

## ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS 2014

### Central Financing and Contracting Department (CFCD) of the Ministry of Finance

#### **Component I - Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component – TAIB**

##### **1. Basic act and Financing source**

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)<sup>1</sup>;
- Financing Agreement concerning the National Programme for IPA 2010 – Transition Assistance and Institutional Building – Component I entered into force on 1 December 2011.
- Financing Agreement concerning the National Programme for IPA 2011– Transition Assistance and Institutional Building – Component I entered into force on 20 November 2012.

##### **2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2014 and expected results**

###### **a. Grant Scheme “Sustainable Civil Society “ – Beneficiary Institution: General Secretariat of the Government**

The grant scheme “Sustainable Civil Society” will support the strengthening of the administrative capacity for cooperation with CSOs on local level, as well as to strengthen civil society sector through built capacity for self sustainability and enhanced role of CSO in decision making process at local level.

**The following results/priorities are to be achieved by the implementation of the above mentioned actions/projects:**

- Strengthening the CSO participation in decision making process at local level and in the implementation of national policy for regional and rural development;
- Strengthening civil society through initiatives for creating favourable legal and financial environment including initiatives for cooperation with business sector and individuals for mobilisation of local resources (including but not limiting to initiatives for cooperation on developing philanthropic activities).
- Protection of the human rights (including but not limiting to initiatives in anti – discrimination, youth rights for mobility and intercultural cooperation)

###### **b. Grant Scheme “Legal Harmonization and Capacity building in the field of Consumer Protection”- Beneficiary Institution: Ministry of Economy**

The grant scheme “**Legal Harmonization and Capacity building in the field of Consumer Protection**” will support the strengthening of the capacity and relevance of consumer protection civil society organizations to give citizens a voice in the process of harmonization and implementation of consumer protection legislation and build thematic partnerships to raise awareness of consumer rights in the priority thematic areas.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 210, 31.7.2006

**The following results/priorities are to be achieved by the implementation of the above mentioned actions/projects**

- Civil society participation in harmonization and implementation of consumer protection legislation, and national consumer protection policy;
- Strengthening relevant actors in the field of consumer protection and consumer education on the local level;
- Building thematic partnerships to strengthen the voice of local CSOs and raise awareness of consumer rights in priority thematic areas.

**c. Grant Scheme “Further development and financial sustainability of the Civil Society” – Beneficiary Institution: General Secretariat of the Government**

The grant scheme “**Further development and financial sustainability of the Civil Society**” will contribute to enhance the capacities of the civil society for active participation in policy creation and decision making, at local and national levels, in important areas such as, but not limited to: human rights, freedom of expression, media and Roma inclusion. The project will also support the financial sustainability of the civil society by improved implementation of the relevant national financial legislation and procedures, as well as enhanced between state bodies, CSOs and private sector.

**The following results/priorities are to be achieved by the implementation of the above mentioned actions/projects:**

- Enhancing the involvement of civil society in the creation of public opinion, policy making and participation in the decision making mechanisms at local and national level;
- Strengthening the financial sustainability of civil society organisation and cooperation between state bodies, civil society and private sector.

**d. Direct Grant to National Conservation Centre – Skopje for the “Revitalisation and Adaptation of Shengjul (Gjulshen) Hamam into a Cultural-Info Centre – Beneficiary Institution: Ministry of Culture**

The direct grant “**Revitalisation and Adaptation of Shengjul (Gjulshen) Hamam into a Cultural-Info Centre**” will contribute to the socio- economic development and revival of Skopje Old Bazaar through the promotion of a shared cultural heritage, thus triggering economic regeneration to the benefit of both local people and visitors.

**The following results are to be achieved by the implementation of the above mentioned actions/projects:**

The new, adapted Hamam will serve as Info - Centre for providing transparency, debates related to all activities for revitalization of the Old Bazaar to the wide public as well as all collaboration with the private sector (owners and investitures).

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

#### **a) Grant Schemes**

The eligible conditions will be set out in the Guidelines for Applicants and accordance with the procedures set out in the Practical Guide to Contract Procedures for EU External Actions.

#### **b) Direct Grant to National Conservation Centre**

The actions will be implemented by way of “Direct Grant” to the National Conservation Centre without call for proposal in accordance with point 6.4.2 of the Practical Guide to Contract Procedures for EU External Actions.

The contractual arrangements have been already determined in the approved Project Fiche that is annexed to the signed Financing Agreement concerning the National Program for IPA 2010 Transition Assistance and Institution Building – Component I that entered into force on 1 December 2011.

#### **4. Selection and award criteria**

The evaluation will be carried out in accordance with the procedures set out in the Practical Guide to contract procedures for EU external actions.

#### **5. Maximum rate of European Union financing**

**a. Grant Scheme Grant Scheme “Sustainable Civil Society” – Beneficiary Institution: General Secretariat of the Government**

The EU contribution rate (including national public co-financing) will be up to 90% of the total eligible costs of the action.

**b. Grant Scheme “Legal Harmonization and Capacity building in the field of Consumer Protection”- Beneficiary Institution: Ministry of Economy**

The EU contribution rate (including national public co-financing) will be up to 90% of the total eligible costs of the action.

**c. Grant Scheme “Further development and financial sustainability of the Civil Society” – Beneficiary Institution: General Secretariat of the Government**

The EU contribution rate (including national public co-financing) will be up to 88,89% of the total eligible costs of the action.

**d. Direct Grant to National Conservation Centre**

The EU contribution rate will be up to 75% of the total eligible costs of the action. The rest will be provided by national funds.

#### **6. Indicative time-schedule of calls for proposals**

**a) Grant Schemes:**

- **Grant Scheme “Sustainable Civil Society “will be launched in the second quarter of 2014. The duration of an action may not be lower than 12 months nor exceed 18 months.**
- **Grant Scheme “Legal Harmonization and Capacity building in the field of Consumer Protection” will be launched in the second quarter of 2014. The duration of an action may not be lower than 15 months nor exceed 18 months.**
- **Grant Scheme “Further development and financial sustainability of the Civil Society “will be launched in the fourth quarter of 2014. The duration**

of an action may not be **lower than 12 months nor exceed 18 months.**

**b) Direct Grant to National Conservation Centre**

The award of the direct grant is scheduled for the second quarter of 2014.

The duration will be 24 months.

**7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals**

**a) Grant Scheme:**

- **Grant Scheme “Sustainable Civil Society”** - The overall indicative amount made available under this call for proposal is EUR 1.125.000 (this allocation consists of EUR 1.012.500 from IPA funds and EUR 112.500 from national contribution).
- **Grant Scheme “Legal Harmonization and Capacity building in the field of Consumer Protection”** - The overall indicative amount made available under this call for proposal is EUR 630.000 (this allocation consists of EUR 567.000 from IPA funds and EUR 63.000 from national contribution).
- **Grant Scheme “Further development and financial sustainability of the Civil Society”** - The overall indicative amount made available under this call for proposal is EUR 1.350.000 (this allocation consists of EUR 1.200.000 from IPA funds and EUR 150.000 from national contribution).

**b) Direct Grant to National Conservation Centre**

The overall indicative amount made available is EUR 380.000 (this allocation consists of EUR 285.000 from IPA funds and EUR 95.000 from national contribution).

## **Component IV - Operational Programme for Human Resources Development**

### **1. Basic act and Financing source**

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)<sup>2</sup>
- Financing Agreement concerning the Multi-Annual Operational Programme “Human Resources Development” for Community Assistance from the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance under the “Human Resources Development” Component (CCI 2007 MK 05 IPO 001), entered into force on 13th December 2011 and Addendum No. 1 to the Financing Agreement, signed on 19 December 2012

### **2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2014 and expected results**

#### **a. Direct grant to the International Labour Organization (ILO) “Promoting social dialogue” - Beneficiary institution: Ministry of Labour and Social Policy**

The project aims to assist the country in strengthening tripartite and bipartite social dialogue through institutional and legislative improvement along with activities aimed at strengthening the capacities of tripartite actors in the labour market to engage effectively in social dialogue.

**The following results are to be achieved by the implementation of the above mentioned actions/projects:**

Component 1: Enhancing the tripartite social dialogue on national and local level

Component 2: Encouraging collective bargaining and setting sectoral collective bargaining infrastructures

Component 3: Establishing an operational amicable settlement of labour disputes

#### **b. Direct grant to the Employment Service Agency “Support to the employment of young people, long-term unemployed and women - II” Beneficiary institution: Ministry of Labour and Social Policy**

The overall objective is to integrate young people, long-term unemployed and women in the labour market.

The specific objective is to increase employment opportunities for young people, long-term unemployed and women by increasing their competences (knowledge, skills and attitudes).

**The following results are to be achieved by the implementation of the above mentioned actions/projects:**

Component 1 - Practical trainings for unemployed

Subcomponent 1.1 - Internship as Support to Employment of Young Persons up to the age of 29

Subcomponent 1.2 - Trainings for Skills Demanded by a Specific Employer

Component 2 - Trainings for General Skills

Component 3 - Trainings for Skills Demanded in the Labour Market

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

#### **a) Direct grant to International Labour Organization and Direct grant to Employment Service Agency**

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<sup>2</sup> OJ L 210, 31.7.2006

The operations will be implemented by way of “direct grants” to the **International Labour Organization and to the Employment Service Agency** without calls for proposals in accordance with the point 6.4.2 of the Practical Guide to Contract Procedures for EU External Actions.

#### **4. Selection and award criteria**

The evaluation will be carried out in accordance with the procedures set out in the Practical Guides to Contract Procedures for EU External Actions.

#### **5. Maximum rate of European Union financing**

- a. **Direct grant to the International Labour Organization (ILO) “Promoting social dialogue” - Beneficiary institution: Ministry of Labour and Social Policy**

The EU contribution rate will be up to 85 % of the total eligible costs of the action.

- b. **Direct grant to the Employment Service Agency “Support to the employment of young people, long-term unemployed and women - II” Beneficiary institution: Ministry of Labour and Social Policy**

The EU contribution rate will be up to 85 % of the total eligible costs of the action.

#### **6. Indicative time-schedule of calls for proposals**

- a. **Direct grant to the International Labour Organization (ILO) “Promoting social dialogue” - Beneficiary institution: Ministry of Labour and Social Policy**

This award of the direct grant is scheduled for the 2nd quarter of 2014.

The duration will be 24 months.

- b. **Direct grant to the Employment Service Agency “Support to the employment of young people, long-term unemployed and women - II” Beneficiary institution: Ministry of Labour and Social Policy**

This award of the direct grant is scheduled for the 2nd quarter of 2014.

The duration will be 24 months.

#### **7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals**

- a. **Direct grant to the International Labour Organization (ILO) “Promoting social dialogue” - Beneficiary institution: Ministry of Labour and Social Policy**

The overall indicative amount made available under this call for proposal is EUR 1.200.000 (this allocation consists of EUR 1.020.000 from IPA funds and EUR 180.000 from National co-financing).

- b. **Direct grant to the Employment Service Agency “Support to the employment of young people, long-term unemployed and women - II” Beneficiary institution: Ministry of Labour and Social Policy**

The overall indicative amount made available under this call for proposal is EUR 2.500.000 (this allocation consists of EUR 2.125.000 from IPA funds and EUR 375.000 from National co-financing).