# SERVICE PRIOR INFORMATION NOTICE

## Technical Assistance for Operating Structure to Prepare and Strengthen Programming for the period 2014-2020

## Location: Europe (non EU) - Turkey (TR)

#### **1.** Publication reference

EuropeAid/136914/IH/SER/TR

### 2. Procedure

Restricted.

## 3. Programme title

IPA.

## 4. Financing

Financing Agreement.

#### 5. Contracting Authority

Department for European Union Investments, DG Foreign Relations and European Union Affairs, Ministry of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications, Ankara, REPUBLIC OF TURKEY.

#### 6. Nature of contract

Fee-based.

## 7. Contract description

The provision of technical assistance to enhance programming capacity within the Transport Operating Structure in order to facilitate the absorption of IPA funding in the forthcoming programming period. The assistance will target sustainable institution development to promote the development of a pipeline of mature investment projects in the transport sector. Another element of the contract will be the provision of intensive training for staff of the Operating Structure and other stakeholders involved in programming issues, complemented by seminars, workshops and study visits.

## 8. Indicative budget

3,300,000.00 EUR.

## 9. Intended timing of publication of the contract notice

April 2015.

## 10. Additional information

None.

## 11. Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17.7.2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA).

The conclusion of the tender and the award of any contract are subject to the availability of funds and the adoption by the European Commission of the relevant financing decision.

The contracting authority reserves the right to cancel the tendering procedure at any time.

#### **Remarks:**

There must be a minimum period of 30 calendar days between the publication of this prior information notice and the publication of the corresponding contract notice.

No applications or requests for information should be sent at this stage.