

**WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS 2014**  
**of the European Union represented by the European Commission, DG Enlargement,**  
**Regional Cooperation and Programmes Unit**

**Civil Society Facility Programme**

**1. Basic act and Financing source**

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) (OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.) - Budget line: 22.02.04.01

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

The project aims to select civil society organisations and networks to design and facilitate one regional EU award scheme to promote and recognise excellence in investigative journalism (Lot 3). This will be achieved by awarding annual prizes to journalists who have produced and published stories on abuse of power, corruption and organised crime in print, on-line, radio and/or the television media.

- Enhance reconciliation and mutual understanding of the recent past in the Western Balkans and Turkey by means of qualitative investigative journalism.
- Promote and improve the visibility of qualitative investigative journalism in the Western Balkans and Turkey.

The selected applicant will fulfil the function of a regional facilitator/administrator to support the establishment and implementation of the award scheme over a 36 months period.

**3. Eligibility conditions**

Conditions to be published in the Guidelines for Applicants at the time of launching the Call for proposals

**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**

100%

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

CfP published on 22/01/2014. Grant contracts to be awarded in Q2/Q3 2014

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

EUR 450,000

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## **Civil Society Facility Programme**

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### **2. Objectives of the project, priorities and expected results**

The objective is to strengthen civil society organisation (CSO) networks capacity to give citizens a voice and influence public sector reform processes through analysis, monitoring and advocacy. Thematic CSO networks will perform timely consultations with citizens, pool expertise and produce high quality research, monitoring and strategic advocacy.

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

The specific grants will awarded within the Framework Partnership Agreements (FPA) signed in 2012 to the partners subject to a satisfactory mid-term review.

### **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**

80%

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

Restricted CfP to be published in Q2 2014. Grants contracts to be awarded in Q3/Q4 2014

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

EUR 9,350,000

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## **Civil Society Facility Programme**

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### **2. Objectives of the project, priorities and expected results**

The objective is to strengthen civil society organisation (CSO) networks capacity to give citizens a voice and influence public sector reform processes through analysis, monitoring and advocacy. Thematic CSO networks able to present joint rights-based strategic programmes in order to add value to national CSO efforts and achieve sustainable outcomes.

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Conditions to be published in the Guidelines for Applicants at the time of launching the Call for proposals

### **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**

80%

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

CfP to be published in Q2 2014. Grants contracts to be awarded in Q3/Q4 2014

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

EUR 1,500,000

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## **Strengthening European Integration**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) (OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.) - Budget line: 22.02.04.01

### **2. Objectives of the project, priorities and expected results**

This project aims to building knowledge and dialogue on reconciliation in the Western Balkans among various actors through historic analysis of the last period and transitional justice reporting. The project will select civil society organisations and networks to (i) carry out research and analysis of the recent past and history in the Western Balkans (Lot 1) and (ii) to report on transitional justice with reference to the last 25 years in the Western Balkans (Lot 2).

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Conditions to be published in the Guidelines for Applicants at the time of launching the Call for proposals

### **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**

90%

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

Grant contracts to be awarded in Q2/Q3 2014

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

EUR 1,300,000

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## **Strengthening European Integration - Grant to the South East Europe Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group (SGW SEE)**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) (OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.) - Budget line: 22.02.04.01

### **2. Objectives of the project, priorities and expected results**

The overall objective is to further work on building capacities and structures within the SWG and the "Drina-Sava" and "Drina-Tarra", "Prespa" and "Sharra" regions in order to be able to implement forthcoming programmes related to regional and territorial cooperation.

- The regional secretariats for facilitation of the Area Based Development (ABD) activities are functional in all target regions.
- Stakeholder groups for the planning of the implementation of ABD are consolidated in the target regions and operate according to defined procedures.
- At least two innovative integrated packages are developed and offered in the "Drina-Sava" and "Drina-Tarra" regions where a pilot support scheme will be implemented.

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Direct award to South East Europe Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group (SGW SEE)

### **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.

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

100%

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

Direct Award: Q1 2014

### **7. Indicative amount of the grant**

EUR 900,000

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## **Strengthening European Integration - Support to International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) (OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.) - Budget line: 22.02.04.01

### **2. Objectives of the project, priorities and expected results**

Continued support to outreach programme of ICTY:

- Tribunal's legacy reinforced and secured through the establishment of Information Centres and an increased understanding of the Tribunal's achievements.
- Provision of an accessible archive of main public records of the Tribunal for future generations.
- Functional support and provision of assistance to national judiciaries ensured through the creation of a working relationship between these judiciaries and Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals.
- Local authorities and the civil society take ownership of the Tribunal's legacy.
- The culture of accountability in the region strengthened through enhanced dialogue and cooperation among the key stakeholders in the region.

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Direct award to International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)

### **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.

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

100%

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

Direct Award: Q2 2014

### **7. Indicative amount of the grant**

EUR 500,000

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## **Support to Sava River Commission**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) (OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.) - Budget line: 22.02.04.01

### **2. Objectives of the project, priorities and expected results**

The project will provide support and assistance to the International Sava River Basin Commission and the countries cooperating under the Framework Agreement on the Sava River Basin (Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Slovenia) and to Montenegro in launching the implementation of the first Sava River Basin Management Plan and in all joint activities targeted for subsequent river basin management (RBM) cycles by developing necessary capacities and information base - Sava Geoportal.

Expected results:

- Providing good communication channels for sharing and disseminating knowledge about water resources, effective and efficient river basin management and planning in the Sava River Basin.
- Supply of operational software and establishment of Sava GeoPortal core functionalities.

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Direct award to International Sava River Basin Commission

### **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**

90%

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

Direct Award: Q1 2014

### **7. Indicative amount of the grant**

EUR 150,000

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## **Strengthening European Integration - Support the European Institute For Gender Equality**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) (OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.) - Budget line: 22.02.04.01

### **2. Objectives of the project, priorities and expected results**

Support the European Institute For Gender Equality (EIGE) in order to align national legislation and create the necessary administrative structure to implement gender equality policy.

Expected results:

- Strengthen the capacity of candidate and potential candidate countries to comply with the EU policies in the field of gender equality; follow up of a previous grant of EUR 100,000 (CRIS 304-223)
- Preparatory work for extension of the Gender Equality Index to the Candidate and Potential Candidate Countries.

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Direct award to the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)

### **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**

100%

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

Direct Award: Q2 2014

### **7. Indicative amount of the grant**

EUR 100,000

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## **Strengthening European Integration - Support to the European Environment Agency**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) (OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.) - Budget line: 22.02.04.01

### **2. Objectives of the project, priorities and expected results**

Support to the European Environment Agency (EEA).

Expected results:

- Updated reporting on greenhouse gas emissions (EIO-NET) from candidate and potential candidate countries.
- Assessment of the completeness of the reporting.

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Direct award to European Environment Agency

### **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**

100%

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

Direct Award: Q1 2014

### **7. Indicative amount of the grant**

EUR 500,000

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## **Strengthening European Integration - Functioning of the CEFTA secretariat**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) (OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.) - Budget line: 22.02.04.01

### **2. Objectives of the project, priorities and expected results**

This Contribution Agreement with the secretariat of the Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA) is co-financing the functioning of the CEFTA secretariat from September till end of December 2014.

The implementation of the CEFTA 2006 agreement is seen as essential for completing the regional free trade area. A functional regional market within CEFTA and the continued *acquis* alignment are important to attract investments in South East Europe. Expected Result: continuously improved trade conditions in the geographical area and fulfilment of the SEE 2020 objectives.

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Direct Award to CEFTA

### **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**

100 %

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

Direct Award: Q3 2014

### **7. Indicative amount of the grant**

EUR 60,000

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## **Strengthening European Integration – Support to the National Integrity Systems in the Western Balkans and Turkey**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) (OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.) - Budget line: 22.02.04.01

### **2. Objectives of the project, priorities and expected results**

The objective is to conduct national integrity assessments in all enlargement countries and establish a sustainable tracking mechanism on anti-corruption.

Transparency International will conduct/update assessments of the National Integrity System in each of the enlargement countries, provide guidance on how to strengthen the accountability and transparency of the national systems and develop a methodology for a mechanism to track progress relating to improving anti-corruption efforts.

Expected results:

- National Integrity System assessments carried out in all enlargement countries.
- Annual tracking mechanism to track progress introduced.

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Direct award to Transparency International

### **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**

90%

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

Direct Award: Q1 2014

### **7. Indicative amount of the grant**

EUR 1,710,000

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## **International Cooperation in Criminal Justice: Prosecutors' Network**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) (OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.) - Budget line: 22.02.04.01

### **2. Objectives of the project, priorities and expected results**

The global objective is to prevent and combat trans-border organised crime and linked corruption cases with cross-border implications, as well as dismantle criminal organisations involved in illicit trafficking destined to the EU, in particular trafficking in firearms, drugs and human beings.

The action will facilitate and enhance the use of Joint Investigation Teams, the exchange of information and evidence, thus removing the constraints making international cooperation in criminal justice cumbersome and inefficient.

Expected results:

- Establish strong regional cooperation between law enforcement and judicial bodies, and build effective networks between them.
- Improve Beneficiaries' capacities to carry out joint investigations and exchange information in prosecutions involving trans-border criminal organisations.

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Conditions to be published in the Guidelines for Applicants at the time of launching the Call for proposals

### **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.

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

95%

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

Restricted CfP launched in Q4 2013. Grant contract to be awarded in Q2/Q3 2014

### **7. Indicative amount of the grant**

EUR 5,000,000

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## **Prizes to NGOs for innovative and successful projects for Roma inclusion**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) (OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.) - Budget line: 22.02.04.01

### **2. Objectives of the project, priorities and expected results**

The objective is to award prizes to NGOs for innovative and successful projects for Roma inclusion as an additional contribution in support of the Commission's work to address the continuous challenges Roma face in the enlargement jurisdictions.

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

The selected organisations will be awarded on the basis of on the relevance, effectiveness, sustainability and cost-effectiveness of the implemented/ ongoing projects contributing to the sustainable improvement of the lives of Roma people in the enlargement countries.

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

The evaluation will be carried out in accordance with the applicable EU rules and procedure set out in the Financial Regulation and its Rules of Application of 2012 applicable to the general budget of the European Union.

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

100%

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

The contest will be published in Q2 2014. Prizes to be awarded in Q4 2014

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

EUR 100,000



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## **WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS 2014 of Delegation of the European Union to Albania**

### **Cross- border programme Greece-Albania under the IPA cross-border co-operation Component for the year 2010-2011, 2011 part**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) Component II; 2011/022-604

#### **2. Objectives of the programme and expected results**

Direct Grant to the Albanian Ministry of Integration, the national Operating Structure (OS) of the Programme, to support the work of the OS and of the Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) and to cover the management and implementation costs of the programme.

The overall objective of this grant is to ensure an effective management and information flow of the Programme.

Results:

- Proper implementation of the Programme, including monitoring and awareness rising, ensured by Joint Management Structures.
- Capacities of local stakeholders to benefit from funds and to manage funds strengthened.

#### **3. Eligibility conditions: Direct grant award**

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

The award 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: 85.00%**

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

Signature of direct grant contract is expected in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2014.

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

EUR 1,692,697

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## **Cross- border programme Albania – Kosovo under the IPA cross-border co-operation Component for the years 2012-2013, 2013 part**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) Component II; 2013/024-194

### **2. Objectives of the programme and expected results**

Direct Grant to the Albanian Ministry of Integration, the national Operating Structure (OS) of the Programme, to support the work of the OS and of the Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC), ensuring the efficient implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the programme.

The overall objective of this TA grant is to ensure an effective management and information flow of the Programme. The specific objectives are:

- the creation of the conditions for timely and effective programme implementation , in order to guarantee the optimal and efficient use of resources;
- to ensure programme awareness area amongst governmental, regional and local institutions and organisations and in general among the population in the programming area and in the whole of Albania and Kosovo in order to inform citizens about the programme.

Results:

- Proper implementation of the Programme, including monitoring and awareness rising, ensured by Joint Management Structures.
- Capacities of local stakeholders to benefit from funds and to manage funds strengthened.

### **3. Eligibility conditions: Direct grant award**

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

The award 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: 85.00%**

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

Signature of direct grant contract is expected in 4<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2014.

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

EUR 600,000

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**Cross-border programme Albania – Montenegro under the IPA Cross-border co-operation Component, for the years 2010-2011, 2011 part**

**1. Basic act and/or Financing source**

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) Component II; 2011/022-423

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

Technical Assistance to support the work of the national Operating Structure (OS) and the Joint Management Structures (JMS) of the Programme ensuring efficient and effective implementation, administration, monitoring, control, evaluation, and information and publicity activities.

The overall objective of this TA grant is to ensure an effective management and information flow of the Programme between the Republic of Albania and Montenegro. The specific objectives are:

- Improve the capacity of National Structure (Operating Structure including TA back office) and Joint Management Structures (Joint Monitoring Committee, Joint Steering Committee, Joint Technical Secretariat) to manage and implement efficiently and timely the cross-border programmes' tasks and activities;
- Prepare and disseminate programme information to national authorities, the general public and programme beneficiaries and improve the capacity of potential applicants and of grant beneficiaries to prepare and implement high quality projects

Results:

- Proper implementation of the CBC Programme Albania-Montenegro ensured by Joint Management Structures. Grant contracts properly monitored. Awareness of the programme among potential beneficiaries and general public increased.
- Capacities of local stakeholders to benefit from funds and to manage funds strengthened.

**3. Eligibility conditions: Direct grant award**

**4. Selection and award criteria**

The award 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: 85.00%**

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

Signature of direct grant contract is expected in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2014.

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

EUR 850,000

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## **Cross- border co-operation FYROM and Albania. Albania 2011**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) Component II; 2011/022-405

### **2. Objectives of the programme and expected results**

Technical Assistance to support the work of the national Operating Structure (OS) and the Joint Management Structures (JMS) of the Programme ensuring efficient and effective implementation, administration, monitoring, control, evaluation, and information and publicity activities.

The overall objective of this TA grant is to ensure an effective management and information flow of the Programme between the Republic of Albania and FYROM. The specific objectives are:

- Improve the capacity of National Structure (Operating Structure including TA back office) and Joint Management Structures (Joint Monitoring Committee, Joint Steering Committee, Joint Technical Secretariat) to manage and implement efficiently and timely the cross-border programmes' tasks and activities;
- Prepare and disseminate programme information to national authorities, the general public and programme beneficiaries and improve the capacity of potential applicants and of grant beneficiaries to prepare and implement high quality projects

Results: Proper implementation of the CBC Programme Albania-FYROM ensured by Joint Management Structures; Grant contracts properly monitored; Awareness of the programme among potential beneficiaries and general public increased.; Capacities of local stakeholders to benefit from funds and to manage funds strengthened.

### **3. Eligibility conditions: Direct grant award**

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

The award 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: 85.00%**

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

Signature of direct grant contract is expected in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2014.

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

EUR 850,000

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## **Civil Society Facility**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) CSF 2013

**2. Objectives of the programme and expected results:** To contribute to anchoring democratic values and structures, human rights, social inclusion and the rule of law, thereby supporting the EU integration process.

The overall objective of this grant is to provide support to national CSOs in the fields of protection of environments

The specific purposes of the programme are:

- To strengthen management and organisational capacities of civil society organisations, promote inter-organisation cooperation and support networking between local and regional/international CSOs, providing also a longer term programme-oriented support.
- Improve the legal and fiscal framework for civil society organisations in the country, promoting adoption throughout the country of a clear and unified approach, in line with European best practices.
- To encourage the active participation of civil society in policy-making, fostering the role of civil society in monitoring the fulfilment of Albania's obligations under the EU-Albania Stabilisation and Association Agreement, including the respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Results:

- Greater benefit of civil society from national legal and financial frameworks and improved dialogue with state institutions;
- Greater commitment and capacity of civil society organisation (CSO) networks to give citizens a voice and influence public sector reform processes through analysis, monitoring and advocacy etc; and
- Increased access of grass-root organisations and civic initiatives to financial resources, in-kind contributions and expertise from established CSOs and CSO networks.

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### **3. Eligibility conditions:**

Conditions to be published in the Guidelines for Applicants at the time of launching the Call for proposals

### **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:**

To be determined at the time of launching the Call for proposals.

### **6. Indicative time-schedule of calls for proposals: April 2014**

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

EUR 1,500,000

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## **Strengthening national capacity in nature protection – preparation for Natura 2000 network**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA); 2013/024190

**2. Objectives of the programme and expected results:** In order to support Albania on its way to EU, this project aims at building capacities and aligning Albanian practices with EU best practices in terms of Protection of environment.

The overall objective is to stop biodiversity loss as contribution to achieve the Aichi targets for 2020, through improved management of Protected Areas stronger law enforcement. This project will be implemented via the present call for proposals for International Organizations and Member States. A Grant Agreement with an International Organization, a Government department, public body, or relevant mandated body of a Government department or public body authority of a European Union Member State (individually or in partnership) will be concluded after successful evaluation, and will include the mobilization of a team of Long Term Experts (LTE) in Albania. This core team will be complemented by the assistance of Medium Term Experts (MTE) and, in few justified cases, by Short Term Experts (STE)

The **specific objective(s)** of this Call for Proposals are:

- Implementation of at least 5 Existing Protected Areas Management Plans, including support to reform of protected areas management process, capacity building, law enforcement, biodiversity monitoring, supplies of necessary equipments and rehabilitation/construction of light infrastructures;
- Preparation of a preliminary list of potential NATURA 2000 sites for the whole country, following on-sites Inventory;
- Preparation of projects proposals in view of Life+, Leader programs.

Results:

- An initial assessment on the current status (technical, legal gap analysis, human resources, equipment, etc.) of all protected areas in the country is carried out. The project Work Plan, including the selection on scientific criteria of the 5 Protected Areas, is approved by the Ministry with support of the central authorities and EU Delegation following the first project Steering Committee. The inception report is produced and includes the Work Plan and the initial assessment.
- At least 5 Management Plans for Protected Areas are implemented and enforced in accordance with the national legislation. Capacities of Protected Areas administration staff for selected areas strengthened.
- Files in the standard data form of NATURA 2000 prepared and submitted to the EC for approval.
- Pilot actions are carried out and Public awareness is improved
- Projects proposals for LIFE+, LEADER, etc

### **3. Eligibility conditions:**

Conditions to be published in the Guidelines for Applicants at the time of launching the Call for proposals

### **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: 90%**

**6. Indicative time-schedule of calls for proposals: Launching April 2014, Award decision June 2014**

**7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals: EUR 4,000,000**

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## **Information and Communication Programme - TV series/ productions on promoting EU Enlargement**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA); 2013/023-699

### **2. Objectives of the programme and expected results**

The grants will be awarded through an open Call for Proposals procedure and aim to contribute to an improved quality of information of Albanian citizens on EU policies and their relevance vis-à-vis their daily life as well as vis-à-vis the EU perspective of the country as such.

Objectives:

- To increase the number of quality TV programmes about EU policies produced and broadcasted in Albania;
- To stimulate an informed public debate in the country about the benefits and challenges of the EU integration process;
- To contribute to raising citizen's awareness of the importance of EU external assistance in Albania;
- To enhance the position of independent media and standards of television production through partnership building, exchange of programmes and flow of information.

Results:

- Albanian general public and specific target groups including youth will be better informed about EU policies and EU integration process and the Albanian media's capacities and standard of reporting about EU integration issues strengthened.
- Interest in the EU, EU-Albania relations and public debate on EU increased.

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Conditions to be published in the Guidelines for Applicants at the time of launching the Call for proposals

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### **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: 80%**

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

Announcement April 2014; Award September 2014

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

EUR 100,000



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**IPA 2013- Support to Mine Action in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Land release**

**1. Basic act and/or Financing source**

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) - IPA 2013 National Programme, BGUE-B2014-22.025100-C8-ELARG DELBIH

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

To reduce the mine suspected and risk area in Bosnia and Herzegovina with the aim to enable the return of population to demined areas, improved safety of citizens concerning abandoned mines and unexploded explosive ordnances, reduction of mine casualties, and creating the preconditions for sustainable socio-economic development in demined areas. The project will also provide support to mine victims.

Results expected: Reduction of suspected area, land release (third priority category) through direct award agreement with BH MAC

**3. Eligibility conditions**

Direct award BH MAC

**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.

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

100%

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

Direct award contract signature Q4/2014

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

EUR 300,000

**IPA 2013 National Programme: Support to Mine Action in Bosnia and Herzegovina - Call for proposals for humanitarian demining in support to socio-economic development: Technical survey, clearance and mine risk education**

**1. Basic act and/or Financing source**

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) - IPA 2013 National Programme, BGUE-B2014-22.025100-C8-ELARG DELBIH

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

To reduce the mine suspected and risk area in Bosnia and Herzegovina with the aim to enable the return of population to demined areas, improved safety of citizens concerning abandoned mines and unexploded explosive ordnances, reduction of mine casualties, and creating the preconditions for sustainable socio-economic development in demined areas. The project will also provide support to mine victims.

Results expected: Reduction of suspected and risk mine/UXO contaminated areas (first and second priority category) and reduced risk level in impacted communities

**3. Eligibility conditions**

Conditions to be published in the Guidelines for Applicants at the time of launching the Call for proposals

**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**

90%

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

Call for proposals launch Q2/2014

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

EUR 2,650,000

## **IPA 2013 National Programme: Roma Action Plan Implementation and support to development**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) - IPA 2013 National Programme, BGUE-B2014-22.025100-C8-ELARG DELBIH

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

Improve the social protection system at all levels of governance and address the specific needs of vulnerable groups.

Results:

- Roma Action Plan Implementation; Roma housing units and infrastructure constructed and repaired (Minimum 150 housing units constructed or reconstructed; at least 100 Roma families benefiting from construction or repair of infrastructure)
- An integrated coordination system between authorities in charge for implementation of BiH Action Plan for Roma issues in the fields of employment, housing, health care and education established (Number of implemented actions in the field of employment, housing, health care and education conducted in at least 6 local communities with the highest number of Roma population in BiH.)

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Conditions to be published in the Guidelines for Applicants at the time of launching the Call for proposals

### **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**

82.32%

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

Call for proposals launch Q2/2014

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

EUR 2,500,000

## **IPA 2012 and 2013 Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Bosnia and Herzegovina-Serbia**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) - IPA 2012 and 2013 Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Bosnia and Herzegovina-Serbia, BGUE-B2014-22.025100-C8-ELARG DELBIH

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

The objective of the grant scheme is to stimulate the economies and reduce the relative isolation of the eligible area by strengthening joint institutional networks and the capacities of human resources.

Specific Objectives:

- Improving the institutional frameworks for SME development in the eligible areas;
- Development of tourism as a key sector of the border economy;
- Promoting cross border trade cooperation and accessibility to markets;
- (Re-) Establishing cross border synergies between business and trade support organisations to promote joint cooperative initiatives;
- Maintaining the high quality of the environment of the eligible area as an economic resource by cooperating in joint protection and exploitation initiatives;
- Strengthening cross-border people-to-people interaction to reinforce cultural and sporting links and to jointly participate in activities of common interest.

Expected results:

- Improving the productivity and competitiveness of the areas' economic, rural and environmental resources.
- Cross-border initiatives targeting the exchange of people and ideas to enhance professional and civic society cooperation

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Conditions to be published in the Guidelines for Applicants at the time of launching the Call for proposals

### **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**

85%

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

Call for proposals launch Q2/2014

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

EUR 1,800,000

**IPA 2012 and 2013 Cross – Border Cooperation Programme – BiH & Serbia: Support to administration, implementation, information, publicity and evaluation of Cross-border co-operation programme Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina**

**1. Basic act and/or Financing source**

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) - IPA 2012 and 2013 Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Bosnia and Herzegovina-Serbia, BGUE-B2014-22.025100-C8-ELARG DELBIH

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

The overall objective of Technical Assistance priority is to provide effective and efficient administration and implementation of the CBC programme Serbia-Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Expected results:

- To ensure continuation of efficient and coherent operation of BiH national and joint structures in CBC programme Serbia – BiH 2007-2013 management;
- To provide and disseminate information on CBC programme Serbia – BiH to public authorities, general public and programme beneficiaries and to improve capacity of potential applicants within the programme area.

**3. Eligibility conditions**

Direct award DEI BiH (Directorate for European Integration)

**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**

85%

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

Direct award contract signature Q4/2014

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

EUR 200,000

**IPA 2012 and 2013 Cross – Border Cooperation Programme – BiH & Croatia: Support to administration, implementation, information, publicity and evaluation of Cross-border co-operation programme Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina,**

**1. Basic act and/or Financing source**

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) - IPA 2012 and 2013 Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Bosnia and Herzegovina-Croatia, BGUE-B2014-22.025100-C8-ELARG DELBIH

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

The overall objective of Technical Assistance priority is to provide effective and efficient administration and implementation of the CBC programme Croatia - Bosnia and Herzegovina

Expected results:

- To ensure continuation of efficient and coherent operation of BiH national and joint structures in CBC programme Croatia– BiH 2007-2013 management;
- To provide and disseminate information on CBC programme Croatia – BiH to public authorities, general public and programme beneficiaries and to improve capacity of potential applicants within the programme area.

**3. Eligibility conditions**

Direct award DEI BiH (Directorate for European Integration)

**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**

85%

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

Direct award contract signature Q4/2014

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

EUR 200,000

**IPA 2012 and 2013 Cross – Border Cooperation Programme – BiH & Montenegro: Support to administration, implementation, information, publicity and evaluation of Cross-border co-operation programme Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina**

**1. Basic act and/or Financing source**

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) - IPA 2012 and 2013 Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Bosnia and Herzegovina-Montenegro, BGUE-B2014-22.025100-C8-ELARG DELBIH

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

The overall objective of Technical Assistance priority is to provide effective and efficient administration and implementation of the CBC programme Montenegro - Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Expected results:

- To ensure continuation of efficient and coherent operation of BiH national and joint structures in CBC programme Montenegro– BiH 2007-2013 management;
- To provide and disseminate information on CBC programme Montenegro– BiH to public authorities, general public and programme beneficiaries and to improve capacity of potential applicants within the programme area.

**3. Eligibility conditions**

Direct award DEI BiH (Directorate for European Integration)

**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**

85%

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

Direct award contract signature Q3/2014

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

EUR 120,000

## **Sarajevo 2014: Support to activities of CSOs, cultural actors and EU Member States in remembrance of the outbreak of World War I**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) - IPA 2013 Sarajevo 2014, BGUE-B2014-22.025100-C8-ELARG DELBIH

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

Direct grant 'Sarajevo 2014' with Foundation "Sarajevo Heart of Europe" will support cultural events all over Bosnia and Herzegovina organised by civil society, cultural actors (including municipalities) and EU Member States in remembrance of the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the World War I. All across Europe, people will commemorate the outbreak of a war which jeopardised European civilisation and will celebrate peace restored within a reconciled and reunited Europe which the Western Balkans are meant to join.

Objective: To contribute to making 2014 a year of remembrance in Bosnia and Herzegovina conveying European values of reconciliation, diversity and the commitment to face challenges together.

Expected results: Increased public debate in Bosnia and Herzegovina on the Western Balkans societies' common European values and EU membership aspiration and the challenges BiH and the region are still facing with regard to reconciliation.

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Direct award Foundation "Sarajevo Heart of Europe"

### **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**

90%

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

Direct award contract signature Q1/2014

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

EUR 1,000,000

**IFS-RRM - Stability - Rapid Reaction Mechanism Annual Action Programme 2013 for the Crisis Preparedness Component of the Instrument for Stability (Peace-building Partnership): Support to in-country actors to prevent and respond to crisis in fragile and conflict-affected situations in BiH**

**1. Basic act and/or Financing source**

IFS-RRM - Stability - Rapid Reaction Mechanism Annual Action Programme 2013 for the Crisis Preparedness Component of the Instrument for Stability (Peace-building Partnership), BGUE-B2014-19.025100-C8-FPI

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

The activities shall focus on the empowerment of women activist and organisations as well as of civil society staff to participate in peace and security processes as well as the development and provision of mechanisms, capacities, and capabilities to better respond to gender based violence after the situations of crisis and conflict. This is to be done effectively and at a greater geographical scale than is currently the case to provide the psychological, medical, and legal support, and accompanying victims throughout the process (outside the court building).

**3. Eligibility conditions**

Conditions to be published in the Guidelines for Applicants at the time of launching the Call for proposals

**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**

90%

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

Call for proposals launch Q2/2014

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

EUR 1,750,000



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**WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS 2014**  
**of Delegation of the European Union to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

**TAIB 2010 Regional Development**

**1. Basic act and/or Financing source**

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) - Technical Assistance and Institution Building 2010

**2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for IPA TAIB 2010 Regional Development and expected results**

The overall objective is successfully implementing the Balanced Regional Development policy that meets EU standards.

The specific objective is:

- to provide capacity building for updating of regional development programmes
- to provide capacity building for regional project pipeline preparation;

Results:

- Regional development programmes for the period 2014 – 2019 are prepared/ revised in a participatory way in the planning regions.
- Medium/Large-scale project proposals, of quality and relevance, are identified and prepared in the planning regions of the country.

Main Activities:

- Provision of grants to the CRDs for selection and preparation of investment projects including technical assistance and consultancy support.
  - Preparation of “ready-to-apply” project proposals, including the necessary technical documentation, with involvement of all relevant stakeholders.
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**3. Eligibility conditions:** Direct grant award

**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:** 100%

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

Not applicable – direct grant award

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

EUR 725,000

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## **Information and Communication Programme**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) - Information and Communication Programme 2013

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

Objectives:

- Communicating to Macedonian citizens the internal policies of the EU and how it functions in order to enable them to engage in a dialogue about European issues;
- Familiarising Macedonian citizens with the accession process;
- Enabling viewers to see the experiences of other Member States and aspiring member states (through interviews, features, and stories);
- Highlighting the EU financial assistance programmes that have been developed to support accession and the reform process in the country.

Expected results:

- Increased knowledge about the internal policies and the functioning of the EU among the population at large;
- Increased awareness and understanding about the accession process among Macedonian citizens (including EU financial assistance programmes).

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Conditions to be published in the Guidelines for Applicants at the time of launching the Call for proposals

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### **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**

70%

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

Call publication: 3 March 2014

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

EUR 240,000

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# **WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS 2014 of European Union Office in Kosovo<sup>1</sup>**

## **Agriculture and Rural Development Programme**

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

Council Regulation (EC) Nr. 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) / IPA 2013 024 216

### **2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2015 and expected results**

Project Objective: The project aims at supporting the development and modernization of four sub-sectors of agriculture, namely dairy, meat, fruits and vegetables processing and cereal processing.

Priorities:

- to improve processing and marketing, hygiene, quality and food safety standards and environmental protection in order to strengthen the compositeness of the agricultural and rural development sector, increase market share and consumer confidence into local products.
- to promote sustainable development of rural economy by encouraging non-agricultural activities, that can lead to higher rural income, job-creation, and to the reduction of the disparities between the rural and the urban areas

Expected Results:

- Agro food establishments are upgraded and modernized to comply with EU food safety standards and requirements of food and agriculture sector;
- The ARDP, food safety standards and hygiene package requirements are being implemented;
- Substitute import and increased export of agro-processed products to regional and EU market;
- The number of non-agriculture micro-enterprises is increased and the capacities of the existing ones are strengthened;
- The number of agro and rural tourism initiatives supported is increased as well as the number of jobs created in this sector;
- Improved farm competitiveness in the domestic market via successful implementation of priority measures identified in the ARDP.

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Conditions to be published in the Guidelines for Applicants at the time of launching the Call for proposals

### **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: 70%**

### **6. Indicative time-schedule of calls for proposals: Call for Proposals will be launched indicatively in quarter two 2014**

### **7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals: EUR 4,000,000**

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<sup>1</sup> \*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

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## **Support to Waste Management in Kosovo: Support to the manufacturers of packaging materials**

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

Council Regulation (EC) Nr. 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) / IPA 2013 - 024 216

### **2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2015 and expected results**

Project Objective:

Distribution of grants to the manufacturers of packaging materials in Kosovo to support introduction of new technologies to produce bio-degradable materials and use of environment friendly packaging.

Priorities: To improve the state of environment by supporting the production of environmentally friendly packaging materials.

Expected Results:

Reduced pollution of environment with plastic bags and other non-degradable materials. Manufacturers in Kosovo are using modern technologies to produce less polluting packaging materials such as biodegradable plastic, paper or other environmentally friendly products.

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Conditions to be published in the Guidelines for Applicants at the time of launching the Call for proposals

### **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.

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

The maximum IPA funding rate is 90% of the eligible expenditure of the project. The exact co-financing rate for the grant beneficiaries will be specified in the guidelines.

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

Call for Proposals will be launched indicatively quarter two 2014

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

EUR 500,000

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## **Enhancing the employment of vulnerable groups**

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

Council Regulation (EC) Nr. 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) / 2012 – 022940

### **2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2015 and expected results**

Project Objective:

The pilot projects will test the possibilities of increasing the employability and self-employment of the target groups through different active labour market measures/components such as the motivation of the participants, labour market orientation, vocational training, home working, business start-ups and business plans development courses, business development, and social skills development. All measures which support transition from social welfare system to the labour market.

Priorities:

To support the transition from social assistance to employment for the most disadvantaged groups in the labour market

Expected Results:

- Tailor-made active employment measures targeting disadvantaged groups (category II SAS beneficiaries and persons with disabilities) developed and promoted on regional and central level;
- The capacity of the Department of Labour and Employment staff dealing with active employment measures is strengthened;
- The awareness and understanding of potential grant beneficiaries/applicants about the Pilot Project Grants Scheme on Active Employment Measures is strengthened;
- The employability of disadvantaged groups in the labour market (category II beneficiaries of SAS and Persons with disabilities) is enhanced.

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### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Conditions to be published in the Guidelines for Applicants at the time of launching the Call for proposals

### **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**

90%

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

Call for Proposals will be launched indicatively in quarter three 2014

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

EUR 1,000,000

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## **Novobërdë/Novobrdo Pilot Project – Rural Tourism development**

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

Council Regulation (EC) Nr. 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) / IPA 2013 024 216

### **2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2015 and expected results**

Project Objective:

Developing rural tourism activities in Novobërdë/Novobrdo linked to the renovated castle in cooperation with Regional Development Agencies

Priorities:

Promoting and developing cultural heritage and rural tourism development in economic region East.

Expected Results:

- Preserving cultural heritage in economic region East through activities linked to Novobërdë/Novobrdo Castle
- Supporting business development in economic region East with focus to Novobërdë/Novobrdo
- Involving Regional Development Agencies in management and coordination of tourism development activities
- Promoting tourism and agri-business through civil society organisations in the region
- Provision of more employment opportunities to local inhabitants

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Conditions to be published in the Guidelines for Applicants at the time of launching the Call for proposals

### **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**

90%

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

Call for Proposals will be launched indicatively in quarter two 2014

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

EUR 1,000,000

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## **Civil Society Facility**

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

Council Regulation (EC) Nr. 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) / IPA 2013 024 216

### **2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2015 and expected results**

Project Objective:

The Civil Society Facility is a single facility which supports the strengthening of civil society in the IPA region.

Priorities:

To contribute to democracy, human rights and rule of law and support the EU integration process through active participation of civil society in the decision and policy making process at all levels of governance.

Expected Results:

Strengthened and constructive dialogue developed among the government institutions and civil society in Kosovo.

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Conditions to be published in the Guidelines for Applicants at the time of launching the Call for proposals

### **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**

95%

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

Call for Proposals will be launched indicatively in quarter one 2014

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

EUR 400,000

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## **Grant Scheme for the Northern part of Kosovo – I**

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

Council Regulation (EC) Nr. 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) / IPA 2013 II 024 988

### **2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2015 and expected results**

Project Objective:

This call for proposal is dedicated to municipalities of Zvečan/Zvečan, Zubin Potok, Leposaviq/Leposavić and Mitrovicë Veri/Mitrovica Sever. This grant is part of EU's continuous efforts to promote stable political environment and foster long-term economic development in Northern Kosovo, European Union Office in Kosovo is launching specific grant scheme dedicated to the northern Kosovo.

Priorities:

The main priority of this Call for Proposals is to support socio-economic development of northern Kosovo through strengthening agriculture, environment, business and civil society sector, with a view to improving economic situation, social cohesion, integration and cooperation.

Expected Results:

- Farm restructuring through funding investments aiming at growth of income, employment generation and compliance with standards for environmental protection, public health, animal health and welfare, and occupational safety and to support the upgrade of agri-food establishments, to improve processing and marketing, hygiene, quality and food safety standards and environmental protection in the dairy, meat, cereal and fruit and vegetable processing.
- Support economic regeneration and creation of favourable economic development conditions and infrastructure in the Northern Municipalities, including support to micro, small and medium enterprises in developing and expanding business capacities including establishment/improvement of products, services, production/processing capacities, knowledge and service delivery capacities.
- Strengthen the role of civil society in (local) governance processes and service delivery by enabling them to actively participate in policy making and dialogue processes and addresses the social, cultural and educational needs of their communities.

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Conditions to be published in the Guidelines for Applicants at the time of launching the Call for proposals

### **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: 100%**

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

Call for Proposals will be launched indicatively in quarter one 2014

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

EUR 5,000,000

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## **European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) – (Adopted Country-Based Support Schemes 2013)**

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

Regulation (EC) No 1889/2006 of the European Parliament and the Council of 20 December 2006 on establishing a financing instrument for the promotion of democracy and human rights worldwide / 2013 – 024 556

### **2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2015 and expected results**

Project Objective:

EIDHR is designed to support small-scale and innovative actions by civil society organisations in the field of human rights and democracy, in order to enhance respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and strengthen the role of civil society in promoting human rights and democratic reform.

Priorities:

The global objective of the Grant scheme is to strengthen 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.

The indicative specific objectives of the Call for Proposals are to:

- Enhance the inclusiveness and pluralism of civil society through sports
- Enhance political representation and participation of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities
- Enhance political representation and participation of women and strengthen the capacities of women organisations in promoting and protecting their rights
- Enhance Serb-Serb dialogue in order to pursue common agendas for human rights and democratic reform

Expected Results:

- The inclusiveness and pluralism of civil society is increased through sports
- The capacities of RAE and women organisations to advocate for and promote their rights are strengthened and their political representation and participation is increased.
- The dialogue between Serb community south and north of Ibër /Ibar river is intensified and common actions for human rights and democratic reform are increased.

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Conditions to be published in the Guidelines for Applicants at the time of launching the Call for proposals

### **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: 95%**

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

Call for Proposals will be launched indicatively in April 2014

### **7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals: EUR 900,000**

## **Support to International Business College Mitrovicë/ Mitrovica (IBCM)**

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

Council Regulation (EC) Nr. 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) / IPA 2013 024 216

### **2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2015 and expected results**

#### Project Objective:

The project's aim is to improve the education and employability of young people in Kosovo by promoting a Mitrovicë/Mitrovica regional initiative in higher level vocational education and training relevant to the labour market needs of the region, which builds community relations and promotes sustainable, multi-ethnic collaboration. The project will be implemented via a grant contract to be concluded with SPARK (SPARK is a not-for-profit development organisation based in the Netherlands) by means of a direct award.

#### Priorities:

- To strengthen the link between further education and labour market needs with particular attention to the employment requirements in the Mitrovicë/Mitrovica region;
- To successfully implement internationally accredited Further Education and Higher Education Programmes relevant to the local economy notably in the field of business studies, public administration, environmental and agricultural management;
- To facilitate and ensure participation and student enrolment of and from all communities of Kosovo, majority and minority communities, with particular attention to disadvantaged young persons such as from low income families, from RAE communities and students with disabilities;
- To support multi-ethnic and cross-community contact and communication through participation in the IBCM programmes;

#### Expected Results:

- Internationally accredited high level education and vocational training programmes in Business Studies, Public Administration and Environmental and Agricultural Management studies implemented, engaging and enrolling students from all ethnic communities in Kosovo
- A sustainable scholarship scheme is established, engaging students from ethnically diverse backgrounds, and from disadvantaged groups
- Career Guidance and Business Start-up Centre operationalised.
- Quality assurance of all IBCM programmes and operations undertaken, including both internal and external assessment and evaluation;
- Provision of professional development/in-service professional development training to public and business sector established;
- Financial sustainability of the IBCM programmes attained by end 2014

### **3. Eligibility conditions:** Direct Grant to SPARK Netherlands

**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:** 70%

**6. Indicative time-schedule of calls for proposals:** Direct grant to be signed indicatively quarter two 2014

**7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals:** EUR 1,000,000

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## **Media for All – Investigative Journalism**

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

Council Regulation (EC) Nr. 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) / IPA 20113 022 939

### **2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2015 and expected results**

Project Objective: The project purpose is to increase the quality of print and broadcast media in Kosovo through the development of independent, investigative and publicly beneficial journalism

Priorities: To promote freedom of expression and independent media as a pillar for development of democratic society

Expected Results: A number of local radios and TV stations able to produce and broadcast programs with improved quality in substance to their audiences

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Conditions to be published in the Guidelines for Applicants at the time of launching the Call for proposals

### **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**

95%

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

Call for Proposals will be launched indicatively in quarter one 2014

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

EUR 603,000



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## **WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS 2014 of the Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro**

### **Cross-border cooperation programme Serbia –Montenegro**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) IPA 2012/2013 (CBC)

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

The Programme aspires to bring together the people, communities and economies of the border area to jointly participate in the development of a cooperative area, using its human, natural, cultural and economic resources and advantages.

Priority: Social and economic cohesion through joint actions to improve physical, business, social and institutional infrastructure and capacity.

Programme includes two measures:

- Improving the productivity and competitiveness of the area's economic, rural, cultural and environmental resources.
- Cross-border initiatives targeting the exchange of people and ideas to enhance the professional and civic society cooperation.

Expected results would include:

- Strengthened SME productivity and competitiveness in the border areas;
- Development of tourism as a key sector of the border economy;
- Promotion of cross –border business cooperation and accessibility to markets;
- Re-established cross-border links between business and trade support organisations and promoted cooperative initiatives;
- Enhanced quality of the border area environment as an economic resource;
- Strengthened cross-border 'people to people' interaction to reinforce cultural and sporting links.

#### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Conditions to be published in the Guidelines for Applicants at the time of launching the Call for proposals

#### **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: 85%**

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

A Call for Proposals is expected to be launched in October 2014

#### **7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals: EUR 1,080,000.**

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## **EIDHR CBSS 2014 - Montenegro**

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

Regulation (EC) No 1889/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006.

### **2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2014/2015 and expected results**

European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) is the successor programme to the European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights. The country-based support schemes (CBSS) - local calls for proposals managed by the EU Delegations. These schemes have been carried out in 47 countries in the last few years and are aimed at 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.

The overall objective is 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. Expected results will be defined in line with Action Plan for EIDHR as from June 2014.

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Conditions to be published in the Guidelines for Applicants at the time of launching the Call for proposals.

### **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.

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

95%

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

November 2014

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

EUR 600,000

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## **Optimal use of natural resources, while improving natural disaster risk management**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 10852006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)

### **2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2014 - 2016 and expected results**

The specific objective of this project is to better satisfy national energy needs through environmentally optimal use of natural resources, while improving natural disaster risk management

Results expected:

- Search and rescue and health staff trained in order to improve the rescue skills in the situation of natural disasters, especially floods and water related disasters.
- Adequate and properly functioning rescue equipment for flood, other water rescue activities, medical equipment for first aid, ambulances with life-support unit and vehicles for urgent transport needed for natural disaster situations acquired.

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Conditions to be published in the Guidelines for Applicants at the time of launching the Call for proposals

### **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.

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

EUR 1 750 000 (including a subcontract of EUR 1 300 000 for supply of equipment)

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

2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2014

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

EUR 1,750,000 (including a subcontract of EUR 1 300 000 for supply of equipment)

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## **Information and Communication Programme 2013 - "Growing Together 3 (EU Information through popular web portals)"**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA), Commission Implementing Decision of 24/07/2013 adopting an Information and Communication programme under the IPA- Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for the year 2013

### **2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for INFOCOMM 2013 and expected results**

Ensuring the acceptability and legitimacy of the EU policies in Montenegrin society and improving knowledge and understanding of Montenegrins about the EU through popular web portals which would provide accurate information on the EU and European integration process.

Types of action eligible for financing include designing, updating and managing web portals and social media related to the EU.

Expected results include an increased number of visitors to the social media and improved knowledge and understanding of visitors to popular web portals related to the EU. More than 15,000 unique hits on EU information related news. The intention is to establish a regular flow of electronic publications to 1000 subscribe users.

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Conditions to be published in the Guidelines for Applicants at the time of launching the Call for proposals

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### **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**

85 %

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

April 2014

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

EUR 80,000

# **WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS 2014 of Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Serbia**

## **Participation to JASPERS**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA); Technical Assistance and Institution Building 2013

### **2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for IPA TAIB 2010 Regional Development and expected results**

The overall objective of the Joint Assistance to Support Projects in European Regions (JASPERS) initiative is to accelerate Serbia's preparations for the absorption of the EU funds by supporting the development of a project pipeline of projects in the environment, transport, energy and regional competitiveness sectors.

#### **Results:**

- advice on the conceptual development and structuring of projects;
- advice on strategic and conceptual papers supporting individual projects;
- advice on specific aspects of project preparation, such as financial and economic cost-benefit analysis, environmental impact assessment, procurement plans, design;
- review of documentation such as feasibility studies, environmental impact assessments, Natura 2000 studies, technical designs (General designs, Preliminary designs and Main designs), tender documents;
- advice on compliance with relevant EU acquis in particular environmental legislation, state aid and competition rules, transport regulatory requirements, and conformity with EU policy standards;
- assistance in the review, preparation or completion of applications for funding under the IPA II, the Cohesion Fund or the ERDF;
- assistance under JASPERS will complement/supplement feasibility studies, design documents (General design, Preliminary design and Main design) funded or organised by beneficiary country but in some cases assistance under JASPERS may also involve the preparation of full feasibility studies and design documents, especially in cases where there is a lack of in-country technical assistance available; assistance may also cover advice on implementation issues such as project management, procurement

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Direct agreement

### **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: 100%**

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

November 2014

### **7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals: 1,500,000**

## **Creating a comprehensive R&D and innovation strategy and assisting technology transfer**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA); Technical Assistance and Institution Building 2013

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

Overall objective is to contribute to improving competitiveness of enterprise and stimulate domestic growth, encourage technology transfer and investment. Specific objective is comprehensive R&D and innovation strategy and assisting technology transfer.

Expected results:

- At least 5 innovation support organizations and/or R&D organisation adopt and implement technology transfer practices.
- At least 5 technologies transferred by R&D organizations.
- At least 5 new products or services developed.
- R&D and Innovation Strategy and Action Plan adopted and implemented.
- Infrastructure Roadmap and Action Plan adopted and implemented.

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Direct Agreement

### **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**

100%

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

March 2014

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

EUR 2,500,000

## **Support social inclusion policies and development of community-based social services for vulnerable and disadvantaged groups**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 / Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) - Technical Assistance and Institution Building 2012

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

Overall objective is to support social inclusion policies and development of the range and quality of community-based social services for vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, including Roma, through cross-sectorial approaches and local partnership-based initiatives.

#### **Expected results:**

Community-based social services for vulnerable groups and active inclusion initiatives for Roma population developed.

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Conditions to be published in the Guidelines for Applicants at the time of launching the Call for proposals

### **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**

90%

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

February 2014

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

EUR 4,350,000

## **The Civil Society Facility 2013**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)

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

To contribute to democracy, human rights and rule of law and support the EU integration process through active participation of civil society in the decision and policy making processes at all levels of governance.

#### **Expected results:**

- Greater benefit of civil society from national legal and financial frameworks and improved dialogue with state institutions;
- Greater commitment and capacity of civil society organisation (CSO) networks to give citizens a voice and influence public sector reform processes through analysis, monitoring and advocacy etc.
- Increased access of grass-root organisations and civic initiatives to financial resources, in-kind contributions or expertise from established CSOs and CSO networks.

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Conditions to be published in the Guidelines for Applicants at the time of launching the Call for proposals

### **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**

90%

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

February 2014

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

EUR 2,500,000

## **Strengthening the role of civil society in promoting human rights and democratic reform**

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

Regulation (EC) No 1889/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 / EIDHR CBSS 2014/2015

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

The overall objectives are strengthening the role of civil society in promoting human rights and democratic reform, supporting the peaceful conciliation of group interests and enhancing political representation and participation.

Given the nature of the objectives it is expected that the focus of the actions will be on in-country civil society organisations, which may wish to cooperate with regional and European-based organizations, in order to cover four major areas of activities:

- the pursuit of common agendas for human rights and democratic reform
- building towards consensus on disputed or controversial areas of policy
- enhancing political representation and participation
- enhance the inclusiveness and pluralism of civil society.

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Conditions to be published in the Guidelines for Applicants at the time of launching the Call for proposals

### **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**

90%

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

September 2014

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

EUR 1,000,000 for 2014 and EUR 1,000,000 for 2015

## **European PROGRES 2**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 / Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) - Technical Assistance and Institution Building 2013

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

Through a multi-sector approach this Programme will contribute to sustainable development of underdeveloped areas and creation of more favourable environment for infrastructure and business growth by strengthening local governance, planning and management capacities, improving business environment and development, as well as enhancing implementation of social inclusion and employment policies.

The Programme will work towards achieving three main results following good governance principles as a cross cutting aspect:

1. Strengthened local governance, planning and management capacities through introduction of new, or improvement/elimination of existing procedures and processes in line with the principles of good governance
2. Increased competitiveness of local economy through improved business environment and management/organizational capacities of SMEs/agricultural cooperatives
3. Improved access to employment, offering equal opportunities to both men and women, and social inclusion of most vulnerable and marginalised groups through development and implementation of local policies resulting in reduced migration from South, South East and South west Serbia.

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Direct Agreement

### **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**

76%

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

March 2014

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

EUR 12,600,000 IPA contribution + EUR 4,000,000 national contribution

**Support strengthening social welfare and justice systems, with regards to children protection (access, quality and leaving care)**

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**1. Basic act and/or Financing source**

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 / Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) - Technical Assistance and Institution Building 2013

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

This Programme will be implemented through a direct grant with UNICEF given the complex and inter-sectoral nature of the action tackling multi-faceted social exclusion issues, where action is needed in advancing the operationalization of reforms simultaneously in social welfare and justice sectors in particular.

Justice and Social welfare systems strengthened and mechanisms developed to ensure highest quality protection of children and guaranteeing that the two systems act 'in the best interests of the child'.

The Programme will work towards achieving the following results:

- Increase in the number of services supporting families at risk of separation
- New standards in fostering an residential care of children adopted and operational
- Number of children with disability in care reflected in the downsizing of large-scale institutions decreased toward maximum 50

**3. Eligibility conditions**

Direct Agreement with UNICEF

**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.

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

100%

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

March 2014

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

EUR 2,300,000

## **Support to Public Administration Reform, Measure 3.1: Strengthening of administrative capacities in area of local self-government - "Human Resources Management in the Local Self-Government"**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 / Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) - IPA 2012 National Programme

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

This measure will be implemented through a direct agreement with the Council of Europe. Project will provide support to the Ministry in charge for local self-government, LSG units and other stakeholders for full implementation of the adopted Law on local self-government unit's employees, further elaboration of HRM models and their application in LSG units. In addition project will provide support for full implementation of the Strategy for professional training of LSG unit's employees.

The **objective** of the programme is enhancement of effectiveness and administrative capacities in LSG units through support to the establishment of a professional training system and improved HRM function.

The Programme will work towards achieving two **main results**:

- Established / improved coherent legal, institutional and organizational framework for the enhancement of the human resource management system in local self-government units.
- Institutional and organizational framework for LSG professional training system established and operational.

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Direct Agreement

### **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**

89%

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

Third quarter 2014

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

EUR 1.800,000 EU contribution + € 200,000 CoE co-financing

## **Improving the security and diversification of gas supply through construction of new energy facility**

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

Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) - Technical Assistance and Institution Building 2013

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

This measure will increase security of supply and contribute to strengthening the regional energy market, establish cross-border gas transmission and regional gas interconnection Serbia-Bulgaria. It will improve security of supply through diversification of the gas supply routes and possibly diversification of sources by enabling a new natural gas supply route for Serbia from Bulgaria, a new route from Serbia to Bulgaria as the access to the existing and the future storage facilities on the territory of the Republic of Serbia for Bulgaria.

Expected results:

This operation supports the construction of one part of the regional by-directional high-pressure gas pipeline through Serbia, which will connect the gas pipeline systems of Serbia and Bulgaria. Such connection would provide Serbia with access to a second import pipeline and Bulgaria with access to Serbia's existing and planned gas storage, benefiting the energy security of both countries. Other countries from the region, including Bosnia (which is presently supplied only through a connection from Serbia) and possibly FYROM, Montenegro and Kosovo<sup>1</sup> in the future would have benefit.

The major stakeholders for construction of gas pipeline are PE Srbijagas, EBRD and EC. The relation between EU and EBRD would be established by Direct Agreement (DA) under joint management where the procurement rules would be based on EBRD's own procedures. The DA should be agreed between parties and signed after the signature of Financial Agreement for IPA 2013 National programme between EU and Republic of Serbia. The transfer of EU funds to EBRD should be realized after the signature of the works contract for the construction of the gas pipeline or after the preparation of tender dossier for the works contract in both options depending on project implementation time table including main milestones in the project.

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Direct Agreement

### **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: 22%**

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

December 2014

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

EUR 14,269,000 IPA contribution + € 51,740,230 national contribution

<sup>1</sup> This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and ICJ Advisory opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence



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## **WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS 2014 of the European Union for the Turkish Cypriot community**

### **Improvement of vocational education and training (VET) and lifelong learning systems (LLL) systems.**

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

The European Union, represented by the European Commission, in order to support the economic development of the Turkish Cypriot community, in accordance with Council Regulation No 389/2006 of 27 February 2006 (OJ L 65/5, 7.3.2006),

#### **2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2015-2017 and expected results**

The objectives are: Improvement of vocational education and training (VET) and lifelong learning systems (LLL) systems.

Expected Results:

- Satisfaction of the business sector with labour skills
- Unemployment rate reduced for young people and overall
- Brain drain reduced

#### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Conditions to be published in the Guidelines for Applicants at the time of launching the Call for proposals

#### **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**

90%

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

CfP launched indicatively November 2014 – deadline in March 2015.

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

EUR 1,500,000



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## **ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS 2014 of the Delegation of the European Union to Turkey**

### **Civil Society Facility Turkey Programme - Sivil Düşün EU Programme**

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

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) - IPA budget item 22.02.07.01: Civil Society Facility Programme under the IPA -Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for the years 2011- 2012 by Common Financing Decision/Civil Society Facility 2013, amending the programme for 2011-2012, Country Fiche (9): Turkey

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

The global objective of the Programme is to contribute to the development of a more dynamic civil society actively participating in public debate on democracy, human rights, social inclusion and the rule of law and with capacity to influence policy and decision making processes.

The specific objective is to contribute to the strengthening of capacities of existing or new national, regional (in the sense of regions within Turkey), local and/or thematic platforms and networks of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to give citizens a voice and influence public sector reform processes through their activities.

#### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Conditions to be published in the Guidelines for Applicants at the time of launching the Call for proposals

#### **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**

100 %

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

Local Publication of Open Call for Proposal is tentatively scheduled for April 2014.

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

EUR 1,000,000

