



INTEREST

FOR THE PROVISION OF THE Non-Key EXPERT
MONITORING SERVICES

2026/Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership
Agreement, Non-key EXPERT-MONITORING/1

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF

Project	► Support to CEPA monitoring, implementation, and communication ENI/2023/442-873
Organisation and buying entity	► GOPA PACE, on behalf of the European Union Delegation to Armenia
Type of contract	► Individual service contract and/or subcontracting of Junior Non-Key Experts (JNKEs)
Duration	► Until 30 October 2026
Expected starting date	► 10 July 2026
Call Notice Issuance date	► 1 June 2026
Deadline for applications	► 15 June 2026



1. Introduction

The "Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement" (CEPA) between Armenia and the EU, signed in 2017 and entered into force in 2021. The agreement aims to strengthen democracy, the rule of law, and human rights in Armenia. It also focuses on economic modernization and growth, enhancing trade relations, and fostering sustainable development. The agreement encourages reforms in governance, anti-corruption measures, judicial independence, and public administration. It also promotes civil society engagement and political dialogue. CEPA covers various sectors such as energy, transport, environment, and climate change. It seeks to enhance cooperation in these areas through shared standards, practices, and innovation. A crucial aspect of CEPA is its emphasis on human rights, ensuring that Armenia aligns with international human rights standards and promotes fundamental freedoms.

In the implementation and promotion of the (CEPA), the Government of Armenia and the European Union Delegation in Armenia (EUD) receive technical assistance through the multifaceted technical assistance project '*Support to CEPA monitoring, implementation, and communication*' from April 2023, implemented by GOPA PACE.

The 48-month technical assistance supports the Government of Armenia in its reform process related to CEPA implementation, monitoring, strategic and EUD general communications, and Civil Society Support as Component 3, with several specific activities that address the needs and priorities of the Civil Society sector in Armenia concerning CEPA monitoring.

2. Background, objectives and scope

Monitoring of CEPA implementation is essential for ensuring that the commitments made are fulfilled, reforms are effectively implemented, and the benefits of the agreement are realised. This requires a collaborative effort involving government bodies, civil society, and the public.

Project Component 3 is operationally bringing CEPA into the agenda of the Civil Society through work of the thematic working groups, Civil Society Organisation (CSO) capacity development and monitoring exercises as well as using digital platforms for monitoring and capacity development.

The Government of Armenia and the European Union Delegation (EUD) emphasize the role of the Civil Society and its watchdog function for the effective implementation of the CEPA agreement. The professional capacities of the Civil Society in various fields provide good potential for their effective involvement in the overall reform process in the country and in particular in the CEPA implementation. Civil Society involved in monitoring the CEPA implementation, plays a vital role in ensuring that the civil society contributes to the implementation and oversight of the agreement.

The purpose of this assignment is to produce monitoring reports on CEPA implementation in 5 CEPA sectors, or any sub-sector as listed below:

- Migration and Border Security
- Transport, Connectivity and Local Infrastructure Development
- Digital Security and Data Protection
- Climate Action
- Energy

By replying to this call and signing the contract if selected, you agree to perform the assignments



to the highest professional standards and in compliance with the:

- Expert Terms of Reference (ToR) – which will be shared with the selected expert.

3. Timetable and deadlines

This call for expression of interest is open until 15 June, 2026.

The monitoring is expected to last for 4 months – from July 2026 until the end of October 2026.

4. Eligible profiles

We are looking for Civil Society experts with a high level of expertise and professional experience. Very good language skills (Level C1) in Armenian and English are mandatory.

5. Exclusion criteria

Civil servants and other staff currently employed by the public administration, or any governmental agencies of the Republic of Armenia, or persons that previously worked or were contracted by the Armenian state institutions within the last six months prior to application deadline, are not eligible to apply. Non-key Experts must be independent and free from conflicts of interest in the responsibilities defined by the Expert Terms of Reference.

6. Procedure

Applications must be submitted in English language. Each application must include a CV per template enclosed with this Call¹ and a signed privacy statement.

The applicant shall submit one application for one selected topic only.

Selection of the Non-key Experts will be done through the evaluation of submitted applications. The main criteria for the evaluation are going to be the strength of the submitted CV with relevant experience. The applicants will need to possess qualifications and experience as in the Terms of Reference.

After the selection of the most suitable profiles is finalized, formal approval by the EUD and signature of the service Contract with the GOPA PACE will follow, and this is expected to be formalized as per the timeline mentioned under point 3. We expect each selected applicant monitoring mission will last for up to 30 working days (WDs) for the mentioned period of the entire length of the assignment.

Selected Non-key Experts will sign a contract and will be paid an all-inclusive expert daily fee that will be agreed in the contracting stage after the selection process is finalized with GOPA PACE.

Additional expenses such as transportation costs within Armenia, advocacy costs, presentation and publication of policy paper etc., as well as any other necessary justifiable expenses that the selected Non-key Experts can have during the mission implementation, will be financed from the project incidental expenditures (IE) and will require prior agreement and approval of the EUD as a contracting authority. This will be in advance communicated and regulated by the project Team of experts and GOPA PACE backstopping team.

7. Other conditions – supplementary information

¹ Additionally, the submitted CV should include links to the applicant's previous similar monitoring experience or listed publications.



Questions regarding this specific Call shall be sent **at the latest one week before the deadline**, in English, and shall be exclusively sent to the following email addresses: mushegh.yekmalyan@gopa.eu and/or davit.amiryan@gopa.eu.

8. Application procedure

All documents must be sent to GOPA PACE **electronically**. Electronic copies shall be sent only to the following email address: CEPA_Armenia@gopa.eu with reference note **2026/Non-key EXPERT-MONITORING** in the subject field. Expressions of Interest submitted to another e-mail account will be excluded from the procedure.

The deadline for the submission of expression of interest is **15 June 2026 by 23:59 CET**.