis of EU and EU member states project activities in CA
- be responsible for the knowledge management
- provide coordination support to TEI member under the guidance of the project manager
- be responsible for the design, preparation and implementation of working level and high-level conferences, workshops, seminars and other events on issues connected with the project
- concept development and organisation of capacity building events and other small-scale projects on demand of the EU-CA platform; to this end the incumbent in close contact with the Central Asian project partners and team advisors is to assess the partners' capacity building needs

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- support cooperation, regular contact and dialogue with national and international partners and cooperate with relevant organisations, non-governmental organisations and individuals in the projects' environment and with other German and international projects to improve and maintain good working relationships
- develop and organise quality assurance measures and suggest necessary changes, improvements and initiatives
- assist and monitor the development and implementation of the project's operational plans and activities in close consultation with national and international counterparts
- contribute to preparing and implementing the coordination process, joint activities and work at the regional level
- communicate local interests and efforts, forward these and encourage sharing ideas and information for the benefit of the project
- moderate planning exercises, training seminars, working groups and other events
- be responsible for giving input to the RECA monitoring and evaluation specialist on the energy policy dialogue
- cooperate and contribute to the coordination within the GIZ Central Asia Green Cluster
- compile the relevant information for joint activities and assignments, prepare reports and contribute to bigger reports such as annual and special reports
- contribute to innovation and knowledge management
- prepare work related correspondence in English and Russian language

Required qualifications, competences and experience

- University degree in related fields (environmental studies, energy, political science, etc.)
- At least 5 years professional experience in a comparable position
- Very good managerial skills
- In-depth knowledge of environment issues, water/energy management in Central Asia and main state and civil society actors in Central Asia
- Excellent knowledge of current and emerging developments and trends within the area of expertise
- Experience from the implementation of projects with EU financing is an asset
- Ability to use independent judgment and to manage and impart confidential information
- Knowledge of fundamental research procedures; ability to analyse, interpret, and draw inferences from research findings, and prepare reports
- Moderation skills; ability to develop and present educational programs and/or workshops
- Ability to develop and maintain recordkeeping systems and procedures
- Advanced verbal and written communication skills and the ability to present effectively to small and large groups
- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work effectively with a wide range of constituencies in a diverse and multi-ethnic community
- Resilience to stress
- Excellent written and oral knowledge of English and Russian; Kazakh and other Central Asian languages would be an asset
- Good working knowledge of ITC technologies (related software, phone, Email, Internet) and computer applications (e.g. MS Office).
- Willingness to up skill as required by the tasks to be performed – corresponding measures are agreed with the project manager

Interested candidates should send their motivation letter, CV in English and references (if available) not later than 18.02.2025 to E-mail shiringul.karimova@giz.de indicating the position name in the title of the Email.

Applications without a motivation letter will not be considered.

Only short-listed candidates will be invited to an interview.

The incumbent should be ready to start in March-April. The contract will be limited to a one-year term with possibility of extension.

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