



## **WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS 2015**

### **of the European Union for Afghanistan**

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

- i) Regulation (EU) No 233/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014-2020,
- ii) Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action,
- iii) Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002

Budget line: 21.02.08.03

Decision: DCI-NSAPVD/2014/37 625

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

The overall objective of this Call for Proposals is to support development actions, to be implemented by civil society organisations (CSOs) in close cooperation with the local communities and the most vulnerable population groups, aiming at overcoming challenges of poverty, widening inequalities, social exclusion and unsustainable development.

The **specific objectives** of this Call for Proposals are:

- 1) Developing and promoting a conducive environment for CSOs in Afghanistan as a pre-condition for a more transparent and accountable governance system.
- 2) Promoting a meaningful and structured participation of CSOs in Afghan policies, in the EU programming cycle and in international processes.
- 3) Increasing the local CSOs capacity to perform their roles as independent development actors more effectively.

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

- be legal persons **and**
- be non profit making **and**
- belong to one of the categories:

- (i) 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;
  - (ii) public sector non-profit agencies, institutions and organisations and networks at local and national level<sup>1</sup>; **and**
- be established in (nationals<sup>2</sup> of) Afghanistan, a Member State of the European Union, an accession or official candidate country as recognised by the EU or a Member State of the European Economic Area or an eligible nation as per articles 8 and 9 of Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 (Common Implementing Regulation), this obligation does not apply to international organisations **and**
  - be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with their partners, not acting as an intermediary.
  - potential applicants may not participate in calls for proposals or be awarded grants if they are in any of the situations which are listed in Section 2.3.3 of the Practical Guide to contract procedures for EU external actions (available from the following Internet address: [http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/procedures/implementation/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/procedures/implementation/index_en.htm));

#### **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**

Up to 100 %

#### **6. Indicative time-schedule of the call for proposals**

Second trimester of 2015.

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

The indicative total amount for this call for proposals is foreseen to be EUR 2 000 000.

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<sup>1</sup> National public-sector institutions include National Human Rights Institutions

<sup>2</sup> Such nationality being determined on the basis of the organisation's statutes which should demonstrate that it has been established by an instrument governed by the national law of the country concerned. In this respect, any legal entity whose statutes have been established in another country cannot be considered an eligible local organisation, even if the statutes are registered locally or a "Memorandum of Understanding" has been concluded.