

Project Title	Civil Society Dialogue between EU and Turkey-IV
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EU contribution	EUR 10.600.000
EU Delegation in charge/Responsible Unit	EU Delegation in Ankara
Management mode	Decentralised: The CFCU will be Implementing Agency and will be responsible for all procedural aspects of the tendering process, contracting matters and financial management, including payment of project activities. The director of the CFCU will act as Programme Authorizing Officer (PAO) of the project. Mr. Muhsin ALTUN (PAO-CFCU Director) Central Finance and Contracts Unit Tel: +90 312 295 49 00 Fax: +90 312 286 70 72 E-mail: pao@cfcu.gov.tr Address: Eskişehir Yolu 4.Km. 2.cad. (Halkbank Kampüsü) No:63 C-Blok 06580 Söğütözü/Ankara TURKEY
Implementing modality	Project
Project implementation type	Grant
Zone Benefiting from the action	Turkey

1. Basic information

¹ The total project cost should be net of VAT and/or of other taxes. Should this not be the case, clearly indicate the amount of VAT and the reasons why it is considered eligible.

- 1.1 CRIS Number: TR2011/0135.15
- 1.2 Title: Civil Society Dialogue between EU and Turkey-IV
- 1.3 Statistical Code: 35
- 1.4 Sector: Justice, Home Affairs and Fundamental Rights
- 1.5 Location: Republic of Turkey

Implementing arrangements:

The beneficiary of the project is the Ministry for European Union Affairs (MEU). MEU will coordinate the implementation of the project. (For the Institutional Framework in project management see Annex 3)

The final beneficiaries of the project will be the civil society organizations in the broad sense, i.e. associations and foundations, universities (only research centres and think tanks), professional organizations (including Business Organisations and Trade Unions etc.) and local administrations and other relevant civil society organisations, etc. The Implementing Agency is the Central Finance and Contracts Unit (CFCU).

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The CSD (Civil Society Dialogue) team within MEU and the TA team together constitute the Project Management Unit (PMU) responsible for the daily management of the projects.

Financing:

1.8 Overall cost (VAT excluded)²: 11.778.000 €

² The total cost of the project should be net of VAT and/or other taxes. Should this not be the case, the amount of VAT and the reasons why it should be considered eligible should be clearly indicated (see Section 7.6)

1.9 EU contribution: 10.600.000 €

1.10 Final date for contracting: 2 years after the signature of the Financing Agreement

1.11 Final date for execution of contracts: 2 years following the end date for contracting

1.12 Final date for disbursements: 1 year following the end date for execution of the contract

2. Overall Objective and Project Purpose

2.1 Overall Objective:

High level of mutual understanding between all sectors of civil society in Turkey and in the EU Member States, including the implications of Turkish EU membership.

2.2 Project purpose:

Purpose of the project is to establish strong links and a high level of cooperation between civil society in Turkey and the EU Member States through civil society dialogue in the selected areas of the EU acquis where civil society dialogue is particularly valuable for Turkey's successful accession to the EU.

2.3 Link with AP/NPAA / EP/ SAA/ Progress Report

Strengthening dialogue and cooperation between all sectors of Turkish civil society and European partners and supporting the domestic development of civil society in Turkey are a significant element in the National Programme of Turkey for the Adoption of the EU Acquis (NPAA-2008)³ and in the Accession Partnership (AC-2008)⁴. The promotion of a Civil Society Dialogue was specifically endorsed in the conclusions of the European Council (December, 2004).

Accession Partnership (2008)

Civil society organisations

- Facilitate and encourage open communication and cooperation between all sectors of Turkish civil society and European partners.
- Further strengthen the domestic development of civil society and its involvement in the shaping of public policies,

NPAA (2008)

As is known, one of the three pillars of the accession process of Turkey to EU is civil society dialogue. The project "Promotion of the Civil Society Dialogue between European Union and Turkey" that aims to promote the image of Turkey within EU and the image of EU within Turkey and also to strengthen the links between societies, which is being implemented by the Ministry for EU Affairs has started in June 2008. In this context, 119 grant projects amounting to 19,3 million Euro are being implemented under the components of towns and municipalities, professional organisations, universities and youth

³ Council of Ministers degree on the National Programme of Turkey for the Adoption of the EU Acquis which was published in the Official Journal of the republic of Turkey dated 21 December 2008 and No:27097

⁴ Council Decision of 18 February 2008 on the principles, priorities and conditions contained in the Accession Partnership with the Republic of Turkey and repealing Decision 2006/35/EC which was published in the Official Journal of the European Communities dated 26 February 2008.

initiatives for dialogue. At the following stages, the project will be extended and will cover all segments of the society.

Progress Report (2011)

Under both the national programme and the Civil Society Facility, greater EU financial support has been provided to *civil society*, in particular to strengthen the capacity of civil society organisations and encourage a *civil society dialogue* between Turkey and the EU. Support has also been given for participation by Turkey in EU programmes and agencies.

2.4 Link with MIPD

The MIPD 2011-2013 continues to consider Civil Society Dialogue as an important priority for action and includes the following relevant indicators under the Justice, Home Affairs and Fundamental Rights sector:

- *Civil society development and civil society dialogue, democratisation, promotion of the values of the EU⁵ and of cultural diversity and protection and preservation of cultural heritage; development of democratic standards and structures, including capacity building of the Parliament and political parties; improved environment for civil society and strengthening the capacities of organised active citizens, more effective civic participation in policy processes at all levels, including a better legal framework for establishing, operating and funding civil society organizations; support provided to the sustainable development of grassroots civil society organisations and newly established organizations and strengthening, sustainability and activism of civil society organisations ensured.*
- *Fostered dialogue, communication and cooperation between Turkish civil society organisations and those in EU member states and candidate countries and increased awareness among civil society and population in Turkey about EU values, fundamental rights, policies and Turkey's EU accession process through improved provision of targeted EU information and communication.*

2.5 Link with National Development Plan (where applicable)

Turkey adopted its National Programme for the Adoption of the *acquis* (NPAA) in December 2008. The NPAA details Turkey's planned steps in its EU alignment process, thus addressing the short-term and medium-term priorities of the 2008 Accession Partnership. The priorities under the NPAA are the fulfilment of the political criteria in a number of areas including freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly, fundamental rights, women, children and trade union rights. With more specific regard to civil society, the NPAA states that:

- *The development of civil society and its involvement in the shaping of public policies will be more facilitated.*
- *The dialogue, communication and cooperation between Turkish civil society and EU member states' civil society will be further encouraged.*

⁵ As defined in article 3 of the EU Treaty

These priorities are of high relevance to the Civil Society Dialogue between the EU and Turkey and also reflect those listed in the Accession Partnership.

2.6 Link with sector strategies and national/ sectoral investment plans (where applicable)

With the aim of accelerating the accession negotiations and increasing the public awareness and support, Ministry for EU Affairs has prepared a new European Union Strategy on Turkey's Accession Process. Introducing a comprehensive approach to the negotiation process on the basis of four pillars, the new Strategy has been submitted to the Council of Ministers on 4 January 2010.

The strategy's main objective is to make developments in Turkey's accession process more visible in Turkey and EU Member States, to promote relations with MS, by having closer relations, understanding each side's concerns, beliefs, interests and expectations about Turkey's accession, and to inform, enrich and influence the public debates both in Turkey and the EU. This civil society dialogue project is coherent with the context of communication strategy as well.

Description of project

3.1 Background and context:

The Commission's recommendation in October 2004, lays the grounds to this Strategy, putting forth support to the dialogue between EU and Turkey, highlighting the role of CSOs and noting that "*Civil society should play the most important role in this dialogue, which should be facilitated by the EU.*" The Commission suggests an "intensive political and cultural dialogue" be adopted in parallel to accession negotiations, which "enhances mutual understanding" through involvement of people to people dialogues and the civil society. In its Communication published in 2005⁶ the objectives of Civil Society Dialogue between EU and Candidate Countries are stated as follows:

- strengthen contacts and mutual exchange of experience between all sectors of civil society in the Member States and Candidate countries;
- ensure a better knowledge and understanding of the candidate countries concerned within the European Union, including their history and their culture, thus allowing for a better awareness of the opportunities and challenges of future enlargement;
- ensure a better knowledge and understanding of the European Union within the candidate countries, including the values on which it is founded, its functioning and its policies.

Overall, the Communication sets the general framework on the reinforcing links between civil society in EU and candidate countries, encouraging debate around accession and involvement of civil society thus ensuring bottom-up involvement to enlargement process.

Project Rationale and Justification:

6 COM (2005) 290 of 29.6.2005 http://europa.eu.int/comm/enlargement/docs/pdf/pdf/civil_society_290605_en.pdf

Civil society dialogue between EU and Turkey is a vibrant environment of cooperation and exchange which culminated in number of civil society dialogue projects financed through financial assistance programs since 1960s and has intensified ever since. Until IPA, various projects were funded mainly aiming at capacity development of civil society organisations and supporting local initiatives. The MEDA Civil Society Development Programme was the first comprehensive action specific to Turkey. The ensuing projects in support of civil society dialogue were: Cultural Bridges (2007), EU-Turkey Intercultural Dialogue (2008) and Istanbul 2010 European Capital of Culture (2008) funded under IPA in the field of culture. EU- Turkey Chamber Forum (2006 and 2009) was a very important instrument for Turkish and EU community to increase the accession related dialogue between each other. Jean Monnet Scholarship Programmes (2006, 2007 and 2009) funds post-graduate scholarships aimed at improving the expertise of Turkish graduate young people, public officers and private sector employees' in the area of European integration and at strengthening bonds between Turkish and EU citizens. Most importantly, thousands of students have participated in the Commission's Life Long Learning programmes (Leonardo, Erasmus, Youth for Europe, etc.).

The "Europa - Bridges of Knowledge Programme" is authentic in terms of bringing forth grant project applications with at least an EU partner. Other actions include "Promotion of the Civil Society Dialogue between EU and Turkey Project" financed from 2006 Pre-Accession Programme involving four grant schemes in the fields of towns and municipalities, professional organizations, universities and youth. As the continuation of the first project "Promotion of the Civil Society Dialogue between EU and Turkey Project-II" was financed by 2007 programming, which covered grant schemes on "agriculture and fisheries" and "culture and arts". Third round of the project was financed from 2010 programming and aimed promotion of dialogue between civil societies of Turkish and EU counterparts on the themes of "**political criteria**" (*including political culture, freedom of expression, dialogue among cultures and religions, justice system, anti-discrimination, awareness raising on human rights, human rights of refugees/asylum seekers and immigrants*) and "**the media**".

Considering the efforts in the previous and ongoing projects/programmes, a multi-annual and sector-based approach is needed to identify civil society dialogue projects and programmes for 2011 and beyond consistent with the priorities defined in the MIPD and in line with the Commission Communication and other relevant strategic documents. Therefore, all sectors covered by the previous civil society projects funded by IPA and community programmes are elaborated by the MEU and the focus is given to the priority areas and sectors which are not addressed up until now or to the areas which are found relevant considering the value added to the EU-Turkey civil society dialogue.

During the previous years, programming process of financial assistance (under pre-accession, bilateral and administrative cooperation assistance programmes) many proposals was received from CSOs, universities, professional organisations, local administrations, chambers etc. The applicants (possible beneficiaries) were eager to take part in Turkey's pre-accession process, to understand what similar counterparts in EU member states do, increase awareness in EU policies and practices among their members and support government bodies in their alignment and implementation of legislation. However, because of the programme criteria, these institutions were not found eligible on the basis of absence of direct relevance to legislative alignment⁷. Therefore, main objective of CSD project under 2011 programme is to enable potential beneficiaries (such as CSOs, universities, professional organisations, local administrations etc.) to gain a better knowledge and understanding of the European Union policy and practices and to be prepared for accession through strengthening the contacts and mutual exchange of experience between all civil society actors in following focal areas: *Environment, Energy, Consumer and health protection, Justice, Freedom and Security, Right of*

⁷ Under IPA-I CSOs, universities, professional organisations, chambers could not apply for funding during programming phase because they are not directly responsible for the adoption and implementation of EU acquis. Therefore, these institutions could only be benefited from grant schemes which provides them funding opportunities to understand the EU acquis.

Establishment and Freedom to Provide Services, Regional Policy and Coordination of Structural Instruments, Enterprise and Industrial Policy, Agriculture and Fisheries and Education).

Given the predominant share of agriculture, food safety and fisheries in the EU acquis, these issues play a pivotal role in the accession negotiations of Turkey. Agriculture and fisheries bear substantiality in both economic and social terms in view of Turkey's farmland size, share of agriculture in employment and percent GDP from agriculture. Bearing this in mind, reformative actions taken in these sectors have been, and will be, challenging for all the actors, including CSOs. In order to fulfil the requirements imposed under the negotiations for chapters 11, 12 and 13, apart from legislative work and transposition efforts, it is also essential to focus on projects aiming at increasing public awareness and preparedness for the implementation of harmonized legislation, such that potential risks and difficulties that could be encountered in the course of implementation are minimized and even eliminated, and the smooth functioning of the system as a whole is ensured. To this end, "Civil Society Dialogue" has proven to be an effective and efficient mechanism, integrating all the stakeholders in these sectors, as explicitly seen in the high number of project proposals received under CSD-II. Moreover, the beneficial experiences gained from the agriculture and fisheries projects of CSD-II would be disseminated throughout the country.

The implementation of a Agriculture and Fisheries Grant Scheme amounting to 2.2 MEUR has already been ongoing within the scope of CSD II. However, the attention and critics of the potential beneficiaries during information days and the number of applications⁸ to the call for proposals implies that additional programmes are needed for "Agriculture and Fisheries" sector. 374 project applications were submitted during the application period and 23 grant contracts were signed at the end of April 2011.

Results and feedback from beneficiaries of similar projects implemented until 2006 programming suggested use of a facility to support civil society organisation that would smooth the progress of "dialogue" in upcoming programs. Interpretation/Translation Facility under 2006 programme and Micro-Grant Scheme under 2007 and 2010 programmes have been installed for this purpose. The results of the first two programmes have proved to be useful in building partnerships and networks between EU and Turkish CSO since co-operations as such cannot be developed from in a matter of months (from the time calls of proposal is launched until application).

3.2 Assessment of project impact, catalytic effect, sustainability and cross border impact (where applicable)

The project will help civil society organisations to;

- learn about and better understand each other, and to increase long-term Civil Society dialogue, cooperation and partnerships
- develop critical knowledge of target groups on EU acquis in environment, energy, consumer and health protection, justice, freedom and security, right of establishment and freedom to provide services, regional policy and coordination of structural instruments and enterprise, industrial policy, agriculture and fisheries
- make developments in Turkey's accession process better understood by Civil Societies in Turkey and EU Member States
- support CS to facilitate Turkey's and EU's mutual understanding of each other's

⁸ Call for project proposals for "Agriculture and Fisheries Grant Scheme Programme" was finalised by the end of March 2010. Total number of project proposals for the CSD-II Agriculture and Fisheries call for proposal are 374. 23 projects could be funded under the Grant programme therefore only 6,15% of the proposed projects could be financed which is a very low level considering the demand from the potential beneficiaries.

- increase bilateral exchanges, thereby contributing to the sharing of experience, the adoption of best practices among civil society organizations which also support the development of the capacities of Turkish CSOs
- better inform Civil Society and broader public from the EU and candidate countries, by addressing the opportunities as well as the challenges posed by future enlargement
- enhance capacities in coordinating and synchronising similar thematic activities such as conferences and workshops or organising festivals that would also increase media interest
- establish a network of Turkish and EU civil organizations who have participated or have interest in participating in CSD grant schemes including micro grants.
- establish and improve dialogue among Civil Societies in the EU and Turkey through appropriate communication means, specifically in priority fields covered by the project (*Environment, Energy, Consumer and health protection, Justice, Freedom and Security, Right of Establishment and Freedom to Provide Services, Regional Policy and Coordination of Structural Instruments and Enterprise, Industrial Policy, Agriculture and Fisheries and Education*)

3.3 Results and measurable indicators:

RESULTS 1

Enhanced capacity of CSOs to dialogue, network and cooperate with their counterparts in Turkey and in the EU and an increased contribution to the EU accession related reform process in Turkey

Measurable Indicators:

- At least 65 projects and 125 micro-projects have been funded
- At least 10 partnerships with EU partner being the “grant beneficiary”,
- At least 500 applications under the grant scheme to Strengthen the Civil Society Dialogue in the fields of EU Acquis submitted
- At least 250 joint actions and initiatives, policy research documents drafted (papers, briefs, web portals and/or knowledge communities, etc.) by grant beneficiaries over the project implementation period,
- At least 30% of grant beneficiaries produce papers/publications/web portals/knowledge platforms etc. which directly address policy issues within Turkey’s NPAA by the end of the Project,
- At least 100.000 Turkish citizens reached through the awareness raising activities; over the project implementation period,
- At least 20.000 EU citizens reached through the awareness raising activities; over the project implementation period,
- At least 90 % of Turkish citizens who have participated in past and ongoing CSD programmes and events agree that they are well-informed on the EU integration process;
- At least 90% of EU27 citizens who have participated in any of the CSD project activities and events agree that they are well-informed on Turkey’s accession process;

RESULT 2

Strengthen the network of Turkish and EU civil organizations that actively pursue cooperation, including through small actions and exchanges.

Measurable Indicators:

- At least 50 joint actions and new partnerships established between Turkish CSOs and their counterparts from the EU, as evidenced by signed agreements (MoUs, Partnership Agreements, Declaration of Intention etc)
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- At least 250 joint actions, seminars, demarches, webpage by grant beneficiaries over the project implementation period.

Methodological note for measurable indicators: The measurable indicators proposed by this project attempt to assess the actual positive changes supported by the project. Due to the current lack of comprehensive longitudinal research on the number of CSOs' participation in the civil society dialogue process, the scope of quantitative and qualitative changes, supported by the project over the two-year period of implementation, will be identified and measured in comparison to the data for the previous CSD projects. For the purpose; a survey of grant beneficiaries, partners and participants of events (trainings, conferences, festivals, etc.) of the previous CSD projects, will be conducted (impact assessment) with a view to measuring the perception of Turkey's EU accession process and related reforms

The content of the measurable indicators is in line with the MIPD 2011-13 expected results and measurable indicators of the assistance provided to civil society participation.

3.4 Activities:

The project's grant scheme component will be implemented through Calls for Proposals. Individual CSO actions will be supported according to selection criteria which will favour applications that aim to establish long-term cooperation between Turkish organisations and their EU counterparts, going beyond the time frame for EU support provided in the frame of the present project. It will be up to the actors of civil society to take the initiative, select specific themes to be developed, propose activities to be carried out and play an active role in conducting the dialogue.

3.4.1 Grant Scheme Projects

Activity 1

Grant Scheme to Strengthen the Civil Society Dialogue in the fields of EU Acquis

Establishment of at least 65 new partnerships and networks of Turkish civil society organizations and European counterparts according to their field of activity, to initiate a dialogue, to exchange knowledge and information.

Indicative priority themes: Considering the scope of the **EU Acquis**, it seems necessary to choose certain priorities among others in order to achieve efficient targeting. However, initiatives for cooperation among CSOs would not be strictly limited to specific Acquis related issues. Therefore, proposals which will establish broader cooperation in the relevant areas would also be welcomed under grant schemes. The views and suggestions of the CSOs expressed at various platforms such as the meetings with the representatives of the different CSOs in various sectors, TAIEX seminars or bilateral visits have been taken into account and following priorities have been identified. Priority areas under each theme below are indicative. They will be developed into more detail during the preparation of guidelines for applicants:

- **Environment**
 - Nature conservation
 - Climate change and its implications
- **Energy**
 - Energy efficiency
 - Renewable energy
- **Consumer and health protection**
 - Consumer rights
 - Public health
- **Justice, Freedom and Security**
 - Migration, asylum and human trafficking
 - Cooperation between Civil Society and the State for internal public safety/civil protection in the broader sense (including crisis/disaster response)
- **Right of Establishment and Freedom to Provide Services**
 - Cooperation among professional organisations for a better understanding of the mutual recognition of professional qualifications system established in the EU countries
- **Regional Policy and Coordination of Structural Instruments**
 - Sustainable development and strategic planning in regional development
 - Economic development models and analytical tools for Development Agencies
 - Common database for regional policy design
 - Monitoring, evaluation and impact assessment of development policies
 - Participatory decision-making
- **Enterprise and Industrial Policy**
 - Entrepreneurial learning and development of entrepreneurial skills
 - Non-technological innovation
 - Improvement of energy and environmental performances of products and production lines
 - Exchange of information, experiences, and best practices to adopt environment sensitive and energy efficient products, technologies and production processes.
 - Awareness among consumers to increase the uptake of environmental, energy and resource friendly products in the market
- **Agriculture and Fisheries**
 - Agriculture and Rural Development,
 - Food Safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary,

- Fisheries

- **Education**

- Best practices in teaching the EU,
- Best practices in teaching history

Details of priorities will be elaborated in the guidelines.

A mechanism will be set up to avoid overlap with grants available in the same thematic area under other relevant sectoral projects

Target groups: Main target groups will be Associations and Foundations, Universities (only research centres and think tanks), Professional Organizations (including Business Organisations and Trade Unions etc.), Development Agencies, local administrations and other relevant civil society organisations can take part in the projects. Consumer CSOs having consumer protection in their legal status and working actively in the field of consumer protection will be the main target group for the grant scheme in field of consumer protection. With regard to member organizations of TOBB⁹, the ECTF II project has started. This includes – inter alia - a grant scheme to promote cooperation between member organizations of TOBB in Turkey and their counterparts in the EU, and a specific component to train Turkish chambers staff on how to carry out EU Acquis audits for member companies. Member organizations of TOBB will therefore be excluded from that specific component.

<p>Total Budget available: 9.778.000 Euro Indicative Duration of Projects: 10 – 15 Months Indicative Budget for Projects: 50.000 - 150.000 Euro Indicative Number of Projects: At least 65 Projects</p>

Activity 2

Micro Grant Scheme for CSOs

This component will provide financial assistance to CSOs through small-scale projects and covering logistic costs of grassroots CSOs¹⁰ all over Turkey and also CSOs in EU-27.

Indicative priority themes:

- Awareness-raising: The actions aiming to ensure a better knowledge and understanding of Civil Society Organisations about Turkey within the European Union and about the EU in Turkey . The actions such as participating into campaigns, forums, meetings, etc. in the EU Member States or in the candidate countries, including Turkey.

⁹ Chamber of commerce and industry, chamber of commerce, chamber of industry, chamber of maritime commerce and commodity exchanges which are established under General Law No. 5174 (Article 4)

¹⁰ Within the context of this grant scheme, local grassroots CSO is a type of CSO

1. which is established, located and operating in the place of action, through a local initiative by local people.
2. which autonomous in the use of its budget and the establishment of its work programme (i.e. not a branch of an umbrella organisation).
3. which has annual membership fees and donations income of max. Euro 50.000 and has no branches.

- Promotion/ of exchange of knowledge and best practices & networking: The actions aiming to promote the activities of the applicant CSO in and strengthen its activities by networking with its counterparts in the EU Member States or other candidate countries. The actions such as networking meetings seminars and workshops and other one-off events with other CSOs in the EU Member States or the candidate countries, including Turkey.
- Start-up works: The actions aiming to establish relations and experts links with CSOs from EU Member States and candidate countries
- The actions such as problem/ needs analysis, strategic plan and complementary activities like meetings, researches etc in the EU Member States or the candidate countries, including Turkey.

Target groups: Main target groups will be grassroots CSOs

Total Budget available: 1.000.000 Euro
Indicative Duration of Projects: 5 Months (max.)
Indicative Budget for Projects: 8.000 Euro (max.)
Indicative Number of Projects: At least 125 Projects

Eligible activities for the selection of the grant applications will include:

- Organization of and/or participation to congress, conferences, seminars, symposiums, workshops, study visits, research forums, exhibitions and similar activities,
- Organization of and/or participation to awareness raising activities related with the civil society dialogue,
- One-off meetings to form networks, promotion activities, etc,
- Partnership initiation and familiarization visits,
- Joint needs assessment visits,
- Publications, visibility activities.
- enhance the transfer of expertise and dissemination of knowledge through short-terms internships, job shadowing and staff exchange programmes
- interpretation and/or translation services
- people to people meetings under the umbrella of CSOs

3.4.2 Technical Assistance for the Activities

The team will assist MEU for the implementation of the grant schemes.

TA will be responsible for inter alia the following activities:

Overall support to Project implementation

- support in developing and or updating baseline studies and surveys as well as indicators
- support to develop a regular evaluation and assessment method of the overall project during implementation etc.

Grant Scheme Management:

- Adapting and revising existing monitoring and implementation manuals for the grant scheme projects.
- Assisting PMU in supporting Grant Beneficiaries

- Organizing training sessions such as training on Monitoring Information System (MIS), project management, secondary procurement, preparation of interim and final report and financial reports
- Assisting the PMU in monitoring the projects
- Assisting the PMU in assessment of grant beneficiaries' reports
- Updating regularly MIS
- Adapting/updating existing database under MIS on CSD projects and establish a communication tool to ensure continuous exchange of information among previous beneficiaries of CSD and program beneficiary
- Finalization of Project evaluation report which outlines outcomes, lessons learned, etc. of the grant projects.
- Providing activities related with raising of awareness and publicity of the programme and the CSD in general, project brochures, web-site, organization of events both at national and international level etc.

Promotion of Civil Society Dialogue between EU and Turkey

- Preparation and implementation of a publicity and media strategy designed to utilise the potential of grant projects to promote civil society dialogue. TA activities will focus on creating synergies among grant project and design a media strategy to promote the project concept as a whole. This should ensure that project activities under the grant scheme(s) will not be implemented in a sporadic manner but according to a comprehensive approach and a publicity strategy designed by the TA.
- Organisation of an opening event and closing event of the present programme.
- A network and an internet based international Civil Society Platform of CSD participating organisations established and a methodology for sustainability of such a platform developed.
- Revise and update the CSD project website.
- Design and delivery of promotional materials to support events and organisations.
- Suggest mechanisms for the sustainability of the projects..

The TA contractor will aim to hand over all tasks to PMU for the management of the grant scheme in a sustainable manner at the end of TA contract duration so that they can be performed in the future by the beneficiary staff in the PMU.

3.5 Conditionality and sequencing:

Sequencing

Grant Schemes: (Activities 1) - 15 Months

- Start of Call for proposals: May 2013
- Start of Contract of Grants: March 2014
- Start of Project Activity: March 2014
- Completion of Activities: June 2015

Micro Grant Scheme: (Activity 2)

- Start of Call for proposals: January 2013
- Applications will be accepted on rolling basis and evaluated quarterly basis through 2013 and 2014, within limits of available budget, before the event, but not later than deadline which will be determined in the guidelines.
- Completion of Activities: December 2014

TAT (Service Contract): 18 Months

- Start of Tendering: May 2013
- Start of Contract : January 2014
- Start of Project Activity: January 2014

- Completion of Activities: June 2015

3.6 Linked activities

3.6.1 Promotion of the Civil Society Dialogue between EU and Turkey

2006 Pre-accession Assistance Programme for Turkey includes a project titled: *Promotion of the Civil Society Dialogue between European Union and Turkey*. It provides for the implementation of four grant schemes amounting to 19,3 Million Euro and aiming at intensifying and diversifying the contacts between: i) towns and municipalities; ii) professional organisations; iii) universities; iv) youth.

The 4 grant components are targeting Civil Society groups that have a particular potential for increasing mutual understanding and those groups:

- i) Towns and Municipalities - a total of 41 grants,
- ii) Professional Organizations - a total of 25 grants,
- iii) Universities - a total of 28 grants,
- iv) Youth Initiatives for Dialogue - a total of 25 grants.

There is also a component to contribute to raising overall awareness of the project and its objectives. Part of this component includes an Interpretation & Translation Facility, which provided language support to Turkish Civil Society organisations which have not yet benefited from any EU CSD assistance but which would like to build relationships with partners in the EU.

Project address issues that will contribute to better informing the public opinions from the EU and candidate countries, by addressing the opportunities as well as the challenges posed by future enlargement, encouraging a discussion on perceptions regarding everyday culture and values expressed by the society and the state on both sides, increasing bilateral exchanges, thereby contributing to the sharing of experience, the adoption of best practices and the increased participation of civil society in the political, cultural and economic development of Turkey and supporting the further development of a lively and vibrant civil society Turkey, which is key to the consolidation of human rights and democracy, in line with the political criteria for accession.

As a continuation of the Promotion of the Civil Society Dialogue between European Union and Turkey, the project titled “Promotion of the Civil Society Dialogue between European Union and Turkey-II (CSD-2) ” is included in 2007 Programming and “Promotion of the Civil Society Dialogue between European Union and Turkey-III (CSD-3) ” is included in 2010 Programming under IPA.

The CSD-2 provides the implementation of three Grant Schemes amounting to 5.3 MEUR and aiming at establishing a framework for cooperation; supporting the establishment of partnerships; and promoting dialogue between the civil societies of Turkish and EU counterparts on “Culture and Arts” and “Fisheries and Agriculture”. The Project also covered provision of financial assistance to small, grassroots CSOs through small-scale projects all over Turkey via Micro Grant Schemes from which 57 CSOs benefitted.

The CSD-3 provides the implementation of three Grant Schemes amounting to 9.3 MEUR and aiming similar objectives of previous Civil Society Dialogue Projects in different themes: in Strengthening the Civil Society Dialogue in the field of Political Criteria, support the Role of the Media in the Civil Society Dialogue and a micro grant scheme in participation to CSO events.

3.6.2 Other activities related with CSD

The Enlargement Strategy 2009-2010 pinpoints to an increased participation of civil society organisations that will strengthen the quality of democracy, thus contributing to reconciliation.

Involvement of CSOs in the reforms undertaken in the enlargement countries contributes to the quality of the accession process, as well as to sustaining public support for accession.

Within the sectoral support for Civil Society development in Turkey and the CS Dialogue between the EU and Turkey, there have been and are other actions which also importantly contribute to the CSD objectives and/or which influence its impact. These other interventions include the following EU funded actions:

- i. The Civil Society Development Projects which culminated in the establishment of the Civil Society Development Centre in Ankara and subsequent Project on Supporting Civil Society Development and Dialogue, implemented as a direct grant to the Centre.
- ii. Europa-Bridges of Knowledge Project, implemented by MEU, which used a grant scheme to support dialogue activities between Turkish universities and research organisations and their EU partners.
- iii. Civil Society Dialogue - Culture in Action: Projects selected under this grant scheme focus either on providing information on the EU integration process to enable active involvement of the Turkish public in EU related matters and/or raising interest in different aspects of European culture and arts as an expression of the EU's multi-cultural identity. €1.45 million has been reserved for the programme. The mandatory partnership rule encouraged Turkish CSOs to liaise with their EU counterparts, reflecting, to a certain extent, the multicultural character of Europe.
- iv. The EU-Turkey Chambers Forum (ETCF) project has been implemented since December 2007 by the Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry, EUROCHAMBRES, in cooperation with the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey, TOBB.
- v. 'Bring together workers from the EU and Turkey through a shared culture of work' is a project implemented through a partnership of leading Turkish and EU trade union federations.
- vi. Cultural Bridges Project builds on the EU Member States' expertise. This project seeks to directly involve the EU cultural institutes/offices and their Turkish partners in the EU-Turkey Civil Society Dialogue, and thereby strengthen contacts and mutual exchange of experience in the field of culture in the EU Member States and Turkey. These involve approximately 10 direct grants to the relevant cultural institutions during 2009-11.
- vii. 'Civil Society Dialogue Istanbul 2010 European Capital of Culture' is another grant scheme being implemented under the CSD umbrella, but specifically relating to actions in Istanbul.
- viii. Although not specifically targeting Civil Society organisations, there are other programmes which are facilitating dialogue between EU Member States and Turkey. The Cross Border initiatives under IPA Component 2, and the new Black Sea Region Operational Programme for 2009-2013.
- ix. There are a range of EU Community Programmes in which Turkey is participating and for which CSOs are eligible. These include the actions under Life Long Learning and the Youth In Action programme, and the specific programmes targeting academia and education, such as Erasmus and FP7.
- x. Jean Monnet Scholarship Programme, which provides opportunities for postgraduate studies in a university, or an establishment of equivalent level in one of the member states of the EU, has been running successfully for many years, with the aim to generate solid support for Turkey's accession, by raising awareness and understanding of the European integration process and by developing a workforce in the relevant disciplines.
- xi. The envisaged energy related activities under this project target CSOs. On the other hand, projects proposed for the energy sector under IPA (which are not mature yet) and some accepted projects have components related to energy efficiency and awareness raising. However, they are more related to institution building rather than developing dialogue between civil society.

3.7 Lessons learned

The enlargement of the European Union to ten new member states in 2004 and 2 new member states in 2007 on further strengthened the unity of the European continent and enhanced peace, stability and security. However, one of the lessons that can be drawn from the previous enlargement is that citizens in EU Member States were not sufficiently informed nor prepared. Any future enlargement of the EU needs to be supported by a strong, deep and sustained dialogue between the societies of the Candidate countries and in the EU member States, as well as with the EU institutions. This would help to bridge the information gap, achieve better mutual knowledge and bring citizens and different cultures, political and economic systems closer together, thus ensuring a stronger awareness of the opportunities as well as the challenges of future accessions.

The results and recommendation of the related EU funded projects are another know how which may guide the implementation of this project. A brief analysis of some the projects are stated below:

The EU-Turkey Chambers Forum (ETCF) Project: One of these is the Turkish Chamber Development Programme Phases I which was implemented by Turkish Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) in cooperation with Eurochambers. The implementation of the second phase of this programme started in June 2011.

As far as the experience that TOBB has gained so far within the context of implementation of these two projects are concerned, there are some key elements for the success of these kinds of programmes.

Among these key elements, the criteria to be introduced for the eligible partnership projects' beneficiaries are very crucial. Whilst the TOBB programme primarily targeted chambers from the less developed regions of Turkey, it turned out that that certain capacity is necessary in order to ensure good communications with the counterparts. In this context, the determination of the target group of the individual grants schemes for the implementation of partnership projects is very important for effective matching and communication.

Improving Co-operation between NGOs and the Public Sector and Strengthening the NGOs Democratic Participation Level: This project was the first project in which the beneficiary was MEU. Being the first project, there had been problems in defining the roles of the actors and in directing the TA team especially at the beginning. Late contracting with the TA team resulted in the fulfilment of many of the activities of TA team by the MEU and CFCU. So TA team did less work though the budget of their service contract did not change. The payment to TA team should base on the work done.

Bridges of Knowledge Grant Scheme Program: In the Bridges of Knowledge Grant Scheme Program, the final beneficiary of which is MEU, valuable experience is obtained. People were involved in the implementation of the program and a got experienced significantly. The late arrival of the TA team put the project teams of MEU in a distressed position due to lack of experience and knowledge. Start of TA team on due date is important.

Promotion of the Civil Society Dialogue between European Union and Turkey-I and II: Experiences gained from 2006 and 2007 Civil Society Dialogue Project will be the important asset to guide the implementation of this project. 2006 CSD project was implemented through four grant schemes i) towns and municipalities; ii) professional organizations; iii) universities; iv) youth. 119 projects have been awarded with grants, ranging in value from 30,000 to 465,000 Euros, with the average project duration being about 15 months. The 2007 CSD project is being implemented through two grant schemes i) Agriculture and Fisheries ii) Culture and Arts. Implementation of 23 projects under Agriculture and Fisheries Grant Scheme and 19 projects under Culture and Art Grant Scheme, 42 projects in total, started with the signature of grant contracts in April 2011. A micro-grant scheme was

also launched, from which small scale support was provided to around 40 CSOs. Both in CSD-I and II, the organizations implementing the projects were located all over Turkey, with partners from either EU Member States or Candidate countries. In addition to the grant projects, there was also a range of promotional and facilitation activities.

Below is an analysis based on the lessons learnt from *Promotion of the Civil Society Dialogue between European Union and Turkey-I and II*. Analysis is classified in terms of lessons learnt in “Civil Society Dialogue and Promotion of the Dialogue” and “Implementation of the Grant Schemes”.

Civil Society Dialogue and Promotion of the Dialogue

- i. In programming terms, there needs to be careful distinction between investing in Civil Society Dialogue and Civil Society Development. Grassroots organisations are best supported through ‘development’ projects rather than ‘dialogue’, however, they should continue to be targeted by support such as the Interpretation/Translation Facility, and should be prioritised as ‘associates’ or ‘partners’ for future CSD initiatives at CSD project design - future project fiches can propose that these organisations can be aided in their development by being partners or associates of CSD projects, but not as principal beneficiaries.
- ii. Sectors which have performed well but have been less represented include: Agriculture and Rural Development, Food Safety and Fisheries; Culture & Arts; Environment; Consumer Protection; Information Society & Media; Justice, Freedom & Security. These are recommended for future investments.
- iii. The promotion of the grant schemes before/during call for proposals are launched need to invest into development of creative and genuine project ideas. It has been observed under CSD-2 that although grant themes could have been explored in many innovative ways, successful applications were remotely innovative and lagged a new perspective in their area.
- iv. The program should have visibility activities both in a member state and in Turkey (e.g. opening/launch events) Location of event matters in terms of outreach to immediate public.
- v. CSD-I and CSD-II have focused on creating a critical capacity at the beneficiary to manage grant projects while promotion of CSD as a whole has been a secondary priority. This situation should be redressed in the future and the TA component can be better used to raise awareness about the importance of CSD and promote the opportunities offered by the Dialogue and by the project.
- vi. The CSD program focuses on creating a public opinion in EU and Turkey at large with a view to support Turkey’s accession to the EU. Although statistics are available to a lesser extent for Turkey, lack of recent quantitative data makes it impossible to measure the change at global objective level. Therefore, results and indicators and activities to attain these are being identified with secondary data. While changes achieved with modest programs as CSD will not be easily visible in thorough studies, need for recent data is important if the general topic falls within CSD objectives.

Implementation of the Grant Schemes

- i. Web-based Monitoring Information System (MIS) facilitates the communication and implementation of projects
- ii. The MIS must also be standard for all grant programmes covering the CFCU, OS and implementing agencies with different levels of access. The OS have been implementing grant schemes from which CSOs or broadly interpreted actors forming CSOs (municipalities, local administrations, chambers) benefit. The MIS should be fed with the data that originate at the CFCU during the application and evaluation stages, continue with the implementation to be finalized with final payments. This would enable the EUD, CFCU, the Turkish Treasury as well as the OS and the implementing agencies to better assess the effectiveness of the projects and programmes and make future plans accordingly.

- iii. The implementation rules and procedures of Contracting Authority cause confusion for partners from the EU. A simple guidance note on key issues will help in clarity.
- iv. The evaluation of Interpretation and Translation Facility under CSD-I and Micro-Grant Scheme launched under CSD-II has proved to be an effective mechanism for promoting catalysts for dialogue, building networks, establishing theoretical foundations of future partnerships, exchange of information in EU Acquis.
- v. Same analysis would be valid for the grant management training materials which have been achieved to an extent of standardization in PCM and grant application trainings.
- vi. In order to reach expert levels at the end of the project, the staff allocated to grant project implementation by the beneficiary (PMU) must solely be involved in grant management. A specialization among the department staff may be possible, i.e., instead of 10 part time staff 3 fully committed staff would serve this purpose. The newly recruited staff to the PMU has rid the MEU from difficulties in terms of critical institutional capacity, therefore, CSD-2 TAT services has laid the basis for start of building an endurable accumulation of know-how. This would make the MEU less dependent on TAT in certain activities, if not all.
- vii. Although MEU is a programming and coordination body, the PMU should develop its capacity in running similar TAs and only opt for service contracts where large number of grant contracts or numerous grant schemes make it impossible to run the program with 3 or so in-house staff. The TAs should focus on areas where special expertise is required not existing within the MEU (implementation of large scale publicity and media plans)

4. Indicative Budget (amounts in EUR) –

			SOURCES OF FUNDING										
			TOTAL EXP.RE	TOTAL PUBLIC EXP.RE	IPA COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION		NATIONAL PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION					PRIVATE CONTRIBUTION (4)	
ACTIVITIES	IB (1)	INV (1)	EUR (a)=(b)+(e)	EUR (b)=(c)+(d)	EUR (c)	% (2)	Total EUR (d)=(x)+(y)+(z)	% (2)	Central EUR (x)	Regional/Local EUR (y)	IFIs EUR (z)	EUR (e)	% (3)
Grant Scheme	x		9 778 000	9 778 000	8 800 000	90	978 000	10	978 000	-	-	-	-
Micro Grant Scheme	x		1 000 000	1 000 000	900 000	90	100 000	10	100 000	-	-	-	-
TAT	x		1 000 000	1 000 000	900 000	90	100 000	10	100 000	-	-	-	-
TOTAL IB			11 778 000	11 778 000	10 600 000		1 178 000	10	1 178 000	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INV			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL PROJECT			11 778 000	11 778 000	10 600 000		1 178 000		1 178 000	-	-	-	-

(1) In the Activity row use "X" to identify whether IB or INV

(2) Expressed in % of the **Public** Expenditure (column (b))

(3) Expressed in % of the **Total** Expenditure (column (a))

(4) In Activity 1 and 2, it is requested 10% private contribution from the grant beneficiaries.

5. Indicative Implementation Schedule (periods broken down per quarter)

Contracts	Start of Tendering	Signature of contract	Project Completion
Grant Scheme	2Q2013	1Q2014	2Q2015
Micro Grant Scheme	1Q2013	1-2-3-4Q2013	4Q2014
Service Contract	2Q2013	1Q 2014	2Q2015

Grant Schemes: (Activities 1) - 15 Months

- Start of Call for proposals: May 2013
- Start of Contract of Grants: March 2014
- Start of Project Activity: March 2014
- Completion of Activities: June 2015

Micro Grant Scheme: (Activity 2)

- Start of Call for proposals: January 2013
- Applications will be accepted on rolling basis and evaluated quarterly basis through 2013 and 2014, within limits of available budget, before the event, but not later than deadline which will be determined in the guidelines.
- Completion of Activities: December 2014

TAT (Service Contract): 18 Months

- Start of Tendering: May 2013
- Start of Contract : January 2014
- Start of Project Activity: January 2014
- Completion of Activities: June 2015

6. Cross cutting issues (where applicable)

6.1 Equal Opportunity

Equal participation of women and men will be secured through appropriate information and publicity material, in the design of projects and access to the opportunities they offer. An appropriate men/women balance will be sought on all the managing bodies and activities of the programme and its projects, and importance will be given to gender balance during all stages of project preparation, contracting and implementation.

Promotion of gender equality and equal opportunities shall be considered when preparing guidelines for applicants for calls for proposals. Based on these, the members of the evaluation committees must consider the promotion of gender equality and equal opportunities in project proposals. The selection criteria for the grant scheme will favour projects that demonstrate a positive impact on equal opportunities. Appropriate guidance will be included in guidelines to applicants and on Grant scheme manuals. All contractors shall be requested to provide monitoring data recording the participation of men and women in terms of expert inputs (in days) and of trainees/beneficiaries benefiting under the project (in days) as an integral component of all project progress reports.

6.2 Environment

Under Grant Scheme to Strengthen the Civil Society Dialogue in the fields of EU Acquis, Environment (especially Nature Conservation and Climate Changes and its implications) is a priority theme. Partnerships and networks between Turkish civil society organizations and European

counterparts to initiate a dialogue and to exchange knowledge and information on environmental issues will serve raising sensitivity and awareness on environment in public. Beside, Turkish civil society organizations initiating a dialogue with the European counterpart concerning environmental issues could become more effective during the law making process on environment.

Taking the importance of the environment into consideration, during the evaluation stage of the grant scheme, project proposals in all sectors that take into consideration the impact of the proposed action on the environment could be given priority to be financed.

6.3 Minorities and vulnerable groups

According to the Turkish Constitutional System, the word minority encompasses only groups of persons defined and recognized as such on the basis of multilateral or bilateral instruments to which Turkey is a party.

6.4 Civil Society/Stakeholder involvement

The views and suggestions of the CSOs expressed at various platforms such as the meetings with the representatives of the different CSOs, during implementation of previous CSD projects for Agriculture and Fisheries Component which are potential beneficiaries of following programs or possible associates or partners. For Environment and Energy, consultations were made with stakeholders and potential beneficiaries. In other words, the priorities have come out of the needs expressed by the CSOs. Further consultation with the CSOs will be possible during preparation of the guidelines and during implementation of the project through the steering committee of the project (please see Annex-3).

ANNEXES

- 1- Log frame in Standard Format
- 2- Amounts contracted and Disbursed per Quarter over the full duration of Programme
- 3- Description of Institutional Framework
- 4 - Reference to laws, regulations and strategic documents:
 - Reference list of relevant laws and regulations
 - Reference to AP /NPAA / EP / SAA/ Progress report
 - Reference to MIPD
 - Reference to National Development Plan
 - Reference to sector strategies and national / sector investment plans
- 5- Details per EU funded contract (*) where applicable:
 - For TA contracts: outputs expected from the contractor and indicative budget breakdown
 - For twinning contracts: main components and activities foreseen, indicative budget breakdown, profile of the MS project leader, resident twinning advisor and key short term experts as well as name and position of the project leader of the BC

For grants schemes: components of the scheme, eligible target group and activities (in case of direct grants, justification for selection of grant beneficiary without call for proposal)

For supply contracts: reference to feasibility study as well as indicative list of items, cost estimate, intended beneficiary, indication on how detailed technical specifications will be prepared, provisions for maintenance + section to be filled in on investment criteria (**)

For works contracts: reference to feasibility study for the construction works, identification of the site, indicative list of works to be completed and cost estimate, indication on how technical specifications will be prepared, provisions for maintenance as well as a section on investment criteria (**); account of services to be carried out for the service part of the contract

(*) non standard aspects (in case of derogation to PRAG) also to be specified

(**) section on investment criteria (applicable to all supply and works contracts):

- Rate of return
- Co financing
- compliance with state aids provisions
- Ownership of assets (current and after project completion)

LOGFRAME PLANNING MATRIX FOR Project Fiche		Programme name and number: Civil Society Dialogue between EU and Turkey-IV - TR2011-0235.15	
		Contracting period expires 2 years after the signature of FA.	Disbursement period expires 1 year after the end date for the execution of contracts
		Total budget :€11.778.000	IPA budget: € 10.600.000
Overall objective	Objectively verifiable indicators	Sources of Verification	
High level of mutual understanding between all sectors of civil society in Turkey and in the EU Member States, including the implications of Turkish EU membership.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased and improved dialogue between the EU and Turkish civil society - Improved understanding of the issues and increased acceptance for Turkish accession 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EC Regular Report Ex-post evaluation report of the grant schemes Public opinion polls Eurobarometer CIVICUS report 	
Project purpose	Objectively verifiable indicators	Sources of Verification	Assumptions
Purpose of the project is to establish strong links and a high level of cooperation between civil society in Turkey and the EU Member States civil society dialogue in the selected areas of EU acquis where civil society dialogue is particularly valuable for Turkey's successful accession to the EU.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Established links and cooperation among CSOs between Turkey and EU member states in the selected areas of the aquis - Enhanced dialogue between associations, foundations, Universities (only research centres and think tanks), 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular Reports - Monitoring Reports - CIVICUS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interest of applicants and partners for effective collaboration - Adequate interest shown by stakeholders to the call for proposals

	professional organizations (including Bars, Trade Unions etc.) and local administrations		
Results	Objectively verifiable indicators	Sources of Verification	Assumptions
<p><u>R1:</u> Enhanced capacity of CSOs to dialogue, network and cooperate with their counterparts in Turkey and in the EU and an increased contribution to the EU accession related reform process in Turkey</p> <p><u>R2:</u> Strengthen the network of Turkish and EU civil organizations that actively pursue cooperation, including through small actions and exchanges.</p>	<p>R1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At least 65 projects and 125 micro-projects have been funded - At least 10 partnerships with EU partner being the “grant beneficiary”, - At least 500 applications under the grant scheme to Strengthen the Civil Society Dialogue in the fields of EU Acquis submitted - At least 250 joint actions and initiatives, policy research documents drafted (papers, briefs, web portals and/or knowledge communities, etc.) by grant beneficiaries over the project implementation period, - At least 30% of grant beneficiaries produce papers/publications/web portals/knowledge platforms etc. which directly address policy issues within Turkey’s NPAA by the end of the Project, - At least 100.000 Turkish citizens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular Reports - Monitoring Reports - Call for proposal assessment report, Grant contracts - Interim and final evaluation reports - MIS report - Evaluation committee report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interest of applicants and partners for effective collaboration - Sufficient quality of tenders - Tenders are timely contracted

reached through the awareness raising activities; over the project implementation period,

- At least 20.000 EU citizens reached through the awareness raising activities; over the project implementation period,
- At least 90 % of Turkish citizens who have participated in past and ongoing CSD programmes and events agree that they are well-informed on the EU integration process;
- At least 90% of EU27 citizens who have participated in any of the CSD project activities and events agree that they are well-informed on Turkey's accession process;

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R2:

- At least 50 joint actions and new partnerships established between Turkish CSOs and their counterparts from the EU, as evidenced by signed agreements (MoUs, Partnership Agreements, Declaration of Intention etc)
- At least 250 joint actions, seminars, demarches, webpage by grant

	beneficiaries over the project implementation period.		
Activities	Means	Costs	Assumptions
<p>Grant Scheme to Strengthen the Civil Society Dialogue in the fields of EU Acquis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishment of new partnerships and networks between Associations and Foundations, Universities (only research centres and think tanks), professional organizations (including Trade Unions etc.), development agencies, local administrations and other relevant civil society organisations from EU and Turkey - Development of common projects on environment, energy, consumer and health protection, justice, freedom and Security, right of establishment and freedom to provide services, regional policy and coordination of structural instruments, enterprise and industrial policy, agriculture and rural development, food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary, fisheries and education. - Exchange of know-how and good practice on acquis related fields identified as priority under this 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PMU in MEU - TA to support MEU - Grant Scheme and grant beneficiaries 	A budget of € 11.778.000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Efficient project administration - Willingness of grant beneficiaries to develop sustainable and effective cooperation

<p>project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish a dialogue, to exchange knowledge and information <p>Micro Grant Schemes for Participation CSO events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Awareness raising in future implications of Turkey's membership to EU, both in Turkey and EU - Promotion/public relations and networking of CSOs in Turkey with their counterparts in EU or candidate countries to promote their activities - Establish start-up works for the CSOs to initiate communication, future partnership and participate in complementary activities such as meetings, workshops, researches or seminars. 			
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ANNEX II: amounts (in €) Contracted and disbursed by quarter for the project (IPA Contribution only)

Contracted	IV/2012	I/2013	II/2013	III/2013	IV/2013	I/2014	II/2014	III/2014	IV/2014	I/2015	II/2015	III/2015	IV/2015	I/2016	II/2016	check
Tech. Assistance						900.000										900.000
Grant Contracts						8.800.000										8.800.000
Micro Grant Scheme		324.000	288.000	288.000												900.000
Cumulated		324.000	612.000	900.000	900.000	10.600.000	10.600.000	10.600.000	10.600.000	10.600.000	10.600.000	10.600.000	10.600.000	10.600.000	10.600.000	10.600.000
Disbursed																
Tech. Assistance						270.000		270.000		270.000		90.000				900.000
Grant Contracts						7.040.000					1.760.000					8.800.000
Micro Grant Scheme			259.200	230.400	230.400	122.400	57.600									900.000
Cumulated			259.200	489.600	720.000	8.152.400	8.210.000	8.480.000	8.480.000	8.750.000	10.510.000	10.600.000	10.600.000	10.600.000	10.600.000	10.600.000

