

**2012 ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS**  
**of the Delegation of the European Union**  
**to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

**1. Basic act and Financing source**

Regulation (EC) No 1889/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on establishing a financing instrument for the promotion of democracy and human rights worldwide (OJ L 386, 29.12.2006, P.1), as amended with Regulation (EU) No. 1340/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13/12/2011.

Budget Line: **19.04.01**

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

The **global objectives** of this financing instrument, set out formally in Article 1 of the Regulation, are to contribute to the development and consolidation of democracy and the rule of law, and respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms, within the framework of the Community's policy on development cooperation, and economic, financial and technical cooperation with third countries, and consistent with the EU's foreign policy as a whole.

The **specific objectives** are identified in accordance with the EIDHR Strategy Paper 2011-2013, which sets out five specific EIDHR objectives. The EIDHR Strategy has identified its Objective No. 2 "*Strengthening the role of civil society in promoting human rights and democratic reform, in supporting the peaceful conciliation of group interests and in consolidating political participation and representation*" as objective for the Country-based Support Schemes (CBSS), to be managed directly through call for proposals by the European Union Delegations.

Thematic Priorities

For the present **2011 Country-Based Support Scheme for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**, these Guidelines for Applicants set out the rules for this Call for Proposals in line with the Objective 2, where actions are envisioned under **the three thematic priorities**, as following:

***1- The pursuit of common agendas for human rights, democratic reform, freedom of expression and independent media based on joint cooperation among civil society organisations and building coalitions across different communities for enhancing the inclusiveness and pluralism notably in the context of the Ohrid Framework Agreement***

*2 – Enhancing political representation and participation of civil society in developing and implementing public policies, at different levels of decision-making process, including coalitions building for lobbying and advocacy on legislative reforms throughout a participative dialogue with “political society”, in particularly focused on institutions on local self government level.*

*3 - Promoting non-discrimination, social inclusion and social rights, including minorities and in particular the Roma and the other minorities below 20%, with explicit mainstreaming on women and children right and rights of persons with disabilities.*

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

1) In order to be eligible for a grant, applicants **must**:

- be legal entities (individuals are not eligible, nor are informal alliances or initiatives without legal status) registered at least one year before the call is launched **and**
- be non profit making **and**
- be specific types of organisations, such as: including non-governmental organisations<sup>1</sup> **and**
- be established<sup>2</sup> in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, in a Member State of the European Union or in an accession or official candidate countries as recognised by the EU or a Member State of the European Economic area **and**
- be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with their partners, not acting as an intermediary **and**

(2) Potential applicants may not participate in calls for proposals or be awarded grants if they are in any of the situations which are listed in Section 2.3.3 of the Practical Guide to contract procedures for EU external actions (available from the following Internet address:

[http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/procedures/implementation/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/procedures/implementation/index_en.htm));

### **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 EC external actions.

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<sup>1</sup> i.e. not a state, national or international governmental institution or organisation or an organisation effectively controlled by such an institution. Whether a potential applicant is likely to be considered as effectively controlled by such an institution will depend on the extent to which such an applicant can demonstrate that it is independent of the state as regards decision-making, budgetary control and the appointment of staff (including members of its controlling body).

<sup>2</sup> To be determined on the basis of the organisation's statutes which should demonstrate that it has been established by an instrument governed by the national law of the country concerned. In this respect, any legal entity whose statutes have been established in another country cannot be considered an eligible local organisation, even if the statutes are registered locally or a “Memorandum of Understanding” has been concluded.

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

### Size of grants

Any grant awarded under this Call for Proposals must fall between the following minimum and maximum amounts:

- **minimum amount: EUR 50,000**
- **maximum amount: EUR 90,000**

Any grant requested under this Call for Proposals must fall between the following minimum and maximum percentages of total eligible costs of the action:

- **Minimum percentage 60 %** of the total estimated eligible costs of the action.
- **Maximum percentage 95%** of the total eligible costs of the action

The balance (i.e. the difference between the total cost of the action and the amount requested from the Contracting Authority) must be financed from the applicant's or partners' own resources, or from sources other than the European Union budget or the European Development Fund<sup>3</sup>.

## **6. Schedule of calls for proposals**

The Call for Proposals will be launched in April 2012.

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

The overall indicative amount made available under this call for proposals is **EUR 600,000**.

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<sup>3</sup> Where a grant is financed by the European Development Fund, any mention of European Union financing must be understood as referring to European Development Fund financing.