

The OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine is seeking a qualified and motivated person to fill the position of:

## **International Expert**

### **to conduct research on international practices of legislative regulations of the use of reproductive technologies (incl., surrogate maternity)**

#### **Tasks and responsibilities:**

The OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine (PCU) requires the services of an internationally contracted Expert to conduct research on international practices of legislative regulations of the use of reproductive technologies (incl., surrogate maternity).

To address new challenges related to trafficking in human beings and in order to prevent trafficking in children and women, Ukrainian Ombudsman intends to enhance national legislation related to the use of reproductive technologies (particularly, surrogate maternity). As an initial step, the Ombudsman's office approached the PCU with a request to support a research on international practices of legislative regulation of surrogate maternity. Based on the experience of the OSCE participating States, such research will cover the following issues:

- National legislation regulating the use of reproductive technologies;
- Permission to use reproductive technologies, including surrogate maternity, by persons who are not relatives;
- Permission to use reproductive technologies, including surrogate maternity, by single persons / not married couples / foreigners / same-sex couples;
- Free of charge vs. paid use of such reproductive technologies;
- Crimes and abuses related to the use of reproductive technologies, as identified in the national legislation;
- Ways and means to protect the rights of a baby, parents and a surrogate mother (incl., the procedure for the intending parents to take the child "home" to their country of residence);
- Roles and responsibilities of a national contact / regulating authority in relation to the above-mentioned issues.

Such desk research will be conducted by an internationally contracted expert in English and translated into Ukrainian. 1,000 copies of the research findings will be published and distributed among Ukrainian stakeholders dealing with legislative regulation of surrogate maternity issue.

The Expert will conduct the research during 20 working days between 01 May 2013 and 01 September 2013.

**Necessary Qualifications:**

- Minimum 10 years of progressive experience in combating trafficking in human beings;
- Proven in-depth knowledge and understanding of the issue of human trafficking, in particular, new trends and challenges observed in the OSCE participating States;
- Experience in conducting research associated with trafficking in human beings;
- Extensive experience in legislative review and analysis, in-depth familiarity with international commitments related to human trafficking;
- Degree in social science or related field would be an asset;
- Ability to convey complex concepts and recommendations to non-expert staff, both orally and in writing, in a clear, concise style;
- Experience with international organizations would be an asset;
- Fluency in English, excellent writing skills;
- Knowledge of Ukrainian/Russian as well as other official OSCE languages would be an asset;
- Excellent communication skills;
- Accuracy and diligence;
- Computer literacy;
- Ability to work both independently and as a member of a team.

The OSCE is committed to achieving a better balance of women and men within the Organization. Both female and male candidates are encouraged to apply for this position.

The position will commence **from May 2013**. If you wish to apply for this position, please use the OSCE's online application link found under <http://www.osce.org/employment>. The VN number is **VNUKRC00117**. The deadline for application is **22 April 2013**. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

The OSCE retains the discretion to re-advertise the vacancy, to cancel the recruitment, to offer an appointment at a lower grade or to offer an appointment with a modified job description or for a different duration.

Please note that vacancies in the OSCE are open for competition only amongst nationals of participating States, please see <http://www.osce.org/who/83>.

No application fees or information with respect to bank account details are required by OSCE for our recruitment process.