



 <b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b> DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION  <i>Expert Request Form</i>		Request number: (Allocated by the Czech Development Agency)
Title: <b>“Educational visit to the Czech Republic “</b>		
Expected field of expertise: Public administration/ Local Development		
Partner country: Bosnia and Herzegovina	Region/town/locality: Maglaj-Canton Zenica Dobo- Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina	
Expected Start and End Dates: From 2017 Until	Total amount of days in the field:	
Expected Czech ODA financial contribution (EUR):	Estimated co-financing from the partner institution (financial contribution in EUR/ in kind in detail)	
<b>Applicant / Partner Institution:</b> <i>Name, type, mail and web address of partner institution; name and position of responsible manager/contact person, phone, fax, e-mail.</i>  <b>Municipality of Maglaj – LOCAL COORDINATOR</b> Municipality of Maglaj - local governance Viteška 4, 74 250 Maglaj, Bosnia and Herzegovina <a href="http://www.maglaj.ba">http://www.maglaj.ba</a> , e-mail: <a href="mailto:opcina@maglaj.ba">opcina@maglaj.ba</a> <b>Beslagic Nermin</b> – Department for Local Development, Business and Entrepreneurship tel: +387 32 609 550, fax: +387 32 609 551		
CONTEXT AND RATIONALE		
<b>Context:</b> <i>Problem analysis. Please explain current situation and why the expert is requested (what is his/her added value).</i>  The municipality Maglaj is a geographical, climate, natural and economic area located around the river Bosna. Territorially and administratively it is a part of the canton Zenica-		



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With an area of 288 km<sup>2</sup> and 25'000 inhabitants it belongs to average sized municipalities in the canton and Federation of Bosnia & Herzegovina.

The municipality is connected with the rest of the country through the M-17 highway that links the north and south of BiH as well as through the railway connection Ploče - Bosanski Samac. More precisely, Maglaj is located within the triangle Beogra-Zagreb-Sarajevo, with a distance of 125km from Sarajevo, 280km from Zagreb and 280km from Beograd.

The municipality of Maglaj ranked third in BiH regarding its devastation and battle intensity during the war in the 90s, whilst during the floods in Mai 2014 it was the municipality that suffered the most.

Even after that we are more than determined to make Maglaj into one of the most beautiful cities in BiH.

Bosnia & Herzegovina accepted the Stabilization and Association Agreement between the European Union, Bosnia & Herzegovina and the Council of the European Union.

Bosnia & Herzegovina is undergoing key reform in fields of economy, rule of law and governance, as well as, functionality including an effective coordination mechanism regarding its EU integration.

In this sense, the municipality of Maglaj with its mayor Mr. Mirsad Mahmutagic intends to play a leading role in implanting reforms that are within their authority, especially questions that are of significant importance for the citizens. Because of this we approach you with a request to help us and present us the opportunity to learn from the experience of other municipalities in the Czech Republic that are similar to Maglaj.

We highly respect the influence and achievements of the Czech Republic regarding its work in the EU and have a great desire to learn from the best, through new experience, cooperation, local development and governance of similar municipalities in the Czech Republic.

Our development priorities are:

- Reconstructing the street light that were devastated during the floods
- Constructing a district heating system
- Constructing a refinement plant for waste water
- Increasing the energy efficiency of residential properties
- Expansion of tourism, sports and recreational content
- Construction of missing infrastructure – rural areas
- Project regarding the recovery and prevention of landslides, floods and the reconstruction of local roads

Furthermore, we kindly ask for your support if you know of willing sources, resources or other means that would help us in solving our current priorities.



We are looking forward to work together with the Czech Republic on different projects from wide range of fields, the exchange of successful governance practices, and improvement of services for our citizens and the preservation of our rich cultural and historical heritage.

We sincerely hope that our cooperation in the future can be strengthened through a partnership between the municipality of Maglaj and a city in the Czech Republic.

**Expected outputs and outcomes:**

*Please, explain, what is expected from the expert in detail (elaboration of analysis, seminar, forum, etc. ) and when and how those outcomes will be used.*

- Improvement of governance within the municipality of Maglaj
- Improvement of local development that would benefit 25'000 citizens
- Adjustment towards EU standards

**Role of the applicant/partner organisation and roles of other key partners:**

*Please describe briefly the roles and responsibilities of key project stakeholders and their relation towards the expert (towards his/her work).*

**Complementarity:**

*Analysis of other relevant development interventions executed by the government (or) in co-operation with other donors, complementarity of the requested intervention with activities carried out so far.*

**Date and Signature:**

*Place, date, name of authorised person within applicant institution and his/her signature, stamp.*

*Maglaj, 28.02.2017. godine*



*Mirsad Mahmutagić*  
**Mayor of Maglaj**