

Expression of Interest

Towards searching and finding partners to participate in Black Sea ERA.NET 2010 Joint Call for Research Program.

Information about the union “Agro-Business Consulting”

ABC was established in January, 2002. ABC Priorities are: Economics, Agriculture, Ecology, Democracy, Culture, Tourism. ABC Objectives are:

- Economic situation improvement
- Research and Investigation of ecological and agrarian problems
- Preservation of protected areas' biodiversity
- Poverty reduction and living conditions improving in rural regions
- Democratization of civil society in rural areas
- Protection and promotion of cultural diversity
- Support to tourism development
- Extension of research and consultation services
- Extension of training and demonstration activities

ABC has 8-year experience in implementing the projects being funded by different international organizations such as UK DFID, WWF, GEF, WB, BP BTC, EoN, BFA, ICFER, MERCY CORPS.

ABC has conducted a wide range of, researches trainings, seminars, conferences and other activities.

ABC project participation experience is attached to the Expression of interest.

ABC is fully equipped with office, computer, training equipment and vehicles. Besides Tbilisi office ABC has regional offices and representations.

Organization has 16 administration and technical permanent staff, and more than 30 top quality specialists being engaged in different projects and programs temporarily as consultants, experts and trainers.

Master and PHD students from different Georgian Universities are involved and raising their qualification in ABC.

Writing the Expression of Interest, we would like to share our readiness to participate in Black Sea ERA.NET 2010 Joint Call for Research Program and prepare the research proposals regarding the following issue in the framework of the thematic field – Climate and Environment:

- Exploitation and transport of mineral resources: impact on environment;
- Water pollution prevention options for coastal zones and tourist areas.

Main project proposal idea is reflected in the document – “Necessity of Elaboration of River Basins Environment Protection Action Programs” that is attached to the Expression of Interest.

Being determined to participate in BS-ERA.NET Pilot Joint Call, we would like to search and find partner organizations from BS Basin countries who are eligible to take part in this project and face the similar problems as Georgia.

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