ECONOMIC OFFICER BANJA LUKA REGIONAL OFFICE

Duty Station: Banja Luka
Contract Type: National Contractor
Grade: 8

PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF POSITION:

The Economic Officer is responsible for surveying the various aspects of economic development and economic policy in Republika Srpska. In particular, he/she oversees and writes reports on public finance and fiscal sustainability related to the OHR “5+2” Agenda (item 4. Fiscal Sustainability). He/she also oversees and writes reports that analyse macro and microeconomic areas of Republika Srpska’s economy. He/she works interactively with foreign officials as well as domestic government institutions and their representatives. He/she also meets with the Economic Unit of OHR Sarajevo to strengthen the links and ensure a fully efficient scope of work.

Work content includes:

- Monitoring and reporting
- Liaison with domestic and foreign officials
- Data analysis
- Technical and non-technical translations (if needed)

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Monitoring/Reporting

- Monitor and reporting on various laws, decrees, and decisions regarding economic transition initiatives in Republika Srpska that includes but are not limited to

the following issues: Republika Srpska' budgeting/ borrowing policy and tax practices; fiscal coordination between State and Entity; local capital market developments banking sector developments; government-owned strategic companies restructuring and private sector developments; business environment improvement and steps to create a single economic space; social sector (pension and health system; labour regulations)
- Producing regular updates/reports on key economic reform in the RS;
- Observing relevant debates and discussions of economic laws in the RS National Assembly.

Liaison

- Maintaining relations and consulting with key economic ministries such as Finance, Economy, Energy and Mining, Transport and Communications and high-level administrations such as BiH Indirect Taxation Authority, BiH Central Bank, BiH Deposit Insurance Agency, RS Tax Administration, Banking Agency, Fiscal Council, Chamber of Commerce, Pension and Disability Insurance Fund, Health Insurance Fund;
- Maintaining relations with donors and foreign officials, including participation in working groups, seminars or workshops;
- Participating in meetings with the RS, non-government institutions or companies, and informing the DHR and Head of Banja Luka Regional Office, OHR Economic Unit in Sarajevo, other sections in Banja Luka or senior officials of the OHR Office in Banja Luka about the meetings and consultations.

Analysis

- Analysing available statistical data and reporting on

economic trends

General/Administrative

- Undertaking other relevant duties (arranging meetings, drafting correspondence, producing translations, filing, etc.) as requested by the DHR and Head of the Regional Office, the Deputy High Representative;
- Any other tasks as directed by the supervisor.

PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS/QUALIFICATIONS

- A university degree in economics or a related field; a master's degree, would be an advantage;
- 5 years of experience in the area of expertise;
- Knowledge of the BiH economic space, relevant domestic institutions, and issues related to transition economies;
- Excellent command of oral and written English language;
- Excellent communication and computer skills;
- Ability to take initiative and work independently;
- Ability to work with people of different cultural backgrounds;
- Availability to travel when needed;
- Commitment to peace implementation in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Any person with the above qualifications should provide (in English) a CV with a one-page cover letter and references to the following:

Human Resources
Office of the High Representative
Emerika Bluma 1, 71000 Sarajevo
Bosnia and Herzegovina
E-mail: application@ohr.int

Reference number: 2025/001
Closing date for applications: 14 February 2025

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted
Incomplete applications will not be taken into consideration
No telephone inquiries please