Terms of Reference: Senior Green Finance Specialist within the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources in Santo Domingo

I. General information

Name of the task	Senior Green Finance Specialist
Name of the project	Euroclima Caribbean
Region/Country	Dominican Republic (Santo Domingo) , (possible field missions to other Caribbean countries)
Duration and maximum number of days	12 months (possible extension of 3 months) Estimated to 200 Days
Deadline for Submission	August 10th, 2026

II. Context and justification

1) Presentation of Expertise France

Expertise France[1] is the French inter-ministerial agency for international technical cooperation, the second of its kind in Europe. As the technical branch of the French Development Agency (AFD) Group, Expertise France designs and implements projects that sustainably strengthen public policies in developing and emerging countries. Works in key development sectors such as governance, security, climate change, health and education. Together with its partners, it contributes to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.
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2) Presentation of Euroclima

Euroclima is the European Union's key programme that strengthens the partnership with the Latin American and Caribbean region for a sustainable and fair transition, through dialogues and actions at national and regional level.
The Programme aims to address the triple global crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution by catalysing transformation through key initiatives in priority sectors and facilitating green financing and investment. In this way, it seeks to enable both regions to work together to achieve the profound change needed to address these crises.
By strengthening the enabling environment, catalysing key initiatives in priority sectors and facilitating access to and mobilization of climate and green investment and financing, the European Union (EU) and the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) are laying the groundwork for the profound transformation needed to collaborate and address the immediate and existential threats we face.
As part of Euroclima, and in alignment with the Global Gateway Investment Agenda (GGIA), Expertise France is supporting the formulation and implementation of regional and national actions on climate change mitigation and adaptation in the Caribbean. One of the key priority areas identified relates to the energy transition, including renewable energy access in remote areas and support to national capacity in renewable energy (particularly, solar, wind and marine energies) development.

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In the Dominican Republic, the transition towards a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy is constrained by the limited availability of dedicated financial instruments for green investments, particularly for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MiPymes), which represent the backbone of the national productive fabric. The country has committed to ambitious climate goals under its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC-RD 2020), but the operationalisation of these commitments depends on the country's capacity to mobilise public and private green finance, articulate the financial regulatory architecture (MiMARN, MICM[2], MEM[3], SIB[4], SIMV[5], ABA[6], IDECOOP[7]) and translate national priorities into bankable investment pipelines.
In this context, Expertise France, through the Euroclima programme and in alignment with the Global Gateway Investment Agenda (GGIA), is supporting the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (MiMARN) in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, in other consulting projects to support banks and SMES in access to green financing or structuring a green credit line with preferential rates. To this end, MiMARN requires a Senior Green Finance Specialist providing day-to-day technical support — supervising the outputs of dedicated consultancy projects, leading the capacity-building programme for MiMARN and other national beneficiaries (MICM, ABA, etc.), and accompanying the implementation of the roadmap's recommendations, including the inter-institutional governance, the funding of financial instruments and the connection with international investment funds and multilateral partners.

III. Objectives

The objective of this assignment is to provide high-level technical and strategic support to the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resource (MiMARN) in:

- Ensure proper follow-up of the implementation of the activities related to other consultancy projects
- Coordinate with the various local partners and ministries,
- Strengthen the internal capacities of the Ministry and its teams on matters related to green finance and green SMEs[8].
- Support the Ministry in the implementation of recommendation to foster a green transition of Dominican Republic private sector.

IV. Description of the mission

1) Key responsibilities

The Senior Green Finance specialist will work under the contractual supervision of Expertise France team based in Fort-de-France, Martinique, and the operational supervision of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Dominican Republic. The Specialist will carry out the following activities:

1.1 Following up activities to the "UE-Proverde — acceleration of MiPymes and capacity building of financial entities for the evaluation of green projects" consultancy project (30%)

This responsibility area refers to the consultancy "EU-Proverde — acceleration of MiPymes and capacity building of financial entities for the evaluation of green projects", which will be implemented by a specialised consulting firm contracted by Expertise France under the Euroclima programme, with the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (MiMARN) as the national institutional owner. The consultancy supports the Dominican

[2] MICM: Ministerio de Industria, Comercio y MiPymes (Ministry of Industry, Commerce and MiPymes).
[3] MEM: Ministerio de Energía y Minas (Ministry of Energy and Mines).
[4] SIB: Superintendencia de Bancos (Superintendency of Banks).
[5] SIMV: Superintendencia del Mercado de Valores (Superintendency of the Securities Market).
[6] ABA: Asociación de Bancos Múltiples de la República Dominicana (Dominican Association of Multiple Banks).
[7] IDECOOP: Instituto de Desarrollo y Crédito Cooperativo (Institute for Cooperative Development and Credit).
[8] SMEs: Small and Medium-sized Enterprises.

Republic's transition towards a green, just and inclusive economy by tackling two structural barriers identified in the Euroclima diagnostic: the limited capacity of MiPymes to structure bankable green projects, and the limited capacity of Dominican financial entities to evaluate and grant green credits. It is structured around two main activities: (i) an acceleration-advisory programme for a selected cohort of MiPymes to prepare bankable green investment proposals and connect them with potential investors through dedicated matchmaking events; and (ii) a green-finance training programme for Dominican financial entities (Multiple Banks, Savings & Loans Banks, Savings & Credit Associations) covering EU and local taxonomies, CBAM[9]/ESG[10] requirements and methodologies for the evaluation and approval of green credits. Within this framework, the Specialist will:

1.1.1 Follow up implementation activities (30%)

a) Act as the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources' (MiMARN) day-to-day technical focal point with the consultancy firm, ensuring fluid communication between the firm, MiMARN, Expertise France and other national counterparts (MICM, ABA, etc.).
b) Review and validate the consultancy's inception report, workplan and methodology, and consolidate MiMARN's technical feedback.
c) Facilitate the consultancy's access to relevant stakeholders, information sources and data, including coordinating interviews, working sessions and field visits with public institutions, financial sector actors and green SMEs.
d) Monitor the consultancy's progress against contractual milestones and deliverables, flagging delays, risks or scope deviations to MiMARN and Expertise France in a timely manner.
e) Review draft and final deliverables for technical quality, consistency with MiMARN's green finance priorities and alignment with the national green finance roadmap, and consolidate the Ministry's comments before submission to Expertise France.
f) Organise and facilitate validation workshops and steering meetings between the consultancy firm, MiMARN and other national beneficiaries to discuss intermediate findings and recommendations.
g) Support the dissemination and internal appropriation of the consultancy's outputs within MiMARN and among national beneficiaries, ensuring that results feed into the Ministry's decision-making and follow-up actions.

1.1.2 Training design (30%)

- Conduct a training needs assessment with MiMARN and other national beneficiaries (MICM, ABA, etc.) to identify priority knowledge gaps on green finance, green SMEs and related instruments.
- Translate the supervised consultancy's key deliverables (diagnostics, green finance roadmap, financial instruments and recommendations) into a structured capacity-building programme, organised in modular thematic content.
- Design training materials adapted to the audience's technical level, including presentations, technical notes, case studies, practical exercises and reference documentation.
- Define the training methodology, agenda, calendar and evaluation tools (pre- and post-training assessments, satisfaction surveys, learning indicators).
- Deliver in-person and/or virtual training sessions to MiMARN technical staff and other national beneficiaries, covering topics such as green finance instruments, green taxonomy, ESG criteria, climate risk and access to finance for green SMEs.

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[9] CBAM: Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism — EU regulation that puts a carbon price on imports of certain carbon-intensive goods.
[10] ESG: Environmental, Social and Governance criteria.

- Organise specialised workshops and exchange sessions with national and international experts to deepen understanding of priority topics identified in the consultancy's findings.
- Document the training activities and produce post-training reports, including attendance, results of evaluations, participant feedback and recommendations to sustain capacity-building efforts within MiMARN.

1.2 Mobilising financing for the implementation of EU-Proverde, MEEN-03 and other green finance initiatives (30%)

The implementation of EU-Proverde, MEEN-03i and other forthcoming green finance initiatives under Euroclima and partner programmes in the Dominican Republic faces a common bottleneck: once the diagnostic, design and capacity-building phases are completed, sustained financing must be mobilised to actually deploy the instruments at scale. EU-Proverde will deliver a pipeline of bankable MiPyme projects requiring debt or equity from banks, impact investors and venture-capital funds, while Dominican financial entities will need credit-line capitalisation and risk-sharing facilities to grow their green portfolios. MEEN-03 will require fresh capital to capitalise its partial guarantee fund and to operate the green credit line at preferential rates. Other initiatives currently in design will follow the same pattern. Within this responsibility area, the Specialist will lead, on behalf of MiMARN, the identification, structuring and mobilisation of the public, multilateral, bilateral and private financing required to implement these initiatives. To this end, the Specialist will:

- Map and continuously update the universe of potential funding sources for the implementation of EU-Proverde, MEEN-03 and other green finance initiatives — including multilateral development banks (IDB[11], World Bank Group, CABEI[12], CAF[13]), EU instruments (Global Gateway, EFSD+[14], EIB[15]), bilateral cooperation agencies, climate funds (GCF[16], GEF[17], Adaptation Fund, AFD facilities), national budget windows, impact investors and private capital — assessing their eligibility criteria, ticket sizes and instrument preferences.
- Develop, in coordination with MiMARN and Expertise France, a consolidated financing strategy and pipeline that prioritises funding needs across the portfolio: capitalisation of green credit lines for Dominican financial entities, capitalisation of the MEEN-03 partial guarantee fund, and complementary technical assistance for MiPymes and the banking sector.
- Prepare investment briefs, concept notes and pitch materials tailored to each prospective funder, articulating the rationale, expected impact, risk-sharing structure and operating mechanisms of the financial instruments to be capitalised.
- Lead and accompany bilateral engagements with prospective funders — multilateral banks, climate funds, EU partners, bilateral donors, impact investors — coordinating meetings, due-diligence requests, technical clarifications and follow-up actions on behalf of MiMARN.
- Support the design of blended-finance structures combining concessional and commercial capital, articulating the role of guarantees, first-loss layers, technical-assistance windows and result-based mechanisms to crowd in private investment.

[11] IDB: Inter-American Development Bank.
[12] CABEI: Central American Bank for Economic Integration.
[13] CAF: Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (formerly Corporación Andina de Fomento).
[14] EFSD+: European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus.
[15] EIB: European Investment Bank.
[16] GCF: Green Climate Fund.
[17] GEF: Global Environment Facility.

- Facilitate connections between MiPymes selected through the EU-Proverde acceleration programme and prospective financiers (banks, impact funds, venture capital), building on the matchmaking events and following up to convert investor interest into actual financing decisions.
- Coordinate with national stakeholders (SIB, SIMV, MEM, MICM, ABA, IDECOOP, MEPyD[18]) to align fundraising efforts with the regulatory framework, fiscal envelope and other national green finance initiatives, avoiding duplication and maximising leverage of public resources.
- Track and report on the financing pipeline — pledges, commitments and disbursements — and document lessons learned to inform the design of future green finance initiatives in the Dominican Republic and the Caribbean.

1.3 Reporting and local support (10%)

- Ensure regular reporting on the progress of the assignments to MiMARN and Expertise France, including monthly activity notes, quarterly progress reports and ad-hoc briefings on key milestones, risks and opportunities, consolidating inputs from consultancy firms and national counterparts (MICM, ABA, SIB, SIMV, MEM, IDECOOP) to provide a coherent narrative of progress against the assignment's objectives and the green finance roadmap.
- Provide day-to-day local support to MiMARN and the Expertise France Euroclima team as on-the-ground liaison in Santo Domingo — facilitating coordination meetings between national stakeholders and international partners, supporting the logistical and administrative preparation of workshops and missions, ensuring local visibility of the programme, responding to ad-hoc technical and operational requests, and contributing to the institutional memory of the assignment through the documentation of key decisions, contacts and lessons learned.

This list is not exhaustive and may be adjusted or expanded during the assignment depending on emerging opportunities, needs, and constraints identified throughout the mission.

2) Expected results

The deliverables expected are the following:

- Quarterly progress reports, monthly activity notes and ad-hoc briefings to MiMARN and Expertise France on the assignment activities.
- Technical review notes and consolidated MiMARN feedback on the EU-Proverde consultancy's deliverables (inception report, methodology, intermediate and final outputs).
- Capacity-building programme, training materials and post-training reports for MiMARN and other national beneficiaries (MICM, ABA, SIB, SIMV, MEM, IDECOOP).
- Mapping of potential funding sources and a consolidated financing strategy and pipeline for the implementation of EU-Proverde, MEEN-03 and other forthcoming green finance initiatives.
- Investment briefs, concept notes and pitch materials tailored to prospective funders (multilateral development banks, EU instruments, climate funds, bilateral donors, impact investors).
- Engagement and pipeline-tracking reports documenting outreach to prospective funders, pledges, commitments and disbursements, including outcomes of the EU-Proverde matchmaking events.
- Final mission report including results achieved, lessons learned and recommendations for next steps.

3) Coordination

[18] MEPyD: Ministerio de Economía, Planificación y Desarrollo (Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development).

The main contact will be:

- Orion VIENNE, Project Officer, orion.vienne@expertisefrance.fr
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The Expertise France Euroclima team should work closely with the candidate from the preparation of the assignment to its completion, exchanging regular information on the progress of the assignment and any difficulties that may arise.

V. Place, duration and conditions of execution

- **Application period:** 12 months
- **Expected starting date:** From September 2026
- **Workplace**: Within the ministry of Environment and Natural Resources in Santo Domingo.

VI. Experience and profile required

1) Qualifications

- Postgraduate degree (Master's or PhD) in Economics, Finance, International Development, Sustainable Finance, Public Policy or any other field relevant to the tasks described above.

2) Technical knowledge

- At least 10 years of relevant professional experience in sustainable finance, investment structuring, blended finance and private sector development.
- Demonstrated experience in the design of green investment strategies and the structuring of climate finance instruments (green credit lines, guarantee funds, blended-finance vehicles, etc.).
- Strong knowledge of Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs), climate finance mechanisms and investment roadmaps (e.g. private equity, venture capital, impact investment).
- Strong knowledge of international and regional sustainable-finance frameworks, including the EU Green Deal, sustainable finance taxonomies, the GGIA approach and NDC implementation.
- Familiarity with national green finance roadmaps and the regulatory architecture of the financial sector (central banks, banking, securities and insurance supervisors).
- Proven ability to assess investment readiness, conduct gap analyses and design technical assistance for SMEs and entrepreneurship support.
- Proven experience in capacity building through technical workshops, training tools and knowledge products on green finance and private sector development.
- Experience in multi-stakeholder dialogue and engagement of public institutions, financial institutions, private sector actors, impact investors and development finance institutions.
- Proficient in monitoring and evaluation, including the definition of KPIs[19] and the dissemination of best practices at the regional level.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills, with the ability to develop actionable, evidence-based recommendations.
- Professional experience in the Caribbean and/or Latin American region is highly desirable; experience working with Dominican Republic institutions (MiMARN, MICM, ABA, SIB, SIMV) is an asset.

[19] KPIs: Key Performance Indicators.

- Previous experience working with public institutions and/or international cooperation projects is highly desirable.
- Have the necessary conditions to intervene and travel in other countries of the Caribbean.

3) Knowledge of languages

- Fluency in **Spanish and English is required (oral and written).**

4) Interpersonal skills and cultural awareness

- Great autonomy and impartiality.
- Demonstrated ability to work with people of different technical knowledge and cultural backgrounds.

VII. Methods of application

Contract type:
This consultancy will be managed under a framework contract with purchase orders for specific deliverables throughout the project period.

Application deadline: 9th August 2026 at 23:59 (Paris time).
Expertise France reserves the right to select a candidate/s before this date.

Documents required:

1. A resume highlighting skills and experience aligned with the requirements (maximum 5 pages), including a **financial proposal (daily fees presented in euro).**
2. Completed Candidate's/s form (to download and fill)
3. The successful candidate must hold a visa or residence permit authorising them to work in Dominican Republic (except for citizens of the European Union).

Additionally, the candidate may share a concept note showing its understanding of the mission (not mandatory).

Expertise France is committed to equal opportunities and strongly encourages applications from women.

Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered.

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[i] Product "MEEN-03 — Design of a green financial product that promotes good energy efficiency practices" is backed by a guarantee fund, developed by the Dominican Republic with the technical support of GIZ as a flagship instrument to operationalise the country's energy efficiency commitments under the NDC-RD 2020 (measures 1.9, 1.10 and 1.15). The instrument combines three articulated components: (i) a National Catalogue of Eligible Investments defining the technical, financial and environmental eligibility criteria of energy-efficient technologies; (ii) a green credit line with preferential rates channelled through Dominican financial intermediaries to MiPymes, households and the tourism and industrial sectors; and (iii) a partial guarantee fund that absorbs part of the credit risk to crowd in private financing and accelerate market uptake. The diagnostic and design phase, supported by GIZ, has delivered the roadmap (Hoja de Ruta) for the effective implementation of the instrument; the next phase is the operational implementation of the roadmap — including the formal launch of the inter-institutional committee, the validation and publication of the catalogue, the structuring and capitalisation of the green credit line and the guarantee fund, the pilot deployment foreseen for 2028 with a selected group of financial entities and MiPymes, and the national scale-up planned for 2030.