

**Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean (GWP – Med)**  
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**MEDITERRANEAN INFORMATION OFFICE FOR ENVIRONMENT, CULTURE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**  
**– MIO ECSDE**

***ANNOUNCES THE PRESENT CALL 23/2026/Drin II FOR OFFERS***

**for the organization of the DRIN DAY celebration 2026**

**SUBMISSION OF OFFERS BY:** 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026, at 17:00h CET

**AVAILABLE BUDGET:** USD 6.000,00 including VAT.

This amount includes all other costs, income taxes, VAT and any other amount payable or cost that may be required for the completion of the work/service, including travel-related costs.

**AWARD CRITERION:** The offer with the highest score of the Technical Evaluation –**minimum score 60.**

### **Description of the Assignment**

GWP-Med is announcing the present Call for Offers for the organization of the DRIN DAY celebration 2026 in the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Management of the Extended Transboundary Drin Basin and the GEF II Project “Implementing the Strategic Action Programme of the Drin Basin to Strengthen Transboundary cooperation and enable Integrated Natural Resources Management

The objective of the project is celebration of the 5 May (official Drin Day) in all sub-basins of the extended transboundary Drin Basin under the auspices of the Drin CORDA and the Drin Core Group and informing stakeholders about the aims of the project as well as the Drin’s resources and the necessary action needed to move towards sustainable management of the Basin.

The aim of the Assignment under the Call is to raise the awareness of local communities and the wider public on the importance of the sustainable management of the Drin River Basin and its ecosystems and to raise awareness amongst the wider public about the declining state of the environment of the Drin watershed

For a detailed description of the Assignment, please refer to the respective ToR.

## Procurement

The procurement will proceed having regard to:

- ✓ General principles of EU law on procurements.
- ✓ Internal Rules and Regulations of MIO-ECSDE/GWP-MED which can be found at <https://mio-ecsde.org/about-us/our-accountability> and at <https://www.gwp.org/en/About/who/Governance-Funding/>.
- ✓ The present CALL FOR OFFERS and its supporting documents.

## Offer Submission

Interested participants should submit an their offer electronically including the following:

### Folder A containing the:

1. Application Form
2. Solemn Self Declaration (available in Annex 1)
3. Detailed financial budget for the activities planned for the celebration of the Drin Day 2026

**Please read carefully the section “How to submit an offer” of the present call, on how exactly you are required to submit your offer**

**Each NGO may apply only for one of the four specified Riparian’s**

Offers must be submitted for the entire Assignment.

The Participants shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of their offer.

The Contracting Authority will in no case be responsible or liable for such costs, whatever the conduct or outcome of the procedure.

The Contracting Authority will neither be responsible for, nor cover, any expenses or losses incurred by the participants for any site visits and inspections or any other aspect of their offer.

The Contracting Authority may ask Participants to submit supporting documents concerning their offer ( references, certificates, publications etc.)

The language of this procedure, the tender documents and the offers is English. Any documentation (certificates, etc) submitted in any other language should be accompanied by a translation in English, certified by a lawyer or public authority **otherwise the application will be rejected.**

## Deadline for submission of offers

The **deadline** for submission of offers is set to be 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026, at **17:00h CET.**

The successful participant will be informed within 10 working days following the submission deadline.

The results of the present call for offers will be published at the GWP-Med Website <https://www.gwp.org/en/GWP-Mediterranean/>

## Clarifications

### 1. Clarifications on the published Call for Offers

Requests for clarifications should be submitted by email, the latest, seven (7) days before the closing date of this call for offers.

The answers / additional information will be published on the website of GWP-Med four (4) days before the closing date of this call for offers.

### 2. Clarifications during the (technical and financial) evaluation of offers

The Contracting Authority may, during the evaluation of offers, ask the Participants to provide clarifications on the documents submitted with their offers, within reasonable time.

Any clarifications and/or additional documents submitted by the Participants not in the context of a request for clarifications posed by the Contracting Authority are not taken into account for the evaluation of offers.

During the evaluation of offers the Contracting Authority, by applying the principles of equal treatment and of transparency, may request from participants, when the information or the documentation they are obliged to submit are or appear incomplete or wrong, including those in the Solemn self-declaration, to submit, to complement or to clarify the relevant information or documentation, within a time-frame of at least 10 calendar days, with a maximum of 20 calendar days from the date the participants receive the relevant request from the Contracting Authority.

## Eligibility Conditions – Participation Requirements

Participation in the present call for offers is open, on equal terms, to any natural or legal person or entity who meet the legal, financial and technical conditions laid down in this Call where they possess adequate professional experience and capacity.

## Grounds for exclusion – disqualification (ON/OFF)

Participants should verify by submitting a **solemn declaration** (annexed to the present Call) that they are not bankrupt or subject of proceeding for a declaration of bankruptcy, that they are in good standing, operate under no legal restrictions, are not under any liquidation procedure or the subject of proceedings for declaration of liquidation or any similar situation and that they have not been convicted for any one of the following legal offences: participation in a criminal organization, corruption, bribery, fraud, money laundering, terrorist, child labour and human trafficking.

Please refer to the **Solemn Self-Declaration Statement in Annex 1 which should be filled in and signed as indicated. Failure to comply with the requirements included in the Self Declaration is considered ground for exclusion.**

## Selection Criteria (Pass/Fail)

Successful participants (NGO or Civil Society organizations) must

1. Be NGO or Civil Society organizations.
2. Have previous Experience in carrying out similar activities - at least 1 similar activity.
3. Have Minimum Establishment period of Bidders should be at least 3 years proven through official establishment documentation (e.g. not after 15/03/2023)

**Failure to comply with the above pass / fail requirements and provide relevant proof with the application is considered ground for exclusion.**

### Technical Evaluation and award criterion

The technical evaluation will assess the quality and relevance of the proposed activities in relation to the Terms of Reference (ToR) (Maximum 100 Points).

Only offers scoring at least 60 points out of 100 will be considered technically acceptable.

**Award criterion:** The offer with the highest score of the Technical Evaluation – with minimum score 60.

Offers qualified in terms of exclusion grounds and selection criteria will be further evaluated on the basis of the requirements as follows:

<b>Criterion 1: Relevance and Methodological Quality (Maximum 25 points)</b>		
Assessment of the extent to which the proposal:	Score Range	Interpretation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Demonstrates clear understanding of the ToR;</li> <li>•Presents a coherent and feasible methodology;</li> <li>•Provides realistic planning and organisation of activities;</li> <li>•Ensures quality and timely delivery of outputs.</li> </ul>	0–10	Insufficient or weak understanding of ToR; methodology unclear or unrealistic
	11–18	Good understanding; methodology clear and generally feasible
	19–25	Very good to excellent understanding; methodology coherent, realistic, well-structured and clearly aligned with ToR
<b>Criterion 2: Quality and Diversity of Activities (Maximum 20 points)</b>		
Assessment of the extent to which the proposal integrates educational, awareness-raising and field activities addressing the theme of Drin Day 2026.	Score Range	Interpretation
	0–8	Limited scope or insufficient integration of activities
	9–15	Adequate combination of complementary activities
	16–20	Strong and well-integrated combination of educational, awareness and field activities with clear thematic focus
<b>Criterion 3: Outreach and Engagement (Maximum 25 points)</b>		
3.1 Expected Direct Participants (Maximum 10 points)	Number of Direct Participants	Points
	Less than 50	2
	50–100	5
	101–200	8

	More than 200	10
<b>3.2 Outreach Strategy and Multiplier Effect (Maximum 15 points)</b>  Assessment of clarity, feasibility and expected impact of dissemination and engagement actions.	<b>Score Range</b>	<b>Interpretation</b>
	0-5	Outreach strategy unclear or insufficient
	6-10	Structured and feasible outreach plan
	11-15	Clear and well-sequenced outreach actions demonstrating multiplier effect and sustained engagement
<b>Criterion 4: Institutional Participation and Geographic Coverage (Maximum 15 points)</b>		
Assessment of the level of engagement of relevant institutions (e.g., mayors, local/regional authorities, ministries) and territorial scope of the proposed activities.	<b>Score Range</b>	<b>Interpretation</b>
	0–5	Limited institutional involvement and/or single location
	6–10	Engagement of multiple institutions and/or multi-municipal coverage
	11–15	Strong engagement of local, regional and/or national institutions with broad geographic impact
<b>Criterion 5: Visibility and Media Coverage (Maximum 10 points)</b>		
Assessment of the proposed visibility actions, including:  •Engagement of traditional media (local/regional/national);  •Social media and online dissemination;  •Production of audiovisual materials;  •Contribution to overall visibility of Drin Day 2026.	<b>Score Range</b>	<b>Interpretation</b>
	0–3	Limited visibility actions
	4–7	Adequate media and online visibility plan
	8–10	Strong and diversified visibility strategy with measurable outreach
<b>Criterion 6: In-kind Contribution / Co-financing (Maximum 5 points)</b>		
Points will be awarded based on the declared and quantifiable in-kind contribution or co-financing.  Co-financing Level (as % of total action value)	<b>Cofinance %</b>	<b>Points</b>
	None	0
	Up to 10%	3
	Above 10%	5

## Duration of the Contract

The overall duration of the contract will be maximum 3 (three) months.

## Contract Price, Deliverables and Schedule of Payment

The maximum fee for this assignment is 6.000,00 USD. This amount includes all other costs, income taxes and any other amount payable or cost that may be required for the completion of the work/service, including VAT. This amount includes all other costs, income taxes, VAT and any other amount payable or cost that may be required for the completion of the work/service, including travel-related costs.

All payments except the advance payment shall be upon reception and acceptance/verification of the deliverables. Of the 6.000 USD at least half the amount will be used for costs related to promotional activities. Eligible promotional costs include: costs for filming and/or broadcasting of the Drin Day events in order to enhance impact; costs for printing material; costs for promotional material and products giving.

For a detailed description of Tasks, please refer to the ToR. Deadlines to be possibly adapted based on the actual dates that the celebration will take place.

Schedule of payments as follows:

- **60% (3.600 USD) down payment upon contract signature.**
- **40% (2.400 USD) after the successful implementation of the activities and the acceptance of deliverables and related expenses by GWP-MED.**

GWP-Med may order additional services from the successful candidate to complement the task described in the ToR if specific needs arise that cannot be anticipated at this moment. In any case the value of any additional service requested cannot exceed 50% of the amount of the present call.

**The successful consultant must Provide before contract signature.**

### 1) Certification of payment of Taxes

## Termination / cancelation / repetition / reformulation of the procurement procedure

Termination of a procurement procedure, partial cancellation and repetition of a procedure, reformulation of procedure results.

1. GWP-Med/MIO-ECSDE may, by a reasoned decision, and after the opinion of the competent body, cancel the procurement procedure by annulling the respective Call, either due to failure to submit a tender or the rejection of all tenders or the exclusion of all Participants in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Call.

2. Cancellation of the procurement procedure may take place by a reasoned decision of the GWP-Med/MIO-ECSDE, in the following cases:

- due to the irregularity of the procurement procedure
- if the financial and technical parameters related to the award process have changed substantially and the execution of the contractual object is no longer of interest to GWP-Med/MIO-ECSDE
- if due to force majeure, the contract cannot be properly executed
- if the tender selected is deemed not economically advantageous
- in case of expiry of the bids

- vi. in case the needs of GWP-Med/MIO-ECSDE and / or of the beneficiary (-ies) of the project have changed
- vii. in case the circumstances have changed resulting in the inability to deliver the contract / project (eg local community reactions, inability to fund, etc.).
- viii. in case of other imperative reasons of public interest such as for purposes of public health or environmental protection.

3. If errors or omissions are found at any stage of the award procedure, the GWP-Med/MIO-ECSDE may, after the opinion of the competent body, either cancel the proceedings partially or reshape the outcome accordingly or decide to repeat the procedure from the point where the error occurred. or omission.

4. GWP-Med/MIO-ECSDE also reserves the right, after the opinion of the competent body, to decide, in addition to the cancellation of the procurement procedure or the annulment of the Call, the repetition of any phase of the concluding procedure, as well, with or without modifying its terms or recourse to the negotiation process, provided it is in conformity with the Internal Rules and Regulations of GWP-MED /MIO-ECSDE.

5. Under no circumstances shall GWP-MED /MIO-ECSDE be obliged to pay to Participants any compensation for expenses or other positive or consequential damages that may have been incurred by their participation in the proceedings.

## **Objections**

Objections against any act of the Contracting Authority can be submitted within five (5) days from the notification of the Contracting Authority's act.

An objection to the call for offers can be submitted within a period that extends up to half the period from the publication of the call in the Contracting Authority's website and the final date of submission of offers. For the calculation of this period's deadline, the dates of the publication of the call and the submission of the offers are considered. Objections are submitted in written, by courier, by fax or by email.

Objections are submitted to the Contracting Authority, which shall decide within ten (10) days from the notification of the objection. In the event of an objection to the call for offers, the Contracting Authority shall decide in any case before the closing date for the submission of offers. In case the Contracting Authority has not answered within the above deadline, the rejection of the objection is presumed.

## **How to submit an Offer**

**The submission of offers can will be done electronically via e-mail.**

Therefore, you are kindly requested to prepare and send an email to [procurement@gwpmed.org](mailto:procurement@gwpmed.org) writing in the email subject line: 23/2026/Drin II, before the above-mentioned closing date for submission of offers the following :

Application form, the Solemn Declaration, Detailed financial budget and any other supporting documents

Offers submitted after the specified date and time shall not be taken into consideration.

The Contracting Authority bears no liability whatsoever for any late delivery of offers or for the contents of its accompanying folders.

For any clarifications on the present call for offers please contact:

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The present call for offers is posted on the website of GWP-Med ([www.gwp-med.org](http://www.gwp-med.org)).

The Chairman of GWP-Med/MIO-ECSDE

Prof. Michael J. Scoullos

