



## United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

Call for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for Implementing Partners for Small-Scale Agreements of Cooperation

**Support Services for Transport Data Gathering/Analysis  
and Stakeholder Engagement Implementation for the following cities: Almaty, Kazakhstan;  
Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan; Chisinau, Moldova and Kragujevac Serbia**

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## Introduction

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-Habitat, is mandated by the UN-General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all. UN-Habitat works with varied partners including cities, central governments, local authorities, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in particular, Goal 11 of ***“Making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable”***.

As cities around the world rapidly urbanising, they are increasingly facing urban mobility challenges key among them traffic congestion, pollution and road traffic crashes. The transport sector also significantly contributes to global energy related carbon emissions. Public transport comprising efficient bus systems, trams, metros and non-motorised mobility such as walking, and cycling are emerging an ideal mix to curb the growing urban transport challenges and meet the transport needs of citizens. UN-Habitat collaborates with governments at city, regional and national levels on development and implementation of policy, guides and tools for sustainable urban mobility; provides technical support for development of effective transport systems and supports knowledge, advocacy and capacity building.

UN-Habitat is the lead implementing agency for the Project on: “Building back safe, sustainable and resilient transport and urban mobility systems in Western Balkan and Central Asian landlocked developing regions”. This initiative is funded by the 15th tranche of the United Nations Development Account with the primary objective to strengthen the capacity of local and national governments within the Western Balkans, Eastern Europe and Central Asia Regions in sustainable urban mobility planning. The focus is on establishing durable, long-term investment strategies that improve accessibility and connectivity for all while concurrently addressing climate emissions and reducing road fatalities. Specifically, this project aims to support two cities in Western Balkans and Eastern Europe - Chisinau in Moldova and Kragujevac in Serbia, and two cities in Central Asia - Bishkek in Kyrgyzstan and Almaty in Kazakhstan - the focus is on establishing durable, long-term investment strategies that improve accessibility and connectivity for all while concurrently addressing climate emissions and reducing road fatalities.

Along with UN-Habitat, this project is co-implemented with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP).

## Objective

The proposed collaboration under this call is to support the planned activities within the above-mentioned project for Chisinau in Moldova, Kragujevac in Serbia, Bishkek in Kyrgyzstan and Almaty in Kazakhstan to strengthen local and national capacity on long-term, sustainable urban mobility planning and robust investment decisions towards low-carbon public transport, walking and cycling, with health, economic and wider co-benefits of investing in low-carbon urban mobility solutions. This would be achieved through the following two Outcomes.

- Outcome 1     Strengthened capacity of local governments to plan for sustainable, resilient and low carbon mobility systems based on evidence- and data-based planning approaches and in alignment with international best practice methodologies
- Outcome 2     Improved planning frameworks for informing investment decisions for urban land-use and mobility planning

## Expressions of interest

UN-Habitat invites Expressions of Interest from Not-for-Profit Organizations, and Governmental and Inter-Governmental organizations, academic or research institutions based in the project cities to support the delivery of UN-Habitat's Project on: *"Building back safe, sustainable and resilient transport and urban mobility systems in Western Balkan and Central Asian landlocked developing regions"* within the cities.

The selected implementing partners will coordinate and implement the project and engage in day-to-day communication with other local stakeholders to support the project cities in undertaking activities to address urban mobility challenges, road safety, traffic congestion issues, air pollution, haphazard parking and identifying/prioritizing potential solutions. This will be in close collaboration with the urban mobility/ transport consultants and technical leads in the respective cities. The Implementing Partners' key responsibilities will encompass facilitating stakeholder workshops for developing vision and prioritized solutions, and where applicable, training activities, data collection and analysis, as well as documenting the process, taking into account the following parameters:

### **1. On data gathering and analysis**

- 1.1. Work alongside the national consultant to coordinate the transport data collection and analysis through a co-development approach, where city officials would work alongside the national and international team.
- 1.2. Provide support to the national consultant and the city team through co-developing and implementation of a web-based survey form according to contextual relevance and unique needs of the City.

### **2. On facilitating stakeholder engagements through Workshops**

- 2.1. Coordinate the development of urban mobility future vision and strategy, and identify priority measures and actions through participatory process, engaging with key stakeholders at the local and national level;

- 2.2. Work with decision-makers, private sector, investors and various transport operators to explore opportunities with collaboration for the implementation of prioritized mobility solutions.
- 2.3. Support the national consultant(s) to organise city-level and national workshops

The EOI should contain, but not be limited to, the following:

- i. Overview of the organization: the vision, mission, main areas of work, organisation's governance structure, number of staff members and other key information that describes the organisation;
- ii. Experience of the organization in the areas of public participation and workshop organisation, and urban mobility planning or transport planning;
- iii. Experience of the organization in collaborating with local governments and local authorities in the area of urban planning, design or urban mobility, or relevant fields.
- iv. Description of experience and qualifications, or CV/Resume of key staff.
- v. A short conceptual proposal on how the organisation plans to develop and implement the project including scope and nature of the work. Please also highlight the innovation in the proposed initiative, the use of creative methods as well as replication possibilities.
- vi. The support/ contribution the organization is willing to make, including cash and in-kind; (contribution in terms of staff time, office space and equipment and other support in cash and in-kind should be expressed in monetary terms)
- vii. If applicable, provide publications, tools, and/or other relevant resources that showcases the experience of the organization in urban planning, urban design, governance and public engagement;
- viii. Copies of the statement of annual budget and annual reports of the previous 2 years;
- ix. Copy of the two latest audited reports, and
- x. Governance and organisational structure; experience and qualifications of key professional staff and infrastructure facilities of the organization.

## Structure of the application

To help you with the submission of your application, you are encouraged to follow the **template attached at the Annex of this document**. The evaluation of the applications will follow the structure of that template.

## Budget

UN-Habitat will contribute financial resources up to USD 21,000 (Twenty-One Thousand United States Dollars).

## Overall Timeframe

The work outlined in this EOI is expected to commence by **1 July 2025** and completed by **31 March 2026**.

## Submission Requirements and Guidelines

Expression of Interest must be delivered by email no later than **16 June 2025** to [unhabitat.ubss.eoi@un.org](mailto:unhabitat.ubss.eoi@un.org) and [mark.ojal@un.org](mailto:mark.ojal@un.org) with the Email Subject containing "EOI name of city Implementing Partner for Urban Mobility Project". i.e. *"EOI\_Almaty Implementing Partner for*

*Urban Mobility Project*". Failure to indicate the reference may result in your proposal not being considered.

**Contact Information:**

For any questions related to the application, please write to:

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**Other:**

Please note that this EOI notice does not constitute a solicitation. UN-Habitat reserves the right to change or cancel this requirement at any time in the Expressions of Interest/or solicitation process. Submitting a reply to an EOI does not guarantee that an Implementing Partner will be considered for receipt of the solicitation when issued and only Implementing Partners who are deemed qualified by UN-Habitat upon completion of evaluation of submission, will receive the final solicitation document.

## ANNEX: Application Template

### Application template

#	QUESTION	TO BE FILLED BY APPLICANT
1	<b>Name of the lead organisation</b>	
2	<b>Main focal point for this project</b>	Name: E-mail:
3	<b>Overview of the organisation</b> <i>[max 1000 characters]</i>	<i>[Describe the vision, mission, main areas of work, organisation's governance structure, number of staff members and other key information that describes the organisation]</i>
4	<b>Expertise and experience in urban mobility/ transport planning</b> <i>[max 2000 characters]</i>	<i>[Describe the institution's / organization's experience in the areas of transport data collection, public participation and workshop organisation, and urban mobility planning or transport planning]</i>
5	<b>Expertise and experience collaborating with public entities of Bishkek or Kyrgyzstan</b> <i>[max 1000 characters]</i>	<i>[Describe the experience of the institution/ organization in collaborating with the local government and local authorities or Bishkek or Kyrgyzstan in the area of transport or urban mobility, or relevant fields]</i>
6	<b>Team's expertise and roles</b> <i>[max 1500 characters]</i>	<i>[List of members (max. 3 key members) that will be involved in the project, expertise, and the role(s) in this project]</i>
7	<b>[Optional] Links to publications, reports and relevant works to the project</b>	<i>[Links to publications, reports and relevant works to the project. You may also provide separately as attachment to the email.]</i>

NOTE: Please submit the following to [unhabitat.ubss.eoi@un.org](mailto:unhabitat.ubss.eoi@un.org) and [mark.ojal@un.org](mailto:mark.ojal@un.org):

#### **Required documents:**

- Filled Application Form (this Template)
- Copies of financial statement
- Organisation's pamphlet or Annual Reports
- CV or Resume of key expert(s) [at least one CV/ Resume]
- A short conceptual proposal on how the organisation plans to develop and implement the project, including the scope and nature of the work.

#### **Optional documents:**

- Publications, reports and relevant works to the project