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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SELECTION OF INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES

SOCIAL CONSULTANT (AFD-IND04)

Agence Française de Développement



and



LETTER OF INVITATION

Dear Mr./Ms.:

1. ILBANK (hereinafter called “Client”) has received financing (hereinafter called “the funds”) from the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) toward the cost of Municipal Services Project. The Client intends to apply a portion of the funds to eligible payments under the contract for which this Request for Proposals is issued.
2. ILBANK now invites interested candidates to submit proposals to provide the following consulting Services: Individual Consultancy Services from Social Expert. More details on the Services are provided in the attached Terms of Reference (ToR).
3. One individual Consultant shall be selected under the selection method based on consultants qualification selection method as described below. The qualifications expected from the Consultant are described in the attached ToR.

The following criteria will be taken into account in the evaluation of the Technical Proposals and during the final evaluations that will encompass both the technical proposals submitted and the interviews completed:

Criteria	Points
1. Adequacy of the proposed methodology with the Terms of Reference	10
<i>1.a. Understanding of the mission’s scope and objectives</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>1.b. Clarity and relevance of the proposed methodology</i>	<i>5</i>
2. Qualifications, skills and experience of the expert for the mission (academic and professional qualifications, adequacy for the services, relevant experience in the sector, proven track record in projects financed by international institutions)	90
<i>2.a. Academic qualifications – adequacy for the services</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>2.b. Professional experience – adequacy for the services: significant experience in the management of ESIA studies and/or social baseline data collection, social risk and impact assessments, liaison with authorities, land acquisition, resettlement, economic displacement, livelihood restoration, stakeholder engagement, public consultation and disclosure in the local context and in cooperation with international donors/agencies such as the World Bank/IFC, the EU, AFD or the United Nations</i>	<i>43</i>
<i>2.c. Proven track record in social compliance inspection, monitoring or audit for construction projects financed by international financial and development organizations</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>2.d. Practical knowledge of the World Bank’s Environmental and Social Framework</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>2.e. Past experience in the sector (infrastructure; water, wastewater and solid waste management, etc.)</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>2.f. Computer (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) and language skills* (fluency in English and Turkish is compulsory)</i>	<i>10</i>
TOTAL	100

The minimum technical score (St) required to pass is: 70.

Fluency in both English and Turkish is compulsory and shall be tested during an oral interview.

4. A mandatory interview will be conducted with a longlist that is made of candidates who score higher than 70 technical points with the proposal evaluation. Each candidate will be invited for interview where;
 - The candidates will be informed of the position, the Terms of Reference, and what will be expected of it,

- The integrity of the candidates' resume will be ensured,
- The knowledge/experience/certification needed for the specific position will be confirmed.

5. After the interviews with the longlisted candidates are concluded, the final scores (Sf) will be deduced from both the technical proposals and interviews of each longlisted candidate according to the criteria mentioned above, and a shortlist will be created according to Sf.

6. The candidate with the highest Sf will be invited to submit a financial proposal which may be subject to negotiations later on. If a contract fails to be signed with a candidate, the candidate with the next highest Sf within the shortlist will be invited to submit a financial proposal. Sf must be above 70 points for a candidate to be shortlisted.

7. This Request for Proposals includes the following documents:

- This Letter of Invitation;
- The letter of Submission of the Proposal;
- Technical Proposal;
- Terms of Reference;
- Standard Form of Contract (including the Statement of Integrity).

8. Your proposal shall comprise your Proposal Submission Form, a Technical Proposal (including curriculum vitae (CV) and Methodology), and the signed Statement of Integrity. Your proposal must be received by **15.08.2025** at the following address: pybsatinalma@ilbank.gov.tr. If necessary, you may request any clarifications by sending an email to the same email address.

Yours sincerely,

[Insert: Signature, name, and title of Client's representative]

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

[Location, Date]

To: *[Name and address of Client]*

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I, the undersigned, offer to provide the consulting Services for *[Insert title of the Services]* as a Consultant in accordance with your Request for Proposal dated 25.07.2025 and my attached Technical Proposal.

I understand you are not bound to accept any Proposal you receive.

We remain,

Yours sincerely,

Name of the Consultant: _____

Signature of the Consultant: _____

Address: _____

TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

Short Methodology to Perform the Services

Specify your understanding of the objectives and tasks of the Services, your methodology for carrying out the activities and meeting the expected outputs. List the issues you foresee as potential challenges and how you will address them – considering both your experience, and the methodology you will implement to tackle them.

Consultant's Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Detailed and up-to-date CV(s) shall be provided, using the following format :

Name of Staff :
Profession :
Date and Place of Birth :
Civil Status :
Home Address :
Phone home :
mobile :
E-Mail :
POSITION APPLIED :
(name and ref. number)

KEY QUALIFICATIONS

Specific experience in:

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES (Employment Record)

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Professional experiences (number of years)	
Of which: International project experiences (number of years)	

Language Proficiency :

1.	Excellent	Good	Poor
Reading			
Writing			
Speaking			

2.	Excellent	Good	Poor
Reading			
Writing			
Speaking			

3.	Excellent	Good	Poor
Reading			
Writing			
Speaking			

Computing Knowledge :

Experience in:

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Membership of Professional Societies :

References and transcripts : at least 3 references to be provided

Certification

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this biodata correctly describes myself, my qualifications and my experience.

Signature

Date

TERMS OF REFERENCE

ILBANK DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MUNICIPAL SERVICES PROJECT-I (FRIT II)

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR SOCIAL CONSULTANT (Ref: AFD-IND-04)

1. BACKGROUND

ILBANK has signed a grant agreement (the “Financing Agreement”) with the French Development Agency (Agence Française de Développement - AFD) on 13th April 2020, towards financing the costs of the “Municipal Services Project I” (the “Project”). The grant was delegated to AFD by the European Commission under the European Union Facility for Refugees in Turkey (FRIT 2). ILBANK, AFD and the European Commission have agreed to extend the scope of the Project. An Amendment n°1 and n°2 to the Contribution Agreement between the Commission and the Agency was signed respectively on December 18th, 2020, and June 23th, 2025. Within this scope, ILBANK intends to apply part of the proceeds to recruit individual consultants.

The overall objective of the Action is to contribute to the improvement of the living conditions of host communities and Syrian refugees in the South-East of Türkiye in terms of access to water and sanitation services. The scope of the Project (Municipal Services Project I) has been extended to include solid waste management, based on priority action areas.

The specific objectives are as follows:

- (i) Provide access for host communities and SuTPs (Syrians under Temporary Protection) to safely managed drinking water, and wastewater and solid waste services.
- (ii) Participate in the protection of the region’s environment and, in particular, of its resources in fresh water, under stress due to climate change.
- (iii) Contribute to the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions through an improved management of municipal solid waste and wastewater.
- (iv) Support the municipalities and water and sewerage administrations (Su ve Kanalizasyon Idaresi or SKI’s) in achieving operational and financial sustainability in solid waste, water and sewerage services.

The specific objectives (ii), (iii) and (iv) are essential to the first objective’s sustainability.

The Action will consist of three main components, one infrastructure component (Component 1) and one capacity building and technical assistance component (Component 2), as well as a communication and visibility component (Component 3).

The Project, which is meant to last 120 months from 1st January 2020 onward, includes 3 components:

- 1) A Municipal Services infrastructure investment component, comprising nineteen projects located in eight provinces (Kilis, Şanlıurfa, Gaziantep, Mardin Mersin, Hatay, Malatya and Adıyaman); the exact list of these sub-projects is included below (Appendix 1);
- 2) A technical assistance component, including in particular accompanying measures to improve the performance of water and wastewater, and solid waste management operators (municipalities and metropolitan municipality water and wastewater administrations called "SKIs"), and to support ILBANK

in on-granting and on-lending/loan management of the Project.

3) Communication and visibility actions.

The Project is further described in Appendix 1 below.

The Final Beneficiaries of the Project are the targeted water and wastewater operators, whether municipalities, Metropolitan Municipalities or Water and Sewerage Administrations (“SKI”), with which ILBANK signed/will sign On-Granting/On lending Agreements, and which will be the owners of the assets financed as part of Component 1. These are:

- 6 SKI in Şanlıurfa (SUSKI), Gaziantep (GASKI), Mardin (MARSU), Mersin (MESKI), Hatay (HATSU) and Malatya (MASKI);
- 4 non-metropolitan municipalities (the centre of Kilis, the centre of Adıyaman, the district municipalities of Elbeyli and Polateli located in the province of Kilis), which manage their water and sanitation services directly under their own management;
- 3 metropolitan municipalities (Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa, and Malatya) for the solid waste management sub-projects.

The Primary Beneficiary and technical and financial co-ordinator of the Project is ILBANK, which will act as the Financial Intermediary (FI) to transfer funds to participating municipalities or utilities in the selected provinces within the scope of Component 1 (investments); in addition, ILBANK will directly procure some tenders in relation with Components 2 and 3 (consultancy services such as audit of the project’s account, communication and visibility services and external supervision for works). To be able to achieve these tasks, ILBANK has set a Project Management Unit (PMU) within its International Relations Department which will be responsible for coordinating and supervising overall implementation of the Project at central level. Participating municipalities/utilities will be responsible for sub-project investment implementation and will set up municipal project implementation units (PIUs) at local level to ensure effective sub-project implementation. As owners of the assets to be financed as part of Component 1 (investments), the targeted municipalities, Metropolitan Municipalities and SKIs will be the primary entities responsible for procurement of work and equipment packages; ILBANK’s PMU will provide assistance for project management to the final beneficiaries (with particular attention to those which are not used to working with international donors). ILBANK’s PMU will also be directly responsible for the procurement of some of the consultancy services (namely: audit of the project’s account, communication and visibility services, external supervision for works), as well as for the purchase of equipment and services (ex.: laptops, project management, software, and small expenses such as per diems, plane tickets, etc. as part of a sub-component dedicated to the technical assistance to the PMU.).

Within the framework of the Project, one Social Consultant (AFD-IND04) will be employed at Project Management Unit of the General Directorate of ILBANK.

2. OBJECTIVES

The main objective is to employ one experienced Social Consultant to reinforce ILBANK’s PMU in the project implementation activities as indicated below. The Consultant will be based full-time at ILBANK Headquarters in Ankara.

3. SCOPE OF THE SERVICES

The Consultant shall provide social management services to the ILBANK PMU during the course of projects preparation and implementation. The scope of the services of the Consultant is to provide assistance and consultancy for the identification and management of all social issues related to the Project, and in particular:

- a. Identify/anticipate social risks and define measures to adopt a mitigation hierarchy approach (avoid, minimize, reduce, compensate/offset of these risks and impacts);
- b. Assist in the preparation of social assessment issues of the tender documents for the coverage of the social risks and their management; in particular, support the relevant stakeholders in the finalization of the ESHS qualification criteria in the bidding documents;
- c. Review all social documents/reports (such as Contractors' Code of Conduct, Contractors' Environmental and Social Management Plan, etc.) and prepare comments/recommendations to the PMU's management and/or relevant stakeholders;
- d. Implement the policies and standards set by the Turkish Legislation and the relevant Financial Institutions' Standards (AFD applies the World Bank's norms in terms of E&S risk management);
- e. Make sure, in coordination with the work supervisors, that the commitments given in the ESIAs, SMPs, SEPs, RPs, LRPs, Ex-post social audits reports and other relevant management / sub-management plans (Traffic Management Plans, Community Health and Safety Plans, etc.) are finalized, approved and implemented on the field as scheduled;
- f. Support the PMU for the preparation of Progress Reports, Monitoring and Evaluation Activities within the scope of the Project in line with the financial institutions safeguards;
- g. Conduct field visits for the project monitoring and visit municipalities/utilities for the assessment of the social issues of the Project and the management of grievances, if any; assist/participate in audits/monitoring missions conducted by the Bank/Financial Institutions or the any other authorities including the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change;
- h. Conduct "on-the-job" or specific trainings on the social issues related to the project scope requested by ILBANK and ensure PMU and PIU teams are well aware of RP, SEP and the social issues of the Project;
- i. Monitor the development and maintenance of Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) in all levels of the Project, contractor and municipalities.

4. REPORTS

The Consultant shall prepare and update all parts related to social aspects in the reports due as part of the project and comment on any activity reports due to AFD (such as report on implementation of the ESIAs, ESMPs, SEPs, RPs, LRPs, Ex-post social audits reports and other relevant management / sub-management plans). He/she will fill in detailed time sheets on his/her activities and comply with his/her contract's requirements in terms of payment/time justification. The reports prepared by consultants will be submitted to ILBANK PMU.

5. DURATION AND LOCATION OF THE SERVICES

The services will be required on a full-time basis for an expected duration of three years. The Social Consultant is expected to commence work from September 2025, with two months' probation period and a yearly renewable contract, if performance is satisfactory. As it is mentioned that the contract is a yearly renewable one, the subject document will be renewed according to ILBANK's procedures, at the beginning of January every year. The position will be based in Ankara. If required, and with the approval of the Client, the Consultant shall attend the site visits to project areas, municipalities/SKI's and ILBANK Regional Directorates within the scope of the Project. The Consultant is expected to work closely and in good collaboration with the other individual experts to be recruited within the scope of the Project.

6. QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- a. At least bachelor's degree in Sociology, Anthropology or any other related field,
- b. At least eight (8) years of general work experience,
- c. At least five (5) years of specific work experience in the management of Environmental and Social Impact Assessments (ESIAs), Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs) and/or social baseline data collection, land acquisition, stakeholder engagement, labor management, resettlement, grievance mechanism, public consultation and disclosure,
- d. Having worked in positions regarding the social issues of the projects financed by international financial and development organizations such as; World Bank/IFC, the European Union, AFD, the United Nations, EBRD, JICA, KfW, etc.
- e. Fluency in written and oral English and Turkish.

7. METHODOLOGY

The consultant will be hired following the guidance of AFD's "Procurement Guidelines for AFD-Financed Contracts in Foreign Countries (October 2019)". The contracted position will be the Social Consultant of ILBANK PMU in Ankara.

The contract will be signed between the ILBANK Department of International Relations or his/her designee and the consultant. The recruitment of contract will be subject to "No objection" of the AFD.

APPENDIX 1 : PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. CONTENT OF THE PROJECT

The overall objective of the Project is to contribute to the improvement of the living conditions of host communities and Syrian refugees in the South-East of Türkiye in terms of access to water, sanitation and solid waste management services.

The specific objectives are as follows:

(i) Provide access to safely managed drinking water, wastewater and solid waste services (including management of debris from the earthquakes) for host communities and SuTPs.

(ii) Participate in the protection of the region's environment and, in particular, of its resources in fresh water, under stress due to climate change.

(iii) Contribute to the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions through an improved management of municipal solid waste and wastewater.

(iv) Support some of the municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and metropolitan municipality water and sanitation administrations ("SKP") in achieving operational and financial sustainability in the management of municipal infrastructure services.

The specific objectives (ii), (iii) and (iv) are essential to the first objective's sustainability.

The Project will consist of three main components, one infrastructure component (Component 1) and one capacity building and technical assistance component (Component 2), as well as a communication and visibility component (Component 3).

Component 1: Procurement, construction and equipment of solid waste, water and wastewater infrastructure

This component includes the infrastructure investments and is expected to be a key determinant of future impacts of the Project, both in terms of access to services and protection of the environment. The table below presents the indicative budget of each of Component 1's investment sub-projects, which are further detailed hereafter.

Nr.	Project Owner	Province	Project Name
Sub-component 1.1. : Rehabilitation and extension of drinking water networks			
1.1.1.	Kilis Municipality	Kilis	Kilis (Centrum) Drinking Water Project
1.1.2.	MESKI	Mersin	Mezitli Drinking Water Project
1.1.3.	MARSU	Mardin	Mardin (Centrum) Drinking Water Project
1.1.4.	Adıyaman Municipality	Adıyaman	Adıyaman (Centrum) Drinking Water Project
1.1.5.	HATSU	Hatay	Dört Yol Drinking Water Project
1.1.6.	MASKI	Malatya	Battalgazi-Yeşilyurt Drinking Water Network Rehabilitation and District Metering Areas (DMA) Construction Work
Sub-component 1.2. : Construction and improvement of wastewater and stormwater collection and treatment infrastructure			
1.2.1.	Elbeyli & Polateli Municipalities	Kilis	Elbeyli and Polateli Sewerage Project + PWWTP
1.2.2.	Kilis Municipality	Kilis	Kilis (Centrum) Sewerage Project
1.2.3.	SUSKI	Şanlıurfa	Suruç Sewerage and Stormwater Project
1.2.4.	SUSKI	Şanlıurfa	Birecik Sewerage and Wastewater Treatment Plant
1.2.5.	GASKI	Gaziantep	Alleben Left Shore Collector Line
1.2.6.	GASKI	Gaziantep	Yamaçtepe Sewerage and Stormwater Project
1.2.7.	Adıyaman Municipality	Adıyaman	Adıyaman (Centrum) Stormwater Project

1.2.8.	MASKI	Malatya	Battalgazi -Yeşilyurt Sewerage Project
1.2.9	MESKI	Mersin	Akdeniz District Toroslar-Kazanlı and Homurlu Neighborhood Sewerage Project
1.2.10.	MESKI	Mersin	Erdemli District Tömük-Arpaçbahşiş Neighborhood Sewerage Network, WWTP and Sea Outfall Project
Sub-component 1.3. : Construction and improvement of solid waste infrastructure			
1.3.1.	Metropolitan Municipality of Gaziantep	Gaziantep	MBT and Biogas Production Facility - Capacity Increase (2nd Stage)
1.3.2.	Metropolitan Municipality of Gaziantep	Gaziantep	Gaziantep Nizip Solid Waste Landfill (3rd Stage), mechanical recycling unit (MRF) , Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) and Rehabilitation of Dump Sites
1.3.3.	Metropolitan Municipality of Şanlıurfa	Şanlıurfa	Viranşehir-Ceylanpınar Integrated Solid Waste Management Project
1.3.4	Metropolitan Municipality of Malatya	Malatya	Recycling platform for earthquake debris in Malatya

Sub-Component 1.1: Rehabilitation and extension of drinking water networks

Project 1.1.1: Kilis City Center Drinking Water Network Extension Project

Kilis was presented (with Hatay) as the number one priority in the Need Assessment Report, as it is the only provincial municipality hosting as many refugees as its host population (about 96%). The selected sub-project is meant to allow Kilis to construct water distribution network pipes in newly developed areas, including around 1,500 new house connections. This is all the more relevant as, according to the dedicated PID, the connection rate to the drinking water system is only about 90% in the city. The Municipality of Kilis is the sub-project owner.

Project 1.1.2: Mersin Drinking Water Network Project (Mezitli neighborhood)

Mezitli is a district of Mersin province, in the city center, with a population of approximately 169,000 people. Historically it is a neighborhood of secondary residences that has become one of the main areas of settlement for Syrian refugees living in Mersin; it is estimated that approximately 25,000 Syrians live in Mezitli. The sub-project consists in a total renovation of the network (construction of distribution network, transmission main, reservoirs and pumping stations), with the aim of satisfying water demand while reducing leakage. With this project, MESKI hopes to reduce substantially its NRW rate. MESKI is the sub-project owner.

This project has been considered as presenting important social risks given that the securization of lands for some of the project's reservoirs and pumping stations is still ongoing. Four parcels were impacted from the land acquisition of the Project, with expected limited impact in terms of livelihood. The Resettlement Action Plan was implemented and expropriation completed.

Project 1.1.3: Mardin Center Drinking Water Network Project

With 116,000 inhabitants, Mardin is a mid-size city in the South-East of Türkiye. The project consists of the replacement of the city's drinking water distribution network as well as the rehabilitation and capacity increase of existing Koyunlu transmission line. The drinking water distribution network and the transmission line currently present NRW rate as high as 70% and 80% respectively; this project will allow MARSU to meet the increasing water demand, following the arrival of Syrian refugees (21% of total population) and the extension of its service area. Water distribution network pipes will be laid, and house connections will be replaced or added; furthermore, the project aims at establishing a SCADA system

Project 1.1.4: Adıyaman Drinking Water Network Project

Adıyaman's city center has a total population of 274,000 people. This sub-project aims at replacing the whole city center's drinking network. The zone of the project is expected to have a higher presence of

Syrian refugees than the rest of the province (about 10% compared to 5%), with 27,000 registered SuTP in the project area. The PID projects the construction of drinking water distribution pipelines and one reservoir, as well as associated regulation and control instruments. One of the two reservoirs initially planned as part of the project will be financed through MADAD funds (through the EIB). With this project, Adıyaman municipality hopes to substantially reduce its NRW rate. The municipality of Adıyaman is the sub-project owner.

Project 1.1.5: (Hatay) Dörtyol Drinking Water Project

Official 2018 data show that the number of registered Syrian refugees in Hatay is 442,091 (account for 28.07% of whole Hatay population), which is the one of the highest numbers in Türkiye. Population in Dörtyol is estimated to be around 115,000, including 24,000 registered Syrian refugees.

The drinking water network in Dörtyol has reached its economic life span. The PID projects the construction of drinking water distribution and transmission pipelines and one reservoir. With the project, HATSU hopes to substantially reduce the NRW rate in the project area - Dörtyol centrum and its adjacent neighbourhoods (Çaylı, Ocaklı and Özerli).

The Project Owner will be HATSU.

Project 1.1.6 : (Malatya) Battalgazi-Yeşilyurt Drinking Water Network Rehabilitation and District Metering Areas (DMA) Construction Work

Malatya is the 28th most populated city in Türkiye – its central districts accounting for approximately 650,000 people including 30,000 registered Syrian refugees (~5%).

The project targets two old central districts, Battalgazi and Yeşilyurt, where population is high, covering 7 district metered areas (DMAs) out of 83. The project is part of a broader strategy undertaken by MASKI to reduce NRW rates. The project will consist in laying new drinking water pipes in the targeted DMA areas, and replacing house connections. No new water tank is envisaged to be constructed as part of this project

The sub-project Owner is MASKI.

Sub-Component 1.2.: Construction and improvement of wastewater and stormwater collection and treatment infrastructures

Project 1.2.1: Elbeyli and Polateli Wastewater Network and Treatment Project (Kilis)

Elbeyli and Polateli are two small districts in Kilis province having a combined population of 2,900 people, to which one must add approximately 1,150 Syrian refugees. In both districts, the current wastewater network was laid down without proper design or engineering practice, causing many operation problems. In both cases, the sub-project aims at constructing a new sewerage system. In both locations, the sub-project will include a wastewater treatment plant with a capacity of 500m³/day. The expropriation of the land where the PWWTP will be constructed is completed in Polateli. The municipalities of Elbeyli and Polateli is the sub-project owners for their respective location.

Project 1.2.2: Kilis City Center Wastewater Network Project

The sewerage system of Kilis City is insufficient to cope with the current population increase. The sub-project, which implies the construction of wastewater collection lines including sewer connections, should allow Kilis City to reach 100% connection rate (instead of 90% today). It will also allow the city to renew most of its sewerage network. Regarding the construction of the stormwater network, the first stage is proposed for financing by the European MADAD Trustfund. The municipality of Kilis is the sub- project owner.

Project 1.2.3: Suruç Wastewater and Stormwater Networks Project (Şanlıurfa)

Suruç, which is located in the South of Şanlıurfa, near the Syrian border, is one of the highest Syrian-hosting towns in Türkiye. Suruç hosts 70,000 Syrian refugees, which is more or less equal to the host population of the town, so that its existing combined sewerage system is insufficient to cope with the current population increase. Currently, the collected wastewater and stormwater are discharged to an anaerobic pond, which is also facing capacity problem. Furthermore, there are frequent flooding in Suruç city center due to the limited stormwater collection system. The project includes the construction of a wastewater collection system, which should allow Suruç to reach a 100% connection rate (compared to 95% today) and bring the district's sewerage to a new WWTP with a capacity of approximately 26,000 m³/day (as a first stage), and a separate network for stormwater. The project owner will be ŞUSKI. The construction calendar of the new envisaged WWTP (the financing of which, out of the Action's scope, is secured by a JICA financing) will have to be closely monitored. The construction of the WWTP within the Action's timeline will be included as an undertaking in the relevant financing agreements. This project has been considered as presenting important environmental risks and, given its transboundary context, will be monitored applying the Espoo Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, which is the applicable convention in the EU, in replacement of the norm usually applied by AFD.

Project 1.2.4: Birecik Sewerage Network and WWTP Project (Şanlıurfa)

Birecik is a district located in the west of the province of Şanlıurfa, which hosts around 11,500 Syrians (11% of project area population). Currently, around 20% of Birecik's population uses septic wells, which are in poor condition, whereas the rest uses a sewerage system, insufficient both in terms of size and environmental norms, as it discharges the collected wastewater to Euphrates River from both sides (left and right banks) without proper treatment. The project consists in constructing a new sewerage network, a new WWTP in the district of Birecik, with an average capacity of 12 360m³/day (as a first phase) and a package waste water treatment (PWWTP) with a capacity of 1000m³/day in Karsiyaka Neighbourhood of Birecik also part of the project; an extended aeration activated sludge system was selected as the most appropriate technology. A site near the Euphrates River (on the left bank) has already been secured for the WWTP and another site on the right bank of Euphrates River was expropriated for PWWTP. The project is assumed to be very positive from an environmental perspective as it will put an end to discharges of untreated sewerage in the Euphrates River. Given its transboundary context, the project will be monitored applying the Espoo Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, which is the applicable convention in the EU, in replacement of the norm usually applied by AFD. The project owner will be ŞUSKI.

Project 1.2.5: Alleben Left Shore Collector Line Project (Gaziantep)

The main purpose of this project is to link new extended settlements (including Yamaçtepe) to the WWTP in the Gaziantep city center, meant to service the fast growing population of the city. Gaziantep centrum's existing sewerage main collector was designed and built in year 1988 (with a design target year 2022). Quick development of the city and the addition of Syrian immigrant population resulted in the main existing Alleben collector to reach full capacities earlier than expected. Especially in the downstream part of Alleben creek left shore, the main collector overflows in rainy weathers. Considering the age of the existing Alleben collector, capacity and increasing high density areas in the Centrum, GASKİ decided to find a solution to build a new collector parallel to the existing one (to be ultimately operated together). It is particularly urgent as the construction of the second phase of Gaziantep city center WWTP is completed under a financing by JICA, with an expected doubling of the existing capacity to reach 400,000m³/day (stage 1 + stage 2). The portion of the collector to be constructed and financed under the Action will be the most urgent part. There is no particular risk associated with the project and all lands have been secured. However, the functioning of the central WWTP, and in

particular the management of its output sludge, will be monitored as part of the project. GASKI will be the project owner.

Project 1.2.6: Yamaçtepe Stormwater and Wastewater Networks Project (Gaziantep)

Yamaçtepe is a 3,300 ha newly zoned area for housing, located in the city center of Gaziantep. It is expected to represent a total population of 374,000 by 2027 and 594,000 by 2037. It is estimated that it will host about the same percentage of Syrians as the rest of the city center (i.e. 13%). The drinking water infrastructure for this new settlement is in the process of being constructed. The objective of this project is (i) the construction of a stormwater network; (ii) the construction of sewerage network pipes. It is expected that the stormwater project will dramatically reduce the risk of flooding and will improve urbanization in Yamaçtepe and related areas while the wastewater infrastructure will serve the needs for these rapidly expanding zones. The stormwater pipelines projected in the south section of the project will be discharged to Cebeler Creek and those in the north section to Allaben Creek and Allaben Pond. Regarding wastewater, the newly collected sewerage will be sent to two pre-existing WWTP (Central Alleben WWTP, mentioned above, and Kızılhisar WWTP). Regarding the social impact of the project, the lands used were kept until today by landowners just for investment purposes, and it was observed during appraisal that the project has no negative economic or social impacts on persons affected by it. The project owner will be GASKI.

Project 1.2.7: Adıyaman (Centrum) Stormwater Project (sub-project financed with the Loan)

Adıyaman's city center's wastewater collection network has been designed and constructed as a separate system in the 1980s. Therefore, at present, the wastewater network operates as a combined system in most of the locations, affecting the performance of the city's wastewater treatment plant (WWTP), which has a capacity of 33,000 m³/day. To reduce the occurrence and risk of flooding in the city, and to allow for the wastewater service to fully function, the project will include the construction of a stormwater interception line designed to collect runoff from northern slopes before it reaches the city directing it by gravity into the stream. The Municipality of Adıyaman will be the Project Owner.

Project 1.2.8: (Malatya) Battalgazi -Yeşilyurt Sewerage Project (sub-project financed with the Loan)

Malatya is the 28th most populated city in Türkiye – its central districts accounting for approximately 650,000 people including 30,000 registered Syrian refugees (~5%). The project targets some areas of the two old central districts, Battalgazi and Yeşilyurt. Today, 97% of the residential area in the central districts has connection to wastewater network and collected wastewater is delivered to Malatya's Advanced Biological Wastewater Treatment Plant.

However, the existing wastewater infrastructure has aged and cannot handle additional population and development in Malatya. The objective of the project is therefore to expand and upgrade the exiting wastewater network, through the laying of new wastewater pipes and the construction new connections. The Project Owner will be MASKI.

Project 1.2.9: (Mersin) Akdeniz District Toroslar-Kazanlı and Homurlu Neighborhood Sewerage Project

This project's area includes the neighbourhoods of Toroslar, Kazanlı and Homurlu, which are located in Mersin's Akdeniz district. The combined population of these rather rural neighborhoods reached approximately 10,000 people, within a perimeter of about 14.4 km². Most of the households in the project's area use septic tanks, which are considered to have a leaky structure. As a consequence, a new sewerage network should be constructed, including new house connections. The effluents will be connected to the existing Karaduvar WWTP, financed by the European Investment Bank.

MESKI will be the Project Owner.

Project 1.2.10: (Mersin) Erdemli District Tömük-Arpaçbahşiş Neighborhood Sewerage Network, WWTP and Sea Outfall Project (sub-project financed with the Loan)

The project targets two neighborhoods, namely Tömük and Arpaçbahşiş, which are located inside the borders of Erdemli district, and account for a total population of approximately 20,000 people in winter and 65,000 people in summer. Syrian refugees are estimated to account for approximately 12% of the population in Mersin. The project aims at the construction of a wastewater network, including pumping stations and parcel connections, as well as a WWTP with advanced biological treatment and a deep-sea outfall. This project was categorized as having significant environmental and social impact; the land where the WWTP will be built, though belonging to MESKI, is currently used for agricultural purposes.

MESKI will be the Project Owner.

Sub-Component 1.3: Construction and improvement of solid waste infrastructure

Project 1.3.1: Gaziantep MBT and Biogas Production Facility-Capacity Increase (2nd Stage)

The Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality (GMM) plans to implement the second stage of Mechanical Biological Treatment & Biogas Production Plant. The project serves 7 of 9 districts of GMM serving a total of 1.876 million inhabitant plus 375 thousand Syrians. The sanitary landfill in Gaziantep center now receives more than 700,000 tons of waste per year from 7 of 9 districts of GMM, waste from the remaining 2 districts being sent to Nizip sanitary landfill. The project aims to 1. Increase the capacity of its current mechanical-biological sorting equipment; 2. Build a RDF (Refuse Derived Fuel) production unit; 3. Increase the capacity of biomethanization unit (anaerobic digestion) & install CHP (combined heat and power) unit. The objective of the project is to reduce the volumes sent to the landfill through material and energy recovery.

The project's environmental and social risk categorization is B+ (significant impact). The Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality will be the Project Owner.

Project 1.3.2 : Gaziantep Nizip Solid Waste Landfill (3rd Stage), mechanical recycling unit, Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) and Rehabilitation of Dump Sites (sub-project financed with the Loan)

The Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality (GMM) plans to implement Nizip solid waste landfill (3rd stage), mechanical recycling unit and rehabilitation of dumpsites (the project). The project area covers 2 of 9 districts of GMM (Nizip and Karkamis) serving 152.8 thousand inhabitants plus 55 thousand Syrians with waste production of 73,000 tons per year as of today. The project consists of 1. The construction of the third phase of the Nizip landfill; 2. A mechanical separation unit, and a RDF (refuse derived fuel) unit; 3. The rehabilitation of the old dumpsites; 4. Design work for the entire site. In parallel to the project, an appropriate leachate treatment option and, as soon as appropriate (depending on the quantity and quality of gas), a biogas recovery unit will also be installed. The construction of the units planned outside of AFD's financing will be covered by a necessary undertaking in the relevant financing agreements. The project will have important effect on environment and sanitation, as two existing dumpsites in Gaziantep will be closed totally and rehabilitated.

The project's environmental and social risk categorization is B+ (significant impact); The Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality will be the Project Owner.

Project 1.3.3 : Şanlıurfa Viranşehir-Ceylanpınar Integrated Solid Waste Management Project (sub-project financed with the Loan)

The Şanlıurfa Metropolitan Municipality (SMM) plans to implement Viranşehir-Ceylanpınar Integrated Solid Waste Management Project. The project area covers two districts (Viranşehir and Ceylanpınar) serving 302.3 thousand inhabitants plus 44 thousand Syrians (in 2021) with waste production of 97,000 tons per year. The project will be located in Ceylanpınar District for the integrated solid waste facility and the regional disposal site, and in Viranşehir District for the transfer station. The project consists of: 1. Waste transfer: Appropriate transfer systems will be chosen to make the transport of waste to final

disposal sites more efficient. 2. Waste treatment: facilities for the recovery and treatment of waste from the main streams will be provided, i.e. recovery facilities for packaging waste and composting facilities for the biodegradable fraction. 3. Waste disposal: A regional sanitary landfill site, in accordance with the corresponding legislation, will be created. 4. A leachate treatment plant. In parallel to the Project, a flaring system and, as soon as appropriate (depending on the quantity and quality of gas), a biogas recovery facility will also be installed. The construction of the units planned outside of AFD's financing will be covered by a necessary undertaking in the relevant financing agreements. The Project will have important effect on environment and sanitation, as the existing wild dumpsite area still in use in Ceylanpinar will be closed totally and rehabilitated.

The project's environmental and social risk categorization is B+ (significant impact); The Şanlıurfa Metropolitan Municipality will be the Project Owner.

Project 1.3.4 - Recycling platform for earthquake debris in Malatya

MMM plan to install a debris recycling facility on the earthquake debris dump site of Malatya that will produce different sized aggregate by separating, crushing, and classifying the debris for various applications, such as road construction and new concrete production.

The 6 February 2023 double earthquake of magnitude 7.7 and 7.6 in the South of Türkiye has caused more than 50,000 deaths, and produced a colossal volume of debris, estimated by the UN to be around 200 million tonnes. Malatya, one of the provinces hit by the double earthquake, was hit once more on the 27th of February, with a magnitude 5.6 earthquake, which caused one third of the buildings in the province to become unusable. Since, 80% of the damaged buildings have been destroyed with explosives, hence there has been no segregation of materials. The resulting waste, estimated to be around 10 million tonnes, was disposed in landfills. Mixed waste from deconstruction containing concrete, inert materials, wood, plastics and textiles, requires more complex treatment to sort the different types and produce eco-material.

A feasibility study of a debris recycling facility has been already financed by French Embassy. The facility will allow the recycling of concrete and rubble residues released after the earthquake. From the debris, the facility is expected to produce different sized aggregate that can be used in various construction related functions.

This sub-project aims to design, install, commission the facility, train the operators of the facility and accompany the operation, conduct formulation and tests of the performance of the plant and the produced aggregate. The project's environmental and social risk categorization is B+ (significant impact).

The Malatya Metropolitan Municipality will be the Project Owner.

Status of Sub-Projects under Component 1

Nr.	Project Owner	Province	Project Name	Current Status
Sub-component 1.1. : Rehabilitation and extension of drinking water networks				
1.1.1.	Kilis Municipality	Kilis	Kilis (Centrum) Drinking Water Project	Contracted on 12 April 2023
1.1.2.	MESKI	Mersin	Mezitli Drinking Water Project	Contracted on 21 May 2024
1.1.3.	MARSU	Mardin	Mardin (Centrum) Drinking Water Project	Contracted on 24 November 2022
1.1.4.	Adiyaman Municipality	Adiyaman	Adiyaman (Centrum) Drinking Water Project	Contracted on 14 April 2023
1.1.5.	HATSU	Hatay	Dörtöyl Drinking Water Project	Contracted on 15 November 2024
1.1.6.	MASKI	Malatya	Battalgazi-Yeşilyurt Drinking Water Network Rehabilitation and District Metering Areas (DMA) Construction Work	Contracted on 23 May 2025
Sub-component 1.2. : Construction and improvement of wastewater and stormwater collection and treatment infrastructure				
1.2.1.	Elbeyli Municipality	Kilis	Elbeyli Sewerage Project + PWWTP	Contracted on 30 January 2025
	Polateli Municipality		Polateli Sewerage Project + PWWTP	Contracted on 18 November 2024
1.2.2.	Kilis Municipality	Kilis	Kilis (Centrum) Sewerage Project	Contracted on 12 April 2023

1.2.3.	SUSKI	Şanlıurfa	Suruç Sewerage and Stormwater Project	Contracted on 08 September 2022
1.2.4.	SUSKI	Şanlıurfa	Birecik Sewerage Networks Project	Contracted on 18 August 2022
			Birecil Wastewater Treatment Plant	Contracted on 28 February 2025
1.2.5.	GASKI	Gaziantep	Alleben Left Shore Collector Line	Contracted on 24 April 2023
1.2.6.	GASKI	Gaziantep	Yamaçtepe Sewerage and StormwaterProject	Relaunched on 03 March 2025
1.2.7	Adıyaman Municipality	Adıyaman	Adıyaman (Centrum) Stormwater Project	Design review by and Tender dossier to be drafted by External Consultant /Ongoing
1.2.8.	MASKI	Malatya	Battalgazi -Yeşilyurt Sewerage Project	Contracted on 06 March 2025
1.2.9	MESKI	Mersin	Akdeniz District Toroslar-Kazanlı and Homurlu Neighborhood Sewerage Project	Contracted on 18 November 2024
1.2.10.	MESKI	Mersin	Erdemli District Tömük WWTP and Sea Outfall Project	The Request for Bids document shared with the shortliste applicants on 4 July 2025
			Erdemli District Tömük-Arpaçbahşiş Neighborhood Sewerage Network	Bid evaluation ongoing
Sub-component 1.3. : Construction and improvement of solid waste infrastructure				
1.3.1.	Metropolitan Municipality of Gaziantep	Gaziantep	MBT and Biogas Production Facility - Capacity Increase (2nd Stage)	Technical Bid Evaluation ongoing
1.3.2.	Metropolitan Municipality of Gaziantep	Gaziantep	Gaziantep Nizip Solid Waste Landfill (3rd Stage), mechanical recycling unit (MRF) , Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) and Rehabilitation of Dump Sites	Technical Bid Evaluation ongoing
1.3.3.	Metropolitan Municipality of Şanlıurfa	Şanlıurfa	Viranşehir-Ceylanpınar Integrated Solid Waste Management Project	Contracted on 16 May 2025
1.3.4.	Metropolitan Municipality of Malatya	Malatya	Malatya Debris Recycling Project	Tender dossier to be drafted

Component 2: Capacity building and technical assistance

Sub-Component 2.1: Capacity Building to the Municipalities and SKIs

The investment component described above will provide much needed relief to the solid waste, water and wastewater operators in the targeted cities/districts, mainly in terms of upgraded access, capacity and service level, in line with a number of SDGs. However, achieving such investments and making them sustainable will require additional actions in terms of capacity building. This Sub-Component will target selected operators of the Action, with the aim of addressing three main aspects, depending on the needs identified:

- Improving operational and technical efficiency (for instance, in fields such as NRW management, energy efficiency, assistance in the start-up of the operating phase of certain equipment financed through the Action, etc.);
- Improving financial management, including tariff structure, commercial management, cost recovery mechanisms and collection process;
- Improving capacity in relation with project management and monitoring, including (if required) management of social risks in line with best international practices (for instance, livelihood restoration actions within the context of solid waste sub-projects)
- Supporting the sub-project's preparation (feasibility studies, E&S impact studies) and/or implementation, and/or deployment of such sub-project in others cities, if need be.

Sub-Component 2.1. is directly procured by AFD.

Sub-Component 2.2: Technical Assistance to ILBANK

The implementation of the Action will require a high level of commitment from ILBANK, which, apart from on-granting the funds and directly managing Sub-Components 2.3.1 (described below) and, will combine the roles of Project coordinator and assistant project management for all targeted municipalities and SKIs,) with a reinforced focus on the weakest ones (especially Polateli and Elbeyli). Its role will be especially key with regard to procurement and environmental and social risks management, fields in which it is expected that ILBANK will advise and orientate Final Beneficiaries which have less experience with projects financed by international donors. The Project Implementation Units (PIUs), to be set up by the final beneficiaries, will also be key to the Project's success as they will be the ones managing the contracts signed as part of Component 1.

Thus, in order to mitigate the overall implementation risk, ILBANK, as the key implementing partner for the proposed Action, will be reinforced mainly through the recruitment of individual consultants (in fields such as procurement, engineering, monitoring and evaluation, financial management, environmental and social risks management) who will join and reinforce the PMU. In addition, this Sub-Component will see that specific trainings relevant to the Action are organized for the benefit of both the PMU and the PIUs, on issues such as gender inclusion in infrastructure projects, vulnerability to climate change, E&S risks management, etc. (to be specified during implementation). Sub-Component 2.2. will also cover operating costs incurred by the PMU in direct relation with the Action's management and monitoring, such as costs of translation, publishing of tenders, traveling for members of the PMU (ILBANK staff and consultants) and IT equipment.

Sub-Component 2.3.1: External supervision on sub-projects borne by municipalities

For the following sub-projects : 1.1.1, 1.1.3.,1.1.4, 1.1.5, 1.1.6, 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.7, 1.2.8, 1.2.9, 1.2.10, 1.3.1, 1.3.2, 1.3.3 and 1.3.4. - review of detailed designs, assistance to procurement and work supervision will be ensured by external consultants, to be procured and overseen by ILBANK, in its role of assistance to project management.

The following sub-projects are not concerned by this Sub-Component: 1.1.2, , 1.2.3, 1.2.4, 1.2.5 and 1.2.6 – as work supervision will be jointly handled by ILBANK Regional Directorates and the project owners (SKI) in these cases.

Sub-Component 2.3.2: Testing and Inspection Office

The Testing and Inspection Office is meant to ensure that all investment projects (Component 1) meet the expected requirements in terms of quality and security. With this objective in mind, the appointed firm will review the detailed designs of all sub-projects during the project preparation phase, when such sub-project is not included within the scope of external supervision (under Sub-Component 2.3.1). During construction, it will monitor the quality of works and supervision, on the basis of the reports made by the supervisor, and through regular visits/audits covering both financial (review of invoices on a sample basis) and technical aspects. The level of scrutiny required from the Testing and Inspection Office will be adjusted in relation to the risk associated with each sub-project. Reports of Testing and Inspection Office shall be shared with EUD upon request. Unannounced audits on specific construction sites may be envisaged jointly by AFD and EUD if required. The selection of this service provider will be carried out by AFD.

Sub Component 2.4: Baseline Vulnerability Study

This Sub-Component will allow the constitution of a baseline study on vulnerabilities five locations (Kilis, Adıyaman, Şanlıurfa, Mersin and Hatay): this study, is meant to assess the willingness and ability to pay for water and sanitation services, identify the main obstacles to access (including information, physical and financial barriers) and conduct a primary “do not harm” analysis. Once the Action has

been finalized, AFD will finance on its own budget a similar endline study, which may be used as a tool to monitor the Action's impacts on most vulnerable groups. Apart from its obvious use in terms of monitoring and information gathering, the Baseline Vulnerability Study may provide useful indications on ways to maximize the Action's impacts; if such findings emerge, they will be shared with all relevant stakeholders (in particular, water and sanitation operators) with the objective of trying to improve the investment projects' content and impacts

Sub-Component 2.5: Audit of the Designated Account(s)

An auditing firm will be recruited under this Sub-Component to audit the **Designated Account(s)**, assess the fiduciary risk of all funds transferred from the **Designated Account** to pay various contractors and third-party providers and confirm the eligibility of all expenses made from the **Designated Account(s)**.

Component 3: Communication and Visibility

The communication and visibility activities will be implemented in coordination with the EU Delegation in Türkiye.

- Sub Component 3.1. Action's communication and visibility plan and activities which are under management of ILBANK
 - C&V1 - Strategy
 - C&V2 - Visual Identity
 - C&V3 - Execution of Communication Strategy
 - C&V4 - Events, logistics
- Sub-Component 3.2 (Organization of a Stakeholders' Workshop). This sub-component is under management of AFD

2. INSTITUTIONAL SET UP

AFD

According to the general terms and conditions (Annex II) of the Contribution Agreement signed with the EU, AFD will be responsible for the implementation of the Project's activities and components and mobilize a project team for the implementation of the Project from several departments and offices both in France and Türkiye.

The following sub-components of the Capacity building and technical assistance component will be directly procured by AFD:

- Sub-Component 2.1. (Capacity Building to Municipalities and SKIs);
- Sub-Component 2.3.2. (Testing and Inspection Office);
- Sub-Component 2.4. (Baseline Vulnerability Study – Water and Sanitation Services);
- Sub-Component 3.2. (Organization of a Stakeholders' Workshop).

ILBANK

As the technical and financial intermediary for the project, ILBANK will be responsible for on-granting and on-lending the funds to the final beneficiaries and coordinating the overall Project. In addition to its role as financial intermediary and co-ordination, ILBANK will provide assistance to project management to the final beneficiaries (with particular attention to those, such as the Polateli and Elbeyli municipalities, which are not used to working with international donors). In addition, ILBANK will directly manage Sub-Components 2.2 (Technical Assistance to ILBANK and the PIUs), 2.3.1 (External supervision for selected sub-projects), 2.5 (Audit of the Project Account(s)). A Project Management

Unit (PMU) will be created at ILBANK's headquarters in Ankara to that effect. ILBANK direct staff costs will not be financed by the EU Grant for these services but ILBANK will receive adequate support and technical assistance through Sub-Component 2.2.

Regarding the investment component (Component 1), ILBANK will sign Sub-Financing Agreements with the project owners – municipalities and utilities - within the Project's perimeter. AFD will give its no objection on each Sub-Financing Agreement.

Municipalities & SKIs

The Sub-Grant Beneficiaries of the Project and owners of the assets to be financed as part of Component 1 (investments) will be the targeted municipalities and SKIs. They will be the primary entities responsible for procurement of work and equipment packages, thus ensuring the right level of project appropriation at their level and allowing the sub-project to benefit from their unique experience as operators. They will each constitute a Project Implementation Unit (PIU) to serve as focal point on all issues related to the sub-project.

Project Supervisor

Project supervision has been adapted to the capacity and availability of the respective project owners, ILBANK's capacity of absorption as well as the complexity of the sub-project:

- For sub-projects 1.1.2, 1.2.3, 1.2.4, 1.2.5 and 1.2.6: supervision will be ensured jointly by the SKI and ILBANK ; in such case, the cost of supervision (ILBANK's fee) will be borne by the SKI, within the framework of the regular tax proceeds apportionment and payment mechanism for local authorities in Türkiye.

- For sub-projects 1.1.1, 1.1.3, 1.1.4, 1.1.5, 1.1.6, 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.7, 1.2.8, 1.2.9, 1.2.10, 1.3.1, 1.3.2, 1.3.3, and 1.3.4: work supervision will be ensured by external consultant(s), to be financed by grant (see Sub-Component 2.3.1.)

The Programme's operating mode will be further described in an Operational Manual, which may be revised from time to time, depending on the Programme's needs and evolution, with AFD's consent. The updated Operational Manual will be shared with the EU Delegation.

Procurement

The project will be implemented based on Turkish Procurement Regulations and AFD's Procurement Guidelines, as amended and/or supplemented in the Programme's Operational Manual. In case of conflict between Turkish Procurement Regulations and AFD's Procurement Guidelines, AFD's Procurement Guidelines shall prevail.

Disbursements

In terms of disbursement, **three** dedicated **Designated Accounts** - one to receive the proceeds of the grant, two to receive the proceeds of the loans - will be opened by ILBANK in a reputable commercial bank (to be validated by AFD). For all components and sub-components managed by ILBANK and Municipalities/SKIs, payments to contractors, suppliers or consultants will be made directly or refinanced from these dedicated **Designated Accounts**. This **Designated Accounts** will be audited yearly by an auditing firm (see Sub-Component 2.5).

3. DURATION AND INDICATIVE IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

The Implementation Period of the Project is 120 months, starting from 1st January 2020.

Indicative Timeline Table for the Project

Period	2020				2021				2022				2023				2024				2025				2026				2027				2028				2029			
	T1	T2	T3	T4	T1	T2	T3	T4	T1	T2	T3	T4	T1	T2	T3	T4	T1	T2	T3	T4	T1	T2	T3	T4	T1	T2	T3	T4	T1	T2	T3	T4	T1	T2	T3	T4	T1	T2	T3	T4
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ANNEX D - Statement of Integrity, Eligibility and Social and Environmental Responsibility

Reference name of the bid or proposal: _____ (The "Contract")

To: _____ (The "Contracting Authority")

1. We recognise and accept that *Agence Française de Développement* ("AFD") only finances projects of the Contracting Authority subject to its own conditions which are set out in the Financing Agreement which benefits directly or indirectly to the Contracting Authority. As a matter of consequence, no legal relationship exists between AFD and our company, our joint venture or our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants. The Contracting Authority retains exclusive responsibility for the preparation and implementation of the procurement process and performance of the contract. The Contracting Authority means the Purchaser, the Employer, the Client, as the case may be, for the procurement of goods, works, plants, consulting services or non-consulting services.
2. We hereby certify that neither we nor any other member of our joint venture or any of our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants are in any of the following situations:
 - 2.1) Being bankrupt, wound up or ceasing our activities, having our activities administered by the courts, having entered into receivership, reorganisation or being in any analogous situation arising from any similar procedure;
 - 2.2) Having been:
 - a. convicted within the past five years by a court decision, which has the force of *res judicata* in the country where the Contract is implemented, of fraud, corruption or of any other offense committed during a procurement process or performance of a contract (in the event of such conviction, you may attach to this Statement of Integrity supporting information showing that this conviction is not relevant in the context of this Contract);
 - b. subject to an administrative sanction within the past five years by the European Union or by the competent authorities of the country where we are constituted, for fraud, corruption or for any other offense committed during a procurement process or performance of a contract (in the event of such sanction, you may attach to this Statement of Integrity supporting information showing that this sanction is not relevant in the context of this Contract);
 - c. convicted within the past five years by a court decision, which has the force of *res judicata*, of fraud, corruption or of any other offense committed during the procurement process or performance of an AFD-financed contract;
 - 2.3) Being listed for financial sanctions by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France for the purposes of fight-against-terrorist financing or threat to international peace and security;
 - 2.4) Having been subject within the past five years to a contract termination fully settled against us for significant or persistent failure to comply with our contractual obligations during contract performance, unless this termination was challenged and dispute resolution is still pending or has not confirmed a full settlement against us;
 - 2.5) Not having fulfilled our fiscal obligations regarding payments of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of either the country where we are constituted or the Contracting Authority's country;
 - 2.6) Being subject to an exclusion decision of the World Bank and being listed on the website <http://www.worldbank.org/debar> (in the event of such exclusion, you may attach to this Statement of Integrity supporting information showing that this exclusion is not relevant in the context of this Contract);

- 2.7) Having created false documents or committed misrepresentation in documentation requested by the Contracting Authority as part of the procurement process of this Contract.
3. We hereby certify that neither we, nor any of the members of our joint venture or any of our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants are in any of the following situations of conflict of interest:
- 3.1) Being an affiliate controlled by the Contracting Authority or a shareholder controlling the Contracting Authority, unless the stemming conflict of interest has been brought to the attention of AFD and resolved to its satisfaction;
 - 3.2) Having a business or family relationship with a Contracting Authority's staff involved in the procurement process or the supervision of the resulting Contract, unless the stemming conflict of interest has been brought to the attention of AFD and resolved to its satisfaction;
 - 3.3) Being controlled by or controlling another bidder or consultant, or being under common control with another bidder or consultant, or receiving from or granting subsidies directly or indirectly to another bidder or consultant, having the same legal representative as another bidder or consultant, maintaining direct or indirect contacts with another bidder or consultant which allows us to have or give access to information contained in the respective applications, bids or proposals, influencing them or influencing decisions of the Contracting Authority;
 - 3.4) Being engaged in a consulting services activity, which, by its nature, may be in conflict with the assignments that we would carry out for the Contracting Authority;
 - 3.5) In the case of procurement of goods, works or plants:
 - i. Having prepared or having been associated with a consultant who prepared specifications, drawings, calculations and other documentation to be used in the procurement process of this Contract;
 - ii. Having been recruited (or being proposed to be recruited) ourselves or any of our affiliates, to carry out works supervision or inspection for this Contract;
4. If we are a state-owned entity, and to compete in a procurement process, we certify that we have legal and financial autonomy and that we operate under commercial laws and regulations.
5. We undertake to bring to the attention of the Contracting Authority, which will inform AFD, any change in situation with regard to points 2 to 4 here above.
6. In the context of the procurement process and performance of the corresponding contract:
- 6.1) We have not and we will not engage in any dishonest conduct (act or omission) deliberately intended to deceive others, to intentionally conceal items, to violate or vitiate someone's consent, to make them circumvent legal or regulatory requirements and/or to violate their internal rules in order to obtain illegitimate profit;
 - 6.2) We have not and we will not engage in any dishonest conduct (act or omission) contrary to our legal or regulatory obligations or our internal rules in order to obtain illegitimate profit;
 - 6.3) We have not promised, offered or given and we will not promise, offer or give, directly or indirectly to (i) any Person who holds a legislative, executive, administrative or judicial mandate within the State of the Contracting Authority regardless of whether that Person was nominated or elected, regardless of the permanent or temporary, paid or unpaid nature of the position and regardless of the hierarchical level the Person occupies, (ii) any other Person who performs a public function, including for a State institution or a State-owned company, or who provides a public service, or (iii) any other person defined as a Public Officer by the national laws of the Contracting Authority's country, an undue advantage of any kind, for himself or for another Person or entity, for such Public Officer to act or refrain from acting in his/her official capacity;

6.4) We have not promised, offered or given and we will not promise, offer or give, directly or indirectly to any Person who occupies an executive position in a private sector entity or works for such an entity, regardless of the nature of his/her capacity, any undue advantage of any kind, for himself or another Person or entity for such Person to perform or refrain from performing any act in breach of its legal, contractual or professional obligations;

6.5) We have not and we will not engage in any practice likely to influence the contract award process to the detriment of the Contracting Authority and, in particular, in any anti-competitive practice having for object or for effect to prevent, restrict or distort competition, namely by limiting access to the market or the free exercise of competition by other undertakings;

6.6) Neither we nor any of the members of our joint venture or any of our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants shall acquire or supply any equipment nor operate in any sectors under an embargo of the United Nations, the European Union or France;

6.7) We commit ourselves to comply with and ensure that all of our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants comply with international environmental and labour standards, consistent with laws and regulations applicable in the country of implementation of the Contract, including the fundamental conventions of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and international environmental treaties. Moreover, we shall implement environmental and social risks mitigation measures when specified in the environmental and social commitment plan (ESCP) provided by the Contracting Authority.

7. We, as well as members of our joint venture and our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants authorise AFD to inspect accounts, records and other documents relating to the procurement process and performance of the contract and to have them audited by auditors appointed by AFD.

Name: _____ In the capacity of: _____

Duly empowered to sign in the name and on behalf of¹: _____

Signature: _____ Dated: _____

¹ In case of joint venture, insert the name of the joint venture. The person who will sign the application, bid or proposal on behalf of the applicant, bidder or consultant shall attach a power of attorney from the applicant, bidder or consultant.