Qualification levels

Term commonly used in the sector	Junior consultant	Consultant	Senior consultant	Chief consultant	Principal consultant
Professional experience required in the specialist area to provide the service	Up to 3 years	4 to 7 years	≥ 7 years	≥ 10 years	≥ 10 years
Qualification level	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5

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CoSoft code	Award expertise cluster	Level 1	Level 2	2 Level 3		Lev	el 4	Level 5		
		Up to max.	ı	Max.		Max.		Max.		Max.
01	Organisational and management consult	ing								
01-A	Strategy consulting									
01-B	Organisational consulting									
01-C	Market, client and commissioning party analyses									
02	Personnel selection, management and tra	aining								
02-A	Psychological diagnosis									
02-B	Management development and coaching – hourly rates									
02-C	Skills development and training									
02-D	Moderation services			·						



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		Up to max.	Max.	Max.	Max.	Max.
02-E	Individual and team supervision					
02-F	Mediation/conflict management					
02-G	Individual psychosocial consulting and psychosocial team coaching					
03	Rural development, agriculture, fishing a	nd food				
03-A	Policy, strategy, process and organisational consulting with a sectoral priority area					
03-B	Expertise with a sectoral priority area					
03-C	International trade and international standards, global supply chains, complex economic cooperation arrangements					
04	Natural resources, biodiversity, oceans/c	oasts				
04-A	Policy, strategy, process and organisational consulting with a sectoral priority area					
04-B	Expertise with a sectoral priority area					
04-C	Harnessing natural resources/biodiversity financing and cooperation with the private sector and financial sector					
05	Energy and transport and climate change		,			



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		Up to max.		Max.		Max.		Max.		Max.
0E A	Policy, strategy, process and organisational consulting/experts for financing issues with a sectoral priority area									
05-B	Expertise with a sectoral priority area									



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		Up to max.	Max.	Max.	Max.	Max.
06	Communication, multimedia and social m	edia				
06-A	Communication advisory services					
06-B	Social media analytics					
06-C	Writing work					
06-D	Photographers					
06-E	Audio/video production					
06-F	Livestreams					
06-G	Graphic design services					
07	Private sector development and economi	c policy				
07-A	Policy, strategy, process and organisational consulting with a sectoral priority area and expertise in green/digital economy					
07-B	Sector-specific consulting					
08	Crises, conflicts, disasters, displacement	and migratio	n			
08-A	Policy, strategy, process and organisational consulting with a sectoral priority area					
08-B	Expertise with a sectoral priority area					



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		Up to max.		Max.		Max.		Max.		Max.
09	Digitalisation									
09-A	Strategy consulting									
09-B	Auditing									
09-C	Procurement consulting									
09-D	Sector-specific/process consulting (content requirements)									
09-E	Technical architecture (technical requirements)									
10	IT implementation and operation									
10-A	Admin, service, support, DevOps									
10-B	Development (UX design, web/app/software)									
11	Vocational education and youth									
11-A	Policy, strategy, process and organisational consulting with a sectoral priority area									
11-B	Expertise with a sectoral priority area									
11-C	Sector-specific expertise at the intersection with digitalisation, sustainability, private sector development									
12	Financial systems and insurance									
12-A	Sector-specific expertise with a focus on development cooperation									
12-B	Expertise in defined special topics in the sector									

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		Up to max.		Max.		Max.		Max.		Max.
13	Social protection and health									
13-A	Policy, strategy, process and organisational consulting with a sectoral priority area									
13-B	Expertise with a sectoral priority area									
13-C	Sector-specific expertise at the intersection with digitalisation/e-health									
14	Democracy, decentralisation, urban deve	lopment								
14-A	Sector-specific expertise in democracy and decentralisation									
14-B	Sector-specific expertise in urban development and e-governance/open government									
15	Public finance and administration, anti-co	orruption, inte	egrity							
15-A	Policy, strategy, process and organisational consulting with a sectoral priority area									
15-B	Expertise with a sectoral priority area									
16	Rule of law, human rights & gender, secu	rity								
16-A	Expertise with a sectoral priority area									



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		Up to max.	Max		Max.		Max.		Max.
17	Environmental management, water, waste	e, resource et	fficiency						
17-A	Policy, strategy, process and organisational consulting with a sectoral priority area								
17-B	Expertise with a sectoral priority area								
18	Legal consulting, external and internal au	diting							
18-A	Legal advice to complement the Legal Affairs Unit – hourly rates								
18-B	Legal advice for projects – daily rates								
18-C	External auditing – hourly rates for basic services								
18-D	External auditing – hourly rates for consultant services								
18-E	External auditing – daily rates								
18-F	External auditing and internal auditing – daily rates								
19	Planning and architectural services								
		Up to 5 years	5-10 years	≥10 ye	≥10 years		Special cons		er
19-A	Planning and architectural services								



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		Up to max.		Max.	Max.		Max.		Max.
20	Translation and interpreting services								
	Rate per day								
20-A	Liaison interpreting for trade fairs					N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20-B	Conference interpreting (simultaneous)					N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20-C	Liaison interpreting					N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20-D	Liaison interpreting for high-ranking delegations	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Rate per standard line								
20-E	Translation into the target language					N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Rate per hour								
20-G	Revision, proofreading					N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20-H	Copy-editing					N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20-I	Post-editing a machine-translated text					N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



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		Up to max.		Max.		Max.		Max.		Max.	
21	Monitoring and evaluation										
21-A	Monitoring										
21-B	Evaluation										
22	Event management										
22-A	General event management										