# ANNEX I: Terms of Reference

**HEAD of FINANCE and ADMINISTRATION**

**JOB TITLE:** Head of Finance & Administration, full time position

**REPORTS TO:** Executive Secretary/Regional Coordinator

# SCOPE OF THIS POSITION:

The position leads management and monitoring of the GWP-Med financial, procurement, administrative and human resources procedures and guiding, safeguarding and overseeing their proper implementation.

The Head of Finance & Administration will be responsible for leading and/or delivering financial management, preparing financial reports, ensuring an updated and functional ERP system and monthly/quarterly/annual reconciliation of accounts, among other tasks. She/he will also be responsible for leading and/or preparing and following up on the needed procedures for procurements and contracts with experts and providers as well as for leading and administering human resources procedures.

The position includes a number of complex tasks, which require close attention to detail. Functions to be serviced require:

* ability to design, analyse and process multiple and multi-level processes and transactions;
* detail-oriented review with clear follow ups;
* ability to prioritize and work under pressure with close attention to detail;
* a proactive approach.

The Head of Finance & Administration reports to the Executive Secretary/Regional Coordinator. She/he collaborates closely with all GWP-Med units and staff members for delivering their objectives as these relate to finance, administration and human resources matters. She/he manages staff of the Finance, Administration and Human Resources Department. Duties require international travel. She/he will collaborate as needed with the Host Institute Finance and Admin Unit at Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development.

**LOCATION:** GWP-Med Secretariat in Athens, with international travel

# SPECIFIC DUTIES:

* Develop, update, and implement pertinent and efficient financial, administrative and human resources procedures.
* Guide, monitor and safeguard the preparation and implementation on issues related to Finance & Administration of the GWP-Med annual budget.
* Prepare GWP-Med’s Quarterly budget forecasts in close collaboration with the Project Managers.
* Prepare and submit quarterly and annual financial reports to GWP.
* Lead and/or guide, monitor and safeguard the preparation and implementation on issues related to Finance, Administration and Human Resources of GWP-Med Project proposals’ and Projects’ Budgets in close collaboration with assigned Project Managers, including elaboration of budget forecasts, comparison of expenditures vs approved budget and preparation of adjustments as necessary, and follow-ups of expenditure invoicing payments.
* Lead and/or prepare Projects’ Quarterly budget forecasts in close collaboration with the Project Managers.
* Guide and assist Project Managers in preparation of financial reports per project and per donor and safeguard its contents and quality
* Lead and/or Monitor staff timesheet keeping, and allocation of salary costs to Project and other budgets.
* Lead and/or prepare, implement and monitor procurement procedures and contracts with experts and providers.
* Lead and/or draft and monitor contracts between GWP-Med and staff members as well as with external contractors for outsourced services. Lead and/or monitor the contractors' invoices against the goods and services provided by the contractor and approved by assigned GWP-Med Officers. Lead and/or prepare and monitor payments of contractors' invoices in coordination with the Host Institute. Lead and/or prepare and process all related GWP-Med forms and requirements.
* Produce monthly liquidity reports and monthly payment obligations.
* Monitor accounts and payment to vendors and individual contractors for services.
* Plan, secure and carry out timely monthly/annual reconciliations of the Secretariat and project accounts.
* Continuously improve the administrative, financial and human resources procedures and routines.
* Lead financial audits and cooperate with Auditing Bodies, including for providing information and files during inspections.
* Lead update of the project management and accounting software regularly and in collaboration with the Host Institute.
* Lead management of administration and human resources matters and further establishment of related procedures and feedback systems the GWP-Med Secretariat.
* Respond to enquiries and provide information and advice to project staff regarding their entitlements, administrative procedures, processes and practices, conditions of service, duties and responsibilities, ensuring consistency in the application of GWP-Med rules and procedures.
* Manage staff of the GWP-Med Finance & Administration Department.
* Other duties as assigned by the Executive Secretary/Regional Coordinator.

# QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

* University degree or similar further education in finance or business administration.
* Master’s in finance or accounting or MBA and/or ACCA / ACA / CFA / CPA / CMA qualification or in progress, will be considered an asset.
* At least 10 years of professional experience in accounting and finance, including on international and and/or national projects’ budget management (design, implementation and monitoring).
* At least 3 years in a related senior post.
* Financial reporting experience under IFRS and Greek GAAP and familiarity of accounting for short/long term of EU and other international funded projects.
* Familiar with the SOFT1 E.R.P software, or similar.
* Excellent knowledge of MS Office.
* Excellent command of spoken and written English and Greek. Working level of French is an advantage.
* Experience working in/with developing countries and/or international business is an advantage.
* Experience in a Big-4 company is an advantage.

Furthermore,

* Strong interpersonal skills and integrity.
* Effective communicator both verbally and in writing.
* Reliable, valuing the importance of timeliness and accuracy.
* Excellent organisational capacity and resourcefulness.

# COMPETENCIES

**PROFESSIONALISM:** Ability to perform a broad range of administrative functions, e.g., budget/work program, human resources, database management, etc. Shows pride in work and in achievements; Is conscientious and efficient in meeting commitments, observing deadlines and achieving results; Is motivated by professional rather than personal concerns; Shows persistence when faced with difficult problems or challenges; Remains calm in stressful situations.

**COMMUNICATION**: Speaks and writes clearly and effectively; Listens to others, correctly interprets messages from others and responds appropriately; Asks questions to clarify, and exhibits interest in having two-way communication; Tailors language, tone, style and format to match audience; Demonstrates openness in sharing information and keeping people informed.

**TEAMWORK:** Works collaboratively with colleagues to achieve organizational goals; Solicits input by genuinely valuing others' ideas and expertise; Is willing to learn from others; Places team agenda before personal agenda; Supports and acts in accordance with final group decision, even when such decisions may not entirely reflect own position; Shares credit for team accomplishments and accepts joint responsibility for team shortcomings.

**PLANNING AND ORGANIZING**: Develops clear goals that are consistent with agreed strategies; Identifies priority activities and assignments; Adjusts priorities as required; Allocates appropriate amount of time and resources for completing work; Foresees risks and allows for contingencies when planning; Monitors and adjusts plans and actions as necessary; Uses time efficiently.

*Note: The above TOR contains the main responsibilities and duties of this position. However in an ever evolving organisation such as GWP-Med staff members are expected to show flexibility in their approach to work and be willing to undertake other tasks that are reasonably allocated to them but which are not part of their regular TOR. Where any task becomes a regular part of staff member's responsibilities, the TOR should be changed in consultation between the line manager, the staff member and the GWP-Med Executive Secretary/Regional Coordinator.*