Announcement of an Open Competition for the Selection of an Individual or Company as an External Expert – for Studies and Definition in WP1 Activities within the AMELIA Project

The **Association Multidisciplinary Academy (AKMU)**, as Project Partner No. 3 and Contracting Authority, announces an Open Competition for the selection of external expertise for the implementation of **"Studies and Definition in WP1 Activities"**, within the framework of the Project **"innovAtive Maturity assEssment modeLs for 5.0 dIgital trAnsformation Improvement", with the acronym "AMELIA"**, funded by the Interreg VI-A IPA South Adriatic Programme 2021–2027.

The AMELIA project aims to enhance the growth and competitiveness of SMEs, including micro-enterprises, in Italy, Albania and Montenegro by developing dedicated tools and a Technological Platform to assess companies' digital needs and support their Sustainable Digital Transformation.

The assignment concerns the implementation of studies, analyses and technical activities related to Work Package 1 (WP1) – **"Context Analysis and Definition of the Maturity & Sustainability Assessment Model"**. The procurement is divided into two separate lots, as follows:

LOT 1 – Studies and Analysis of the Albanian Industrial Context

This lot concerns the analysis of the industrial and economic context in Albania, with particular focus on SMEs' technological infrastructure and digital readiness. The services include the analysis of industrial trends, the identification of challenges and opportunities for business development, the collection and assessment of data on companies' needs and requirements, and the preparation of the Context Analysis Report.

Estimated value of Lot 1: €18,000.00

LOT 2 – Studies and Definition of the Maturity & Sustainability Assessment Model

This lot concerns the study of existing assessment models and the Sustainable Digital Transformation paradigm, as well as the technical contribution to the definition of the Maturity & Sustainability Assessment Model. The services include the analysis of existing methodologies and best practices, the identification of assessment dimensions and indicators, and the development of accessible, user-friendly and scalable assessment tools, including questionnaires, for SMEs.

Estimated value of Lot 2: €32,000.00

The total estimated value of the procurement amounts to **€50,000.00**.

The procurement is open to both companies and individual professionals with relevant qualifications and experience. Interested economic operators may submit applications for one or both lots. Each lot will be evaluated separately and may be awarded to a different service provider.

Interested candidates are invited to submit their applications, by the following methods:

- **By email:** administrata@akmu.al
- **By post:** Vlore, Rruga Gjergj Kastrioti

The deadline for submission of applications is 30/03/2026

Applications received after the specified deadline will not be considered.