

For the implementation of

**Expert Assignments within the Framework of the Cooperative Development
Work of the DGRV in Countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America**

we regularly offer employment opportunities for

Senior Expert Advisor (m/f/d) Cooperative Legislation and Cooperative Policy

DGRV field of activity

DGRV – Deutscher Genossenschafts- und Raiffeisenverband e. V. (German Cooperative and Raiffeisen Confederation) is the national apex organisation and top-level auditing federation of the German cooperative sector with headquarters in Berlin. The International Relations Department (AIB) of the DGRV in Bonn carries out projects to promote cooperatives in Latin America, Africa and Asia on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The projects aim to promote entrepreneurial cooperatives and to establish and strengthen cooperative systems and structures on a sustainable basis.

In the project countries, DGRV supports individual cooperatives of different sectors as well as multi-level integration structures. The activities are based on three levels (micro, meso, macro) and combine the support for cooperative structures at the local level with advisory services and the strengthening of relevant higher-level institutions at the regional and national level in order to create integrated, networked systems as well as to improve sector-relevant framework conditions.

Tasks of the expert

The central tasks are to comprehensively examine the legal and political framework conditions for the development of cooperatives in countries where the DGRV is or will become active in the cooperative system structure, to make proposals for their further development and, if necessary, to draft legal texts and texts on funding policies as well as to make proposals for their implementation. These activities at the macro level may be complemented by specific elaborations of statutes or regulations for local and/or regional cooperatives and/or their associations (micro and meso level).

In particular, but not exclusively, the work requires a review of national regulations and other documents, the direct exchange with decision-makers to the extent possible, and participation in events with relevant stakeholders.

The activities focus on the following areas:

- Preparation of comprehensive analyses of the legal and political framework conditions relevant to cooperatives
- Elaboration of recommendations for ministries/ authorities/ partner institutions in partner countries as well as for DGRV on selected issues of cooperative legislation and cooperative policy with regard to the development of a diversified system of cooperative self-organization
- Preparation of drafts on cooperative legislation with special attention to the congruence between law, decree and cooperative statutes
- Policy dialogue with high-level stakeholders and government partners
- Development of country-specific strategies/ project concepts for the promotion of cooperatives
- Elaboration of model statutes
- Drawing up statutes for local and/ or regional cooperatives and/ or their associations

- Participation in the preparation and implementation of workshops/ seminars on selected issues of cooperative law, cooperative promotion policy, on the founding of cooperatives and, depending on the needs in the respective project country, on other specific questions concerning cooperative legislation.

Further fields of application based on specific needs of the partners or the projects are possible in principle.

Form of the assignment

As a senior consultant you will work as a freelancer within the scope of short-term assignments (usually 3 - 10 days) according to the needs of the projects or partner countries. Assignments may take place in countries in Latin America, Africa, the Mediterranean region and Asia.

In principle, assignments are demand-dependent. In connection with assignments in partner countries, periods of preparation and follow-up of the assignment and/ or for the elaboration of studies/ evaluations (off-site) may also be agreed. Travel expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with the German Travel Expenses Act (Bundesreisekostengesetz, BRKG).

Your profile

- University degree in law (preferably with focus on cooperative law); preferably with doctorate
- Several years of professional experience in the field of cooperative law; if possible with competence in comparative legal analyses between countries
- Extensive work experience in an international context; proven experience in cooperation with emerging and developing countries is an advantage
- Ideally, experience in structuring concepts for the promotion of cooperatives based on an entrepreneurial cooperative understanding
- Fluency in German, English and French (spoken/ written); knowledge of Spanish or Portuguese would be an advantage.

Are you interested?

Please send us your curriculum vitae showing your qualifications according to the above profile, your fee expectations (daily rate) with an indication of the maximum available annual time budget for this kind of assignments exclusively by e-mail to: bewerbung.international@dgrv.de

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