



Marseille, 08<sup>th</sup> April 2019

## Expert team leader (full time): “Innovation for Enterprise Growth and Jobs” Programme

### Context

The Jordanian **innovation ecosystem and its institutional framework** are **fragmented** and still incomplete with poor experience and limited skills resources. There is a “**missing middle**” of **SMEs**, but is unrealised due to **limited access to finance** for small and medium companies.

In this framework, the EU, with its new programme called 'Innovation for Enterprise Growth and Jobs' Programme aims to support entrepreneurship, innovation and job creation by providing innovation support approaches led by the private sector and resembling lessons for future policy funding and initiatives

The expected results of the overall Programme are threefold: (1) provide space and opportunity for **innovative enterprises to scale and grow**, (2) improve **access to innovation** infrastructure facilities, financing and services; and (3) promote **culture of innovation**, through pilot initiatives and communication actions, supporting the open innovation lifecycle from ideation to international growth exploitation.

Three pilot initiatives are proposed in order to achieve expected results:

1. **Accelerator Growth Hub**: an intensive programme and facility to help high-potential SMEs to grow and scale-up. It would be mix of intense training, individual coaching, access to experts, mentors, management support;
2. **Sector Centre of Excellence**: 'go to place'/cluster for any companies, research/academic institutions and any other actors operating directly within a chosen sector to promote, support and facilitate innovation development activities in that sector from idea to internationalization;
3. **Open Innovation Facility**: private sector 'port-of-call', open to everybody place to go for private sector innovation advice and support innovation.

### Description of the main tasks

- Responsible for project coordination and quality implementation of all deliverables;
- Responsible for planning, coordination and supervision of the activities performed by other key or short-term experts;
- Responsible for working closely with the implementing teams of the three grant components of the 'Innovation for Enterprise Growth and Jobs' programme;
- Liaise on a permanent basis with the Contracting Authority and seek the necessary approvals needed for the implementation of the project;
- Responsible for sound financial and administrative management of the project including contacts and coordination with the Contracting Authority.

### Skills and experience:

#### General background:

- University degree (preferably at Master's level) in a related field, e.g. Economics, Management, Business Innovation, Technology Transfer, Social science, or similar;

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills; reporting skills and computer skills including Microsoft Office (Word, Excel and PowerPoint);
- Fluency in English is a must.

**General professional experience:**

- Preferably 8 years of experience in the area of business innovation and private sector development, but a minimum of 5 years of experience required.
- Experience of a senior expert in at least two long-term (>6 months) development technical assistance projects in the area of business innovation, private sector development or similar.

**Specific professional experience:**

- At least 5 years proven experience in providing technical assistance and capacity building in the area of business innovation, private sector development or similar;
- Proven experience of working directly with and /or supporting companies and private sector organisations;
- Proven coordination skills of working with diverse interdisciplinary teams;
- Working experience with international donors is an asset;
- Knowledge of EU procedures is an asset;
- Knowledge of and working experience in the MENA region is an asset.

## Location

Operational base is Amman, Jordan. Travels to the governorates in Jordan may be necessary.

## Duration of the mission

42 month, **starting July 1<sup>st</sup> 2019**.

Full-time : estimated minimum 700 days.

## Application

Candidates with the required skills and experience can send their **CV** (EuropAid template) by email to [expertise@anima.coop](mailto:expertise@anima.coop) (object « Team leader expert – EuropeAid).

**Deadline : 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

The expected start of the mission is 1st July 2019.