

## **Call for National Media Experts (Maldives and Sri Lanka respectively):**

The European Partnership for Democracy is currently seeking **two media experts** for a technical assistance assignment in the framework of the EU-funded **Media4Democracy** project.

The European Partnership for Democracy (EPD) is a non-profit organisation supporting democracy worldwide. It comprises fourteen European civil and political society organisations from eleven EU Member States present in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and Latin America. Located at the heart of the EU district in Brussels, EPD has established itself as a key player on EU democracy support, both vis-à-vis the EU institutions and member states, as well as the wider democracy support community (experts, CSOs, donors). Through innovative and collaborative methodologies based on the development of effective partnerships, EPD facilitates the exchange of knowledge and good practices around the world.

The Media4Democracy project aims to ensure that issues of freedom of expression, right to information and free media are incorporated in the EU Democracy Action Plans and the Human Rights and Democracy Country Strategies and are implemented as part of EU democracy support. The main thematic focus of the technical assistance project are access to information, online media and new technologies, the responses to changing media landscape, and public service media. EU Delegations and EU Member State missions' staff, alongside broadly defined media actors in cooperation countries are the two main target groups.

### **Expert profile**

The consultant should be knowledgeable about the media landscape in **Sri Lanka or Maldives**. (There will be two separate assignments, one per country.) Ideally, he/she should be based in the country. The consultant will be required to support EPD's international lead expert in setting up and conducting interviews with media institutions and stakeholders, drafting part of an assessment report destined for the EU Delegation in Colombo, and participating in a training/strategic planning workshop with EU Delegation staff. The detailed Terms of Reference for the assignment will be shared with interested experts.

Key qualifications required:

- At least **10 years of experience** in the media or freedom of expression sector
- In-depth knowledge of the country including the political or of the regional context relevant to the assessment
- Experience of working with international donors or international NGOs
- Fluency in local language or lingua franca
- Good knowledge of written and spoken English

**Remuneration:**

EPD offers a temporary contract with compensation of EUR 350-400 per working day. Remuneration will depend on the selected experts' qualifications and experience and be in accordance with EPD established rates. The expected total number of working days per expert is 10-15.

**Terms of Contract**

Temporary Appointment: April 2019 – June 2019.

**Application process**

Please send your CV, [using this template](#), to Sebastian Bloching (sebastianbloching@epd.eu) by **Sunday, 10 March (EOB)**.

Should you have any questions regarding this consultancy opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact Sebastian Bloching (sebastianbloching@epd.eu).