

Work Programme Grants 2011 DG ELARG

Country	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo ¹ , the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey
Basic act (regulation)	COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)
Programme title	IPA – Civil Society Facility - Partnership Programme for CSOs
Brief description	Following the adoption of the Civil Society Facility Programme end 2011, it was decided to combine the earlier presented IPA Multi-beneficiary programme, 2011 Strengthening European Integration - Partnership Programme for CSOs call for proposals for the design of CSO strategies with the call for proposals under this new programme for partnership agreements.
Objectives	<p>The overall objective of the Civil Society Facility, of which this Call for Proposals forms part, is to strengthen civil society within a participative democracy, stimulating a civil society friendly 'environment' and culture.</p> <p>For this purpose, the Commission intends to enter into strategic partnerships with networks of established civil society organisations in the Western Balkans and Turkey together with their EU counterparts.</p> <p>A Call for Proposals will be launched to select approximately 10 networks with which a strategic partnership of up to 4 years could be established.</p> <p>Financing will initially be provided to the successful networks for a 24-months period to elaborate in collaboration with the Commission and other stakeholders a concrete strategy and work plan (to be finalised with the inception phase of up to 6 months) and subsequently implementation of this work plan for the remaining period. Depending on the availability of funds, and a positive evaluation, the Commission may extend the partnership with another 24 months up to the maximum of 48 months per partnership.</p> <p>The strategy and action will focus both of the capacity of the network and on the role and impact of CSOs in general in the specific sector eg. how to strengthen the capacities of smaller, grassroots CSOs notably on engaging with public authorities.</p>
Results expected	Approximately 10 to 15 strategic partnership agreements developed with networks of established civil society organisations in Western Balkans and Turkey together with their EU partners that will provide the basis for the Commissions interaction and support of civil society in key sectors important for improving the participatory democratic environment..
Indicative date of call for proposals	The call for proposals is expected to be launched in the 1st quarter of 2012, leading to signed contracts in the 3rd quarter of 2012.
Indicative amount	10,000,000 euro
Contracting authority	European Commission, DG ELARG

¹ under UNSCR1244/99