

CALL FOR SELECTION OF A LOCAL EXPERT FOR THE GREEN TRANSITION of the TCLF SECTOR (Textiles, Clothing, Leather and Footwear)

MEDinCHAMBERS Project

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Budget Line GREEN TCLF LOCAL EXPERT WP3.ES.LEP.40071

The CUEIM - University Consortium for Industrial and Managerial Economics, acting as Lead Partner of the project "CROSS-BORDER CHAMBERS' NEW SERVICES AS DRIVER FOR SUSTAINABLE FAIR TRADE OF TEXTILE INDUSTRY ACROSS MEDITERRANEAN", "MEDinCHAMBERS" (A_G_4.1_0342), funded under the Interreg NEXT MED 2021-2027 Transnational Cooperation Programme, is seeking a Green TCLF Expert to support stakeholder engagement activities, provide technical expertise, and foster synergies with relevant initiatives at regional, national, and European levels.

The MEDinCHAMBERS project aims to strengthen cross-border governance within the textile value chains of Italy, Spain, Tunisia, Egypt, Greece, and Türkiye. The partner institutions currently operate through different structures, procedures, and non-integrated tools, requiring a coordinated governance approach to create a lasting network of knowledge and relationships among EU and MPC (Mediterranean Partner Countries) chambers of commerce.

The objective is to develop a common knowledge framework (hubs & detector) on regulations, risks, resources, and needs of the textile sector, and to establish a MEDinCHAMBERS cross-border operational team composed of bilateral chambers of commerce from the Mediterranean area.

CUEIM leads the international partnership composed of: Centre for Research and Technology Hellas (CERTH), Greece; Italian Chamber Barcelona (CCIB), Spain; Chambre Tuniso-Italienne de Commerce et d'Industrie (CTICI), Tunisia; Confederation of Egyptian European Business Associations (CEEBA), Egypt; Italian Chamber of Commerce and Industry for Turkey - Izmir (CCI-Izmir), Türkiye; and RIBERA CONSORTIUM (CRIB), Spain.

1. Tasks and Responsibilities

The selected expert will contribute to the implementation of the activities foreseen under WP3, supporting the development of TCLF territorial ecosystems and ensuring effective stakeholder engagement within the green transition processes of the sector.

The selected expert will carry out the following activities:

Activity 1 - Stakeholder Engagement and Focus Group Facilitation

- Support the identification and involvement of relevant stakeholders belonging to the Quadruple Helix ecosystem (businesses, research organisations, public authorities, and civil society).
- Establish and support at least one Focus Group dedicated to the green transition of the TCLF sector (Textile, Clothing, Leather and Footwear).
- Enhance and connect existing regional clusters, industrial districts, innovation ecosystems, and initiatives already operating in the TCLF sector.
- Contribute to the collection and analysis of stakeholders' needs, challenges, and priorities.

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Activity 2 - Contribution to MEDinCHAMBERS Services

- Provide technical expertise for the design and validation of project services aimed at TCLF SMEs.
- Contribute to the development and refinement of the project “Detector” and related assessment tools.
- Participate in technical consultations and working sessions organised by the project partnership.

Activity 3 - Participation in International Activities

- Participate in the MEDinCHAMBERS Bootcamp, to be held in Barcelona (September 2026), collaborating with project experts and involved stakeholders.
- Provide specialised expertise during workshops, mentoring sessions, and networking activities
- Support matchmaking activities and knowledge-sharing processes among participants.

Activity 4 - Development of Synergies and Networking Activities

- Identify relevant projects, initiatives, clusters, and networks operating at regional, national, and European levels within the TCLF sector.
- Foster synergies and cooperation opportunities between MEDinCHAMBERS and other relevant initiatives.
- Promote knowledge exchange and the valorisation of project results.

Activity 5 - Project Events

- Participate in at least one official MEDinCHAMBERS project event.
- Support the identification, promotion, and participation of stakeholders in related events, conferences, workshops, and other relevant sectoral initiatives.

2. Expected Deliverables

The appointed expert shall produce the following outputs:

- Stakeholder mapping and report on stakeholder engagement activities.
- Support for the organisation and implementation of at least one Focus Group.
- Contributions and recommendations for the development of project services and the MEDinCHAMBERS Detector.
- Report on the synergies identified with relevant initiatives and projects in the TCLF sector.
- Final activity report including a summary of the activities carried out, results achieved, and operational recommendations for strengthening the TCLF ecosystem.

3. Required Expertise

Candidates shall demonstrate skills and experience in one or more of the following areas:

A. TCLF Sector Expertise

- Knowledge of the Textile, Clothing, Leather and Footwear (TCLF) value chains.
- Experience in sustainable production and circular economy approaches applied to the TCLF sector.
- Knowledge of the challenges and opportunities related to the green transition of TCLF SMEs.

B. Ecosystem Development and Stakeholder Engagement

- Experience in facilitating and managing focus groups, workshops, living labs, or stakeholder consultation processes.

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- Experience in developing innovation ecosystems, clusters, industrial districts, or business support networks.
- Knowledge and practical application of Quadruple Helix collaboration methodologies.

C. Sustainability and Green Transition

- Circular economy
- Environmental sustainability.
- Eco-design (eco-compatible design).
- Life Cycle Assessment (LCA).
- Material Flow Analysis (MFA).
- ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) principles and sustainability reporting.

D. European Projects and Networking

- Experience in participating in and/or managing EU-funded projects (e.g., Interreg NEXT MED, Erasmus+, and similar programmes).
- Experience in creating synergies and cooperation opportunities among projects, initiatives, and thematic networks.
- Experience in international networking activities and stakeholder engagement.

4. Information to be Provided by Candidates

Candidates shall submit the following documents:

Curriculum Vitae

Including:

- Educational background.
- Professional experience.
- Language skills.
- Relevant projects and assignments.

Technical Profile

A maximum 2-page document describing the candidate's experience and expertise in relation to the assignment, structured as follows:

Section 1 - TCLF Expertise

- Description of professional experience and knowledge related to the TCLF sector.

Section 2 - Stakeholder Engagement Experience

- Examples of focus groups, workshops, cluster activities, or stakeholder consultation processes coordinated or supported by the candidate (ongoing or carried out within the last year, where applicable).

Section 3 - Sustainability and Green Transition

- Description of relevant experience in circular economy, sustainability, Life Cycle Assessment (LCA), Material Flow Analysis (MFA), ESG, or related topics.

Section 4 - EU Projects and Synergies

- Description of experience in EU-funded projects and examples of networking activities, cooperation initiatives, and synergies developed among projects and stakeholders.

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Section 5 - Motivation and Added Value

- Explanation of how the candidate can contribute to the objectives and expected results of the MEDinCHAMBERS project.

5. Evaluation Criteria

Criterion	Maximum score
Expertise in TCLF sector	30
Experience in stakeholder engagement and focus groups	25
Experience in sustainability and green transition	20
Experience in EU projects and international cooperation	15
Quality of motivation and proposed contribution	10
Total	100

Minimum Threshold

A minimum score of 60/100 is required for eligibility.

6. Type, Duration and Financial Terms of the Assignment

The assignment will be formalised through a professional services contract, starting from the date of signature and remaining valid until March 2027.

The total gross remuneration foreseen for the entire assignment amounts to €9,000.00 (nine thousand/00 euros), including any charges and statutory contributions required by applicable legislation [to be specified according to the professional's tax and social security regime].

Any expenses related to participation in project events and related collateral events shall be entirely borne by the appointed professional.

7. Submission of Applications and Selection Procedure

The application for participation shall be submitted using the template provided as Annex A, dated and signed by the candidate (original signature, scanned signature, and/or digital signature are accepted), together with the candidate's duly signed professional CV and a copy of a valid identity document.

Applications shall be submitted by e-mail to the following address: ambiente@cueim.it

The e-mail subject line must include the following wording:

Selection of GREEN TCLF Local Expert - WP3.ES.LEP.40071 - MEDinCHAMBERS Project - A_G_4.1_0342

The deadline for submission of applications is **28 June 2026**.

Applications received after the above-mentioned deadline will not be considered.

The three candidates whose profiles are considered the most suitable and consistent with the required qualifications will be invited to attend an interview.

8. Personal Data Processing

The Data Controller is CUEIM, with registered office in Verona, Via Interrato dell'Acqua Morta 26, which will process the personal data provided in relation to this Call for Selection in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR - Regulation (EU) 2016/679) concerning the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and the free movement of such data, as well as with Legislative Decree No. 196/2003 and subsequent amendments ("Code on the protection of personal data").

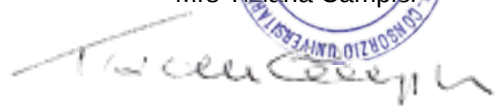
For further information regarding the processing of personal data, candidates are invited to consult the privacy notice attached to this call.

CUEIM will process candidates' personal data only to the extent strictly necessary for the evaluation and selection procedures, for the identification of the most suitable candidates, and for the possible subsequent formalisation of the assignment. The data will not be disclosed or communicated to third parties, except where required by law or necessary to fulfil obligations related to the selection procedures carried out by CUEIM.

It is hereby specified that:

- the provision of personal data for the purposes indicated above is mandatory in order to participate in the selection procedure;
- personal data will be processed through paper-based and digital tools by duly authorised personnel, in compliance with applicable legal obligations;
- candidates have the right to access their personal data, request their correction, updating, or deletion where incomplete, inaccurate, or unlawfully collected, as well as request restriction of processing and data portability, in accordance with applicable data protection legislation.

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