



EIDHR

CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2012

- Enhancing respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms where they are most at risk
- Supporting Human Rights Defenders
- Fighting cyber censorship





CALL 2012 - HIGHLIGHTS

- Launch on 15th May
- Increased budget – 20 M
- 3 lots, including a new lot on cyber censorship
- The **graver** the situation, the **highest** the priority
- New focus on
 - women's rights and gender issues;
 - rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) persons;
 - economic and social rights, including environment, natural resources and land issues.





BACKGROUND - 1

Among other objectives, within the framework of the 2011-2013 strategy, the EIDHR aims at

- enhancing respect for HR and fundamental freedoms in countries where they are most at risk (obj. 1)
- providing support to HR defenders around the globe (obj. 3)

EIDHR added value: capacity to act in the most difficult situations and in countries where traditional assistance is hampered by the surrounding context.



BACKGROUND - 2

EP resolution of 17 June 2010
EU policies in favour of human rights
defenders

- Contribution that HRDs make to the protection and promotion of HR, the rule of law, democracy and the prevention of conflicts
- Call upon the EU to ensure their protection and to support their work



BACKGROUND - 3

Council of the European Union
EU Guidelines on Human Rights
Defenders (June 2004)



- Political framework under which financial support is given to defenders through the EIDHR
- Practical recommendations to streamline EU actions in this field, building on the UN Declaration on HRDs adopted in 1998

BACKGROUND - 4

EC "No Disconnect Strategy" December 2011

- Enhancing the effective exercise of the right to privacy and access to information, as well as other fundamental freedoms (association, assembly and speech)
- Support those living under authoritarian regimes in circumventing arbitrary disruptions to the use of the Internet and of other electronic communications technologies



OBJECTIVES FOR THIS CALL

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

- to enhance the respect for HR and fundamental freedoms in countries and situations where they are most at risk, and where HRDs and CSOs work is repressed

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE

- provide direct support and protection to HRDs and CSOs in tough countries and situations
- reinforce their capacities to do their work in the short and long-term

LOT 1 – IN COUNTRY ACTIONS (50%)

- Actions taking place in one single country, to enhance respect for HR and fundamental freedoms and support HRDs either in countries or in situations where they are the most at risk.
- Activities to be implemented in loco, but whether impossible, activities out of the targeted countries allowed
- No list of focus countries => the graver the situation, the higher the priority
- Mandatory partnership with at least one local actor (formal or informal)

LOT 2 – TRANSNATIONAL ACTIONS (35%)

- Actions taking place in at least 2 countries, to enhance respect for HR and fundamental freedoms and support HRDs either in countries or in situations where they are the most at risk.
- Clear description of the action as a whole and per each country targeted
- No list of focus countries => the graver the situation, the higher the priority
- Mandatory partnership with at least one local actor (formal or informal)

LOT 3 – FIGHTING CYBERCENSORSHIP (15%)

- Actions aiming at providing HRDs/CSOs with the technical tools and knowledge to circumvent cyber-censorship and to improve their digital security in those countries where Internet and digital communications are not free and purportedly impaired.
- Actions under this lot need to take place in one or more countries having similar issues to be addressed.
- No list of focus countries => the graver the situation, the higher the priority

LOTS 1 & 2 – PRIORITIES (I)

Improving the situation relating to the following HR and fundamental freedoms (EIDHR objective 1):

- Freedom of thought, conscience and religion or belief
- Freedom of opinion and expression
- Freedom of peaceful assembly and association
- Freedom of movement within and outside the borders of a state
- Right to information and to communicate
- Right to equality before the law and access to justice
- Right to non-discrimination based on any ground
- Economic, social and cultural rights

LOTS 1 & 2 – PRIORITIES (II)

Providing support and protection to HRDs in those countries and regions where they are the most persecuted and subject to repression (EIDHR objective 3), including:

- the security, privacy and protection of HRDs and their work
- the provision of direct financial, material, technical support to allow HRDs to carry out their work and reinforce their capacities
- the sensitization of national and international public opinion about the work and role of HRDs

LOTS 1 & 2 – PRIORITIES (III)

Due to their particular vulnerability, under lot 1 and 2 priority will be given to actions aiming at supporting HRDs working on the following issues:

- women's rights and gender issues
- rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) persons
- economic and social rights, including environment, natural resources and land issues

LOT 3 – PRIORITIES

- Fighting cyber-censorship and to promote unhindered Internet access and secure digital communication
- Providing local HRDs/CSOs with the technical tools and knowledge to circumvent cyber-censorship and to improve their digital privacy and security

TYPE OF ACTIVITIES (non exhaustive)

- Capacity building, advocacy, lobbying for local HRDs/CSOs
- Support to independent media, including provision of secure hosting and protection of personal computers and data
- Medical, psychological and legal support to HRDs
- Training, capacity building and technical support for secure access to Internet and circumvention of cyber censorship
- Monitoring of the state of the art and evolution of cyber-censorship techniques
- International coordination and cooperation in aspects related to Internet freedom and cyber-censorship

PRIORITY ACTIVITIES

Under all Lots, all actions should include at least one of the following activities:

- a) Direct financial and/or material support to HRDs or CSOs of the countries targeted, e.g. financial, legal, material, technical assistance
- b) Sub-granting: financial assistance to third parties in the form of small grants, e.g. to support small actions/projects implemented by third parties (HRDs/CSOs)

EXPECTED RESULTS I (non exhaustive)

- Reduced level of violation and improved access to the enjoyment of HR and fundamental freedoms
- Enhanced public discourse and dialogue on HR
- Improved HR and fundamental freedoms legal and policy framework
- Improved and ensured the access to equitable justice for all, particularly for persons at risk (e.g. HRDs, journalists)
- Strengthened capacities of HRDs
- Improved visibility of local HR organisations

EXPECTED RESULTS II (non exhaustive)

- Improved access to free and independent information, including the Internet
- Enhanced awareness and increased use of methods to bypass illegitimate electronic restrictions and circumvent cyber-censorship
- Reduced number of cyber attacks against independent media and enhanced level of digital security for HRDs
- Enhanced multilateral action and cross-regional cooperation to protect HR through the use of the Internet or other electronic communications technologies

ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANTS AND ACTIONS

WHO CAN APPLY

- CSOs/NGOs
- Public sector agencies, institutions and organizations and networks
- National, regional and international parliamentary bodies
- International and regional inter-governmental organizations
- Natural persons

NO MORE THAN ONE PROPOSAL PER LOT

DURATION: 18 to 36 months

LOCATION

- Lot 1 – one single country
- Lot 2 – at least 2 countries
- Lot 3 – no restriction



SIZE OF GRANTS – ELIGIBLE COSTS

SIZE OF GRANTS: minimum EUR 300.000 maximum EUR 1.500.000

MAXIMUM EC GRANT: 95% of total budget

The grant may exceptionally cover the entire eligible costs of the action if this is deemed essential to carry it out and duly justified (not applicable to international organizations)

ELIGIBLE COSTS: defined by art. 14 of the General Conditions

CONTINGENCY: max 5%

ELIGIBLE INDIRECT COSTS: max 7%

VAT can be eligible only when applicant/partners can prove they cannot reclaim it

FLEXIBILITY TOOLS – INFORMAL PARTNERS

They participate in the implementation of the action without being a formal partner

- No partnership statement required
- No compliance with the same eligibility criteria as the applicant
- May be non-legal or non-registered organizations.

Relevant expenditure resulting from the activities implemented by informal partners may be considered an eligible cost to include in the estimated overall budget of the action

FLEXIBILITY TOOLS – SUBGRANTING

WHAT? Financial support provided by the grant beneficiary to third parties

HOW? Sub-granting must be:

- Included in the budget => total amount of the grant which may be used for awarding sub-grants + min/max amount per sub-grant.
- Included in the description of the action => types of activity potentially eligible for sub-grants + selection criteria

HOW MUCH?

Maximum amount of single sub-grant = EUR 10.000

Maximum amount for total sub-grants= EUR 100.000

CONCEPT NOTE

1.1 SUMMARY OF THE ACTION (MAX. 1 PAGE)

1.2 RELEVANCE OF THE ACTION (MAX 3 PAGES)

- 1.2.1. Relevance to the objectives/sectors/themes/specific priorities of the call for proposals
- 1.2.2 Relevance to the particular needs and constraints of the target country/countries, region(s) and/or relevant sectors (including synergy with other EU initiatives and avoidance of duplication)
- 1.2.3 Describe and define the target groups and final beneficiaries, their needs and constraints and how the action will address these needs
- 1.2.4 Particular added-value elements

1.3 DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION (MAX 1 PAGE)

FULL APPLICATION (only for selected applicants)

2.1 BUDGET OF THE ACTION (ANNEX B)

2.2 DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION including

2.2.1 Description of expected results/activities in relation to the objective(s)

2.2.2 Methodology

2.2.3 Duration and indicative action plan

2.2.4 Sustainability of the action

2.2.5 Logical Framework (annex C)

2.3 APPLICANT'S EXPERIENCE ON SIMILAR ACTIONS

TIP: check the evaluation grids in the guidelines!

LOGICAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE PROJECT

	Intervention logic	Objectively verifiable indicators of achievement	Sources and means of verification	Assumptions
Overall objectives	<i>What are the overall broader objectives to which the action will contribute?</i>	<i>What are the key indicators related to the overall objectives?</i>	<i>What are the sources of information for these indicators?</i>	
Specific objective	<i>What specific objective is the action intended to achieve to contribute to the overall objectives?</i>	<i>Which indicators clearly show that the objective of the action has been achieved?</i>	<i>What are the sources of information that exist or can be collected? What are the methods required to get this information?</i>	<i>Which factors and conditions outside the Beneficiary's responsibility are necessary to achieve that objective? (external conditions) Which risks should be taken into consideration?</i>
Expected results	<i>The results are the outputs envisaged to achieve the specific objective. What are the expected results? (enumerate them)</i>	<i>What are the indicators to measure whether and to what extent the action achieves the expected results?</i>	<i>What are the sources of information for these indicators?</i>	<i>What external conditions must be met to obtain the expected results on schedule?</i>
Activities	<i>What are the key activities to be carried out and in what sequence in order to produce the expected results? (group the activities by result)</i>	Means: <i>What are the means required to implement these activities, e. g. personnel, equipment, training, studies, supplies, operational facilities, etc.</i>	<i>What are the sources of information about action progress?</i> Costs <i>What are the action costs? How are they classified? (breakdown in the Budget for the Action)</i>	<i>What pre-conditions are required before the action starts? What conditions outside the Beneficiary's direct control have to be met for the implementation of the planned activities?</i>

Budget for the Action ¹					Year 1 ²			
Costs	All Years				Year 1 ²			
	Unit	# of units	Unit rate (in EUR)	Costs (in EUR)	Unit	# of units	Unit rate (in EUR)	Costs (in EUR)
1. Human Resources								
1.1 Salaries (gross salaries including social security charges and other related costs, local staff) ⁴								
1.1.1 Technical	Per month				Per month			
1.1.2 Administrative/ support staff	Per month				Per month			
1.2 Salaries (gross salaries including social security charges and other related costs, expat/int. staff)	Per month				Per month			
1.3 Per diems for missions/travel ⁶								
1.3.1 Abroad (staff assigned to the Action)	Per diem				Per diem			
1.3.2 Local (staff assigned to the Action)	Per diem				Per diem			
1.3.3 Seminar/conference participants	Per diem				Per diem			
Subtotal Human Resources								
2. Travel⁶								
2.1. International travel	Per flight				Per flight			
2.2 Local transportation	Per month				Per month			
Subtotal Travel								
3. Equipment and supplies⁷								
3.1 Purchase or rent of vehicles	Per vehicle				Per vehicle			
3.2 Furniture, computer equipment								
3.3 Machines, tools...								
3.4 Spare parts/equipment for machines, tools								
3.5 Other (please specify)								
Subtotal Equipment and supplies								
4. Local office								
4.1 Vehicle costs	Per month				Per month			
4.2 Office rent	Per month				Per month			
4.3 Consumables - office supplies	Per month				Per month			
4.4 Other services (tel/fax, electricity/heating, maintenance)	Per month				Per month			
Subtotal Local office								
5. Other costs, services⁸								
5.1 Publications ⁹								
5.2 Studies, research ⁹								
5.3 Expenditure verification								
5.4 Evaluation costs								
5.5 Translation, interpreters								
5.6 Financial services (bank guarantee costs etc.)								
5.7 Costs of conferences/seminars ⁹								
5.8. Visibility actions ¹⁰								
Subtotal Other costs, services								
Costs	All Years				Year 1			
	Unit	# of units	Unit rate (in EUR)	Costs (in EUR)	Unit	# of units	Unit rate (in EUR)	Costs (in EUR)
6. Other								
Subtotal Other								
7. Subtotal direct eligible costs of the Action (1-6)								
8. Provision for contingency reserve (maximum 5% of 7, subtotal of direct eligible costs of the Action)								
9. Total direct eligible costs of the Action (7+ 8)								
10. Administrative costs (maximum 7% of 9, total direct eligible costs of the Action)								
11. Total eligible costs (9+10)								
12. Taxes ¹¹								
13. Total accepted¹¹ costs of the Action (11+12)								



CONFIDENTIALITY

Applications are normally submitted by email BUT...

...in exceptional cases, when the applicants do not find it appropriate to send the Concept Note by email due to security and confidentiality concerns of the actors involved, Concept Notes can instead be submitted in a sealed envelope by registered mail with delivery confirmation, private courier service or by hand-delivery at the European Commission, within the due deadline indicated in the Guidelines.

BEFORE YOU SUBMIT YOUR CONCEPT NOTE...

- READ THE GUIDELINES AND ALL THE RELEVANT DOCUMENTS!!!!

- Register your organization and the formal partners in PADOR
http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/online services/pador/index_en.htm

- Submit a proposal which is really relevant to objectives/priorities

- Be SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-based)

- Establish strong partnerships

- Include direct support and/or subgranting for HRDs/small CSOs



PADOR REGISTRATION

WHY? General data of organisation - used for the evaluation and for eligibility checks

WHEN? Applicants must be registered by CN deadline - Partners by FA deadline

WHERE?

1) PADOR online website

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/onlineservices/pador/index_en.htm

2) PADOR offline form (available on the website) to be sent with the application form

Help needed? Quick Guides, PADOR Helpdesk

Tip: Do not wait until the last minute!!!!



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Democracy and human rights are inextricably linked.

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Success Stories



The European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights

The Union's action on the international scene shall be guided by the principles which have inspired its own creation [...] and which it seeks to advance in the wider world: democracy, the rule of law, the universality and indivisibility of human rights and fundamental freedoms, respect for human dignity [more...]

Article 21 Treaty of the European Union

Highlights

- > Torture
- > Democracy
- > Death Penalty
- > Economic and Social Rights
- > International Justice
- > LGBTI, women, children, minorities
- > Electoral Observation

What's on

Events, trainings, seminars ...



Democracy, Human Rights and Development



Human Wrongs Index



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Project : Voices of Victims against Death Penalty

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Funding

Grants are awarded as donations to third parties that are engaged in external aid activities. Procurement procedures are launched when the Contracting Authority wants to purchase a service, goods or work in exchange for remuneration. Procedures for grants and contracts under the relevant EU external aid programmes are consolidated in the [Practical Guide](#).

[Calls for proposals & Procurement notices](#)

[Beneficiaries Contracts & Grants](#)

Grants

Grants are direct **financial contributions** from the **EU budget** or from the [European Development Fund](#). They are awarded as donations to **third parties** that are engaged in external aid activities. The **Contracting Authority** awards grants that are used to implement projects or activities that relate to the EU's external aid programmes.

Grants fall into two categories:

- Grants for actions:** aim to achieve an objective that forms part of an external aid programme.
- Operating grants:** finance the operating expenditure of an EU body that is pursuing an aim of general European interest or an objective that forms part of an EU policy.

Grants are based on the **reimbursement** of the eligible costs, in other words, costs effectively incurred by the beneficiaries that are deemed necessary for carrying out the activities in question. The **results of the action** remain the property of the beneficiaries.

Grants are subject to a **written agreement** signed by the two parties and, as a general rule, require **co-financing** by the grant beneficiary. Since grants cover a very diverse range of fields, the specific conditions that need to be fulfilled may vary from one area of activity to another.

Those intending to **apply** for a grant should consult the [calls for proposals](#).

Contracts

Funding

- AAP 2012
- AAP 2011
- AAP 2010
- AAP 2009
- AAP 2008
- AAP 2007
- AWP 2012
- AWP 2011
- AWP 2010
- AWP 2009
- AWP 2008
- AWP 2007
- AWP 2006
- AWP 2005

Related links

- Apply for grant or contract
- Practical guide to contract procedures
- Guide to publications of call for proposals and call for tenders
- Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV)- describes subject of procurement contract

Thematic programmes

- Frequently Asked Questions for Global Calls for Proposals
- Ongoing global calls for proposals
- Forecast of upcoming global calls

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