TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ADVISORY SERVICES FOR CAPACITY BUILDING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "TECHNICAL REGULATION ON RADIO EQUIPMENT"

1. Project name:
Log-In Georgia
2. Employer:
Open Net NNLE
3. Position title:
Firm for advisory services for investment attraction for international connectivity
4. Consultant will deliver outputs to:
Head of the Telecommunication, Information and Modern Technologies Department of the MoESD
5. Contract duration:
3 Months

6. Project Description:

The Government of Georgia has signed a Loan Agreement for financing the implementation of **Log-in Georgia Project** ("**Project**") with the World Bank (WB). The proposed Project development objective is to increase access to affordable broadband internet, and to promote its use by individuals and enterprises, in targeted rural settlements.

The Project Consists of the following key components and subcomponents:

- <u>Component 1: Increasing access to broadband</u> this Component will help expand access to broadband internet in rural settlements across Georgia and improve the enabling environment for digital development.
 - Subcomponent 1.1: Supporting the Open Net Program the Open Net Program will develop a national infrastructure to offer open access, wholesale, broadband telecommunications services.
 - Subcomponent 1.2: Improving the enabling environment for digital infrastructure this subcomponent will support activities to improve the enabling environment for digital infrastructure development in Georgia. This will support the development of legal, policy, and regulatory instruments, and design of investment attraction measures in accordance with the national broadband development strategy (adopted in 2020).
- <u>Component 2: Promoting the use of broadband-enabled digital services</u> this Component will support the development of Georgia's digital economy through a

strengthened enabling environment, promoting digital use-cases of broadband, and addressing barriers to the participation of individuals in the digital economy.

- O <u>Subcomponent</u> 2.1: <u>Enabling environment for digital economy</u> <u>development</u> this subcomponent will support activities to improve the enabling environment for digital economy development in Georgia.
- Subcomponent 2.2: Promoting use-cases the subcomponent will promote specific use-cases of improved broadband connectivity in targeted rural settlements.
- Subcomponent 2.3: Increasing digital inclusion this subcomponent will finance targeted interventions to boost the use of the internet and digital services by women, social minorities, and persons with disabilities in targeted settlements.
- <u>Component 3: Project implementation support</u> this component will support the management and implementation of the Project and associated activities.

The Project will be implemented over a five-year period by the Open Net NNLE as the implementing entity, with the oversight of the Ministry of Economy & Sustainable Development (MOESD) of the Government of Georgia (GoG). Open Net NNLE will be the Project Implementing Entity (PIE) to support the implementation of the Project.

7. Background of the assignment:

Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia promotes the development of the digital economy and the digital development of the country, and implements AA/DCFTA obligations together with all stakeholders in the telecom and postal sectors. In order to approximate to the Directive 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, draft resolution of the Government of Georgia on the approval of the technical regulation on radio equipment has been prepared. The activates within this project, should ensure the practical implementation of the "Technical regulation on radio equipment"

A. INTRODUCTION

B. FUNCTIONS

I. Objective and Purpose of the Assignment:

Practical implementation impact analyses of the "Technical regulation on radio equipment".

II. Key duties of this position:

1. Review the existing legislation on product safety of Georgia and resolution (including draft) of the Government of Georgia on "Technical regulation on radio equipment"

- 2. Elaboration of the Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA) for implementation of the Technical Regulation on Radio Equipment
- 3. Elaboration of the document/recommendations which will include all the aspects have to be done by the market surveillance and economic operators (e.g. manufacturer; authorized representative, importer and distributor) and if possible for the Conformity encasement body.
- 4. Conducting the Capacity Building trainings for the market surveillance and economic operators (e.g. manufacturer; authorized representative, importer and distributor) and if possible for the Conformity encasement body

III. Expected Output/Deliverables and Reporting Format:		
Output/Deliverables	Timeline	
Introductory meeting with MOESD to review and discuss action plan and timelines is provided (on site)	1 week after signature	
Brief inception report on action plan and timeline prepared	2 weeks after signature	
Elaborated Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA)	1 months after signature	
Elaborated document/recommendations which will include all the aspects have to be done by the market surveillance, economic operators and if possible, for the Conformity assessment body	2 months after signature	
Capacity Building trainings (online-on side) for the market surveillance, economic operators and if possible, for the Conformity encasement body	1-3 months after signature	
On side workshop for MOESD and relevant stakeholders to present results, findings and recommendations organized (on site)	3 months after signature	
Monthly progress reports	Every month, and 3 months from signing the contract (Final report)	
The firm shall submit the reports on monthly basis. Reports shall include the list of services carried out during the reporting period. The Consultant shall prepare a final report summarizing the work provided.		
All deliverables must be submitted in English and then translated into Georgian Language		

C. REQUIREMENTS

EXPERTS	QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS		
Lead Expert	Master's degree at least one of the following fields:		
	 telecommunications engineering; electrical and electronics engineering; telecommunications economics; economics; finance; legal, or related fields. 		
	 International experience in similar tasks and management of projects; Knowledge and experience in telecommunications, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, or related fields; Strong legal/ business/financial/economical knowledge and experience: Minimum 10 years of working experience in/with public or private sector, among them the EU MS Ministries or market surveillance agencies, in the field of product safety and Electrical and Electronic Engineering Proven knowledge and understanding EU Electrical and Electronic Engineering Industries (EEI) regulations, internal legal acts on EEI of at least 2 EU MSs; Experience in introduction of the Radio Equipment Directive (RED) would be considered an asset; Experience in or knowledge of operations of market surveillance agencies; Ability to work collaboratively in a team and deliver outputs on time; Strong analytical and research skills; Excellent knowledge of English language. 		
Legal Expert	 Master's Degree in law and qualifications to practice law; International experience in similar tasks; At least 10 years of relevant international experience Electrical and Electronic Engineering sector; Proven knowledge and understanding EU Electrical and Electronic Engineering Industries (EEI) regulations, internal legal acts on EEI of at least 2 EU MSs; Familiarity with Georgian Law and telecom framework would be considered as an asset; Strong analytical and research skills; Ability to work collaboratively in a team and deliver outputs on time; Excellent knowledge of English language. 		

Facilities and Services to be provided by the Client

The MoESD shall provide office area and facilities, office equipment and communication necessary to carry out the services. The Client shall also provide all necessary information and documents for that purposes. Facilitating meetings with all relevant stakeholders per Client guidance and Consultant requests.