

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS

of the European Union, represented by the European Commission

1. Basic act and Financing source

- Ø **Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006** of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI)¹

Budget line 19 08 01 03

- Ø **Regulation (EC) No 1889/2006** of 20 December 2006 (OJ L 386 of 29.12.2006), EIDHR Strategy paper 2007 -2010, EIDHR CBSS 2010 Annual Action Programme (AAP)

Budget line: 19.04.01

2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2011 and expected results

Non-state Actors and Local Authorities programme for the Baltic Sea Region within the framework of priorities of the Northern Dimension²

Support to cooperation with Russia in areas laid out in the Action Plan for the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region. The action will provide support to stakeholders, in particular to non-state actors and local authorities to enable them to participate effectively in addressing common challenges (disparities in regional development, inadequate quality of life, demographic crisis, energy efficiency, etc.) and exploiting common opportunities (high education levels, natural resources, open societies, etc.) of the Baltic Sea Region, including the priorities of the Northern Dimension.

European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)

Strengthening the role of civil society in promoting human rights, including social rights, and democratic reform, in supporting the peaceful conciliation of group interests and in consolidating political participation and representation

European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument Action Programme 2010 for Russia, EU Centres

To identify and select three (3) universities or consortia of universities established in Russia, in three (3) different regions ("subject of the federation"), outside Moscow and Moscow region, with proven experience of teaching and /or carrying out research activities in matters related to the EU, its integration process, institutions and policies; willing to establish EU Centres and

¹ OJEU L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1

² Programme implementation is subject to adoption of the relevant financing decision

capable of demonstrating strong commitment to establish EU Centres that fits into the institutional framework and budget of the university/ -ties.

3. Eligibility conditions

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Potential applicants and partners must be non-state actors and local authorities registered in Russia or in the Member States of the European Union, or in the EU Candidate Countries or in the countries of the European Economic Area .

The Applicant and the Partner(s) must form a partnership consisting of: at least two organisations from at least two Member States of the European Union and at least one organisation from the Russian Federation.

European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)

Potential applicants and partners must be legal entities, non-governmental and non -profit-making organisations officially registered in Russia or in the Member States of the European Union, or in the EU Candidate Countries or in the countries of the European Economic Area .

When the applicant is an organisation from Member States of the European Union or from EU Candidate Countries or from the countries of the European Economic Area , partnership with Russian NGO (s) is compulsory.

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Potential applicants and partners must be legal entities, higher education institutions (academies, institutes, universities), officially registered in the Russian Federation providing higher education leading to a qualification recognised by the competent authorities of the RF.

4. Selection and award criteria

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5. Maximum rate of European Union financing

Non-state Actors and Local Authorities programme for the Baltic Sea Region within the framework of priorities of the Northern Dimension

min amount: 200,000, max amount: 500,000 EUR
min EU contribution: 50%, max EU contribution: 80%

European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)

min amount: 50,000, max amount: 300,000 EUR (estimated)
min EU contribution: 50%, max EU contribution: 95%

European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument Action Programme 2010 for Russia, EU Centres

min amount: 450,000, max amount: 500,000 EUR
min EU contribution: 50%, max EU contribution: 80%

6. Schedule of calls for proposals

Call under *Non-state Actors and Local Authorities programme for the Baltic Sea Region within the framework of priorities of the Northern Dimension* will be launched mid January 2011.

Call under *European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)* will be launched mid February 2011.

Call under *European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument Action Programme 2010 for Russia, EU Centres* will be launched at the end of February 2011.

7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals

Non-state Actors and Local Authorities programme for the Baltic Sea Region within the framework of priorities of the Northern Dimension : 3.5 mln EUR

European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) : 3 mln EUR

European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument Action Programme 2010 for Russia, EU Centres: 1.5 mln EUR