



## PRESS RELEASE

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### Call for Participation to Tender for “Construction of drainage channels, extension of the existing irrigation network and construction of gravel roads in the village of Egri, Bitola Municipality”

The project “Mainstreaming of the National Land Consolidation Programme” (MAINLAND), funded by the European Union and implemented by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy of North Macedonia, has launched a public tender (*Reference number: 2021/CSAPC/REUTD/109117*) for the provision of services for “Construction of drainage channels, extension of the existing irrigation network and construction of gravel roads in the village of Egri, Bitola Municipality”.

Activities to be carried out as part of this tender include construction works related to the agricultural infrastructure in the land consolidation area of Egri, more specifically: construction of service roads paved with gravel, construction of new drainage channels, and construction, i.e adaptation of the current irrigation system with local extension in the land consolidation area.

Potential bidders should be all construction companies registered in the Republic of North Macedonia, which possess License B for construction works issued by the Ministry of Transport and Communication of the Republic of North Macedonia.

In order to access the tender documents and submit a proposal, interested companies should first register in the United Nations Global Marketplace (UNGM) portal ([www.ungm.org/Vendor/Registration](http://www.ungm.org/Vendor/Registration)), as only UNGM registered companies are eligible to participate. After successful registration, companies will be able to access the tender documents and submit their proposals through the same UNGM portal ([www.ungm.org/Account/Account/Login](http://www.ungm.org/Account/Account/Login)).

The deadline for submitting a proposal for the tender is 20 April (Tuesday) 2021, until 12:30 hrs.

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**Background note:**

The village of Egri, Bitola Municipality, is the first majority-based land consolidation project in the Republic of North Macedonia. The Land Consolidation Assembly with qualified majority of landowners in Egri adopted the Plan for Re-allotment of agricultural land on 29 January 2020. The land consolidation process in Egri concerns 336 ha of agricultural area targeting 214 farmers. The land re-allotment plan considers decrease and re-shape of 874 land parcels into 260 land parcels with an average size of 1.30 ha (compared to 0.38 ha average before consolidation).

The planned investments in agricultural infrastructure improvements will be carried out as a final step in the land consolidation process in Egri, including construction works for agricultural land surface drainage channels and access (service) roads, as well as upgrades to the irrigation system in Egri. Before the tender announcement, the Plan for Re-allotment of agricultural land in Egri was adopted by the Land Consolidation Assembly with qualified majority of Egri landowners in January 2020. As a next step, a geodetic elaborate for land consolidation and a technical design for agricultural infrastructure interventions in Egri were finalized. The registration of the newly formed land parcels in the Real Estate Cadastre is ongoing, the staking out of the boundaries of the newly formed parcels will be finalized during the tendering period and the owners will have both, the ownership and user rights granted at the time of construction works. The process of issuance of the necessary construction permit is currently ongoing. The contractor will not be awarded prior to the issuance of the construction permit.

**About the Project:**

The European Union - funded project “Mainstreaming of the National Land Consolidation Programme”(MAINLAND) is implemented by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to provide support to the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy in implementing the National Land Consolidation Strategy 2012-2020. The Project budget is EUR 2.86 million, financed from the EU Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (EUR 2.5 million) and FAO contribution (EUR 0.36 million). The project is implemented over a period of 54 months, starting from March 2017 until August 2021. The overall objective of the project is to mitigate the agriculture land fragmentation and increase farm sizes, as to increase the competitiveness of agricultural production, to improve the living conditions in rural areas and to provide sustainable use of natural resources.

Project webpage: [www.fao.org/in-action/mainstreaming-national-land-consolidation-programme/en/](http://www.fao.org/in-action/mainstreaming-national-land-consolidation-programme/en/)

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