

CLARIFICATION

Issued on 26 August 2025

On 25 August 2025, the ReSPA Secretariat received the following question from a potential applicant, submitted via electronic communication:

“We are interested in submitting an application for the call Recruitment Agency or Team of Recruitment Experts to assist ReSPA during the recruitment of 1 vacant position (Programme Manager), Ref. 63/2025.

In the Procurement Notice and ToR it is stated that the recruitment agency shall not be based in a ReSPA Member State, while Kosovo is listed as a beneficiary of ReSPA, but not as a member. Could you please confirm whether a recruitment agency legally registered and operating in Kosovo is eligible to apply under this procurement procedure?”*

On 26 August 2025, the Secretariat provided the following clarification, which applies equally to all potential applicants:

In line with the provisions of the Procurement Notice and the Terms of Reference, agencies legally registered and operating in ReSPA Members or Beneficiaries are not eligible to apply under this procurement procedure. This restriction also applies to entities registered in Kosovo.*

*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and ICJ Advisory Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of independence.