

**WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS**  
**of Delegation of the European Union to the State of Israel**  
**for European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights – Israel**

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

European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (Decisions 2014 and 2015)

Budget line: BGUE-B2014-21.040100-C1-DEVCO

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

The objectives of the EIDHR are to contribute to the development and consolidation of democracy and the rule of law and respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms within the framework of the European Union's policy on development cooperation and economic, financial and technical cooperation with third countries, consistent with the European Union's foreign policy as a whole.

This instrument is designed to help civil society to become an effective force for the defence of human rights. The EIDHR offers independence of action, which is a critical feature of cooperation with civil society organisations at national level, especially in the sensitive areas of democracy and human rights. The instrument in Israel is implemented through a Call for Proposals, and the decisions regarding funding are made solely on technical quality of projects and on their conformity with administrative and financial provisions.

The implementation of the programme in Israel further contributes to the priorities identified in the European Neighbourhood Policy Action Plan jointly agreed by EU and the State of Israel<sup>1</sup> in 2005, which foresees:

- Respect and promotion of rights of people belonging to minorities;
- Respect for human rights and international humanitarian law;
- Fight against racism, xenophobia, and anti-Semitism;
- Promotion of gender equality and women's rights.

The **global objective** of the intended Call for Proposals is to contribute to promotion of respect for human rights in line with international and domestic standards and obligations and to the reinforcement of an enabling environment for civil society organisations.

The expected results are the support of projects which will contribute to these objectives, through the attributions of grant contracts.

**3. Eligibility conditions**

In order to be eligible for a grant, the applicant must:

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<sup>1</sup> Available at: [http://ec.europa.eu/world/enp/partners/enp\\_israel\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/world/enp/partners/enp_israel_en.htm).

- be a legal person **and**
- be non-profit-making **and**
- be a specific type of organisation such as:
  - a) civil society organisations, including non-governmental non-profit organisations and independent political foundations, community based organisations, and private sector non-profit agencies, institutions and organisations, and networks thereof at local, national, regional and international level;
  - b) public sector non-profit agencies, institutions and organisations and networks at local, national, regional, and international level;
- be established in a Member State of the European Union or in Israel<sup>2</sup>; **and**
- be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.

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

The evaluation will be carried out in accordance with the procedures set out in the Practical Guide.

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

Any grant requested under the intended Call for Proposals must fall between the following minimum and maximum amounts:

- minimum amount: €150,000
- maximum amount: €275,000

Any grant requested under the intended Call for Proposals must fall between the following minimum and maximum percentages of total eligible costs of the action:

- Minimum percentage: 50 % of the total eligible costs of the action.
- Any grant requested under this Call for Proposals must further be limited to 95 % of the estimated total accepted costs

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

November 2014

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

2.4 Million EUR (with suspensive clause for the use of 2015 funds).

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<sup>2</sup> The eligibility criteria formulated in Commission Notice Nr. 2013/C-205/05 (OJEU C-205 of 19.07.2013) shall apply to the intended call for proposals.