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Interreg NEXT MED – MedRESOURCE Project

Call for External Consultant

Senior Technical and Implementation Consultant

Application Deadline: 05.04.2026, late submission will be rejected
Availability: Immediate
Contract Duration: 12 months (renewable subject to budget availability)
Project Duration: 36 months
Contract Type: External services / consultancy contract
Location: Jordan – Ramtha Research Station (primary), Northern Governorates, selected NARC research stations, and NARC HQ (Baq'a)

Programme and Project Overview

The **MedRESOURCE – Mediterranean initiative for Regenerating Wastewater Sludge towards a Circular Economy** project is co-funded by the **European Union under the Interreg NEXT MED 2021–2027 Programme**. The project aims to promote sustainable and safe reuse of wastewater sludge-derived products, particularly biochar, within a circular economy framework, contributing to water efficiency, soil health, and climate resilience in Mediterranean countries.

The project is implemented in partnership with Mediterranean research institutions and public bodies and focuses on **technical implementation, capacity building, and policy-oriented outputs**.

Position Overview

The National Agricultural Research Center (NARC) is seeking a **Senior Technical and Implementation Consultant** to support the technical implementation of MedRESOURCE activities in Jordan and ensure effective coordination with international project partners and Work Package Leaders.

The selected expert will work **under the supervision of the National Project Coordinator / Project Manager**, and will provide high-level technical oversight for project activities related to **implementation, field trials, capacity building, and technical reporting**.

Terms of Reference – Senior Technical and Implementation Consultant

Main Tasks and Responsibilities

The Senior Technical and Implementation Consultant will be responsible for the following:

- Oversee and coordinate the **technical planning, implementation, and monitoring** of MedRESOURCE activities in Jordan, with a focus on WP03 (Implementation), WP04 (Capacity Building), and WP05 (Policy & Guidelines).
- Design, supervise, and technically validate **agricultural field trials**, irrigation systems, and biochar application experiments at **Ramtha Research Station** and selected pilot sites in the Northern Governorates.
- Coordinate and supervise field implementation activities, including soil, crop, water, and biochar sampling, crop harvesting, laboratory analyses, and data interpretation.
- Provide technical guidance and backstopping to NARC project staff and support on-farm implementation activities at beneficiary and pilot farms.
- Ensure effective **technical coordination with project partners and Work Package Leaders**, including data exchange, harmonisation of methodologies, and contribution to joint deliverables.
- Support the National Project Coordinator in monitoring technical progress, identifying risks, and ensuring alignment with the approved work plan and donor requirements.
- Contribute to the preparation of **technical reports, progress reports, policy-oriented outputs, and scientific publications** related to project implementation and results.
- Design and deliver **training sessions and capacity-building activities** on water management, wastewater reuse, circular economy approaches, and sustainable agricultural practices.
- Contribute to the preparation of **training materials and capacity-building content** in collaboration with project partners.
- Ensure compliance with **EU and Interreg NEXT MED technical, environmental, and quality standards**.
- Support project dissemination activities and engagement with farmers, local stakeholders, and relevant national institutions.

Requirements

Education

- Advanced university degree (**Master's or PhD**) in Agricultural Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Irrigation, Water Management, or a closely related field.

Professional Experience

- **Minimum 7 years of proven experience** working on **EU-funded international cooperation projects**, including **ENI CBC MED, Interreg NEXT MED, PRIMA, Horizon, or similar EU programmes**.
- Demonstrated experience working **as a senior researcher or senior technical expert within EU-funded project teams**, with:
    - Proven involvement in the implementation of multiple EU-funded projects, and
    - **At least one project led or nationally coordinated** of EU co-funded programs in the past **10 years** (preferably within the last **5 years**).
- Strong background in **agricultural research implementation**, water management, wastewater reuse, irrigation systems, and field-based experimentation.
- Proven experience working under **external services / consultancy contracts**, including short- and medium-term technical assignments.
- Documented experience in **designing and delivering training sessions**, capacity-building programmes, and contributing to the development of training and guidance materials.
- Experience in coordinating with public authorities, research institutions, farmers, and international partners.
- Demonstrated ability to draft **high-quality technical reports, scientific articles, and project documentation** in English.

Skills and Competencies

- Strong technical expertise in water management, irrigation systems, and reuse of non-conventional water in agriculture.
- Excellent coordination, communication, and teamwork skills in multicultural and multi-country project environments.
- Ability to work independently while reporting effectively to the National Project Coordinator.
- Proficiency in standard office software, data analysis tools, and reporting platforms.

Languages

- Fluency in **English** (working language of the project).
- Fluency in **Arabic** is required.

How to Apply

Interested candidates are invited to submit:

- An updated **CV in English**
- A **motivation letter in English**, outlining relevant experience in EU-funded projects, consultancy work, and capacity-building activities, relevance of professional experience to the position, as well as availability.
- Submission of **two separate technical and financial** proposals along with required documents mentioned in the announcement including the expected number of working days
- Candidates to submit the requested documents to the following email:

  HR@narc.gov.jo not later than **5th of April 2026**, late submission will be rejected.

Only pre-selected candidates will be contacted.