WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS
OF THE EUROPEAN UNION TO LAOS
For CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN
DEVELOPMENT IN COUNTRY INTERVENTIONS: LAOS

1. Basic act and/or Financing source
The legal basis for activities funded under the Civil Society Organisations and Local Authorities Thematic Programme is provided by DCI Regulation (EC) No 233/2014.

This action will be financed by budget lines 21 02 08 01 (Civil Society Organisations) and 21 02 08 02 (Local Authority).

2. Objectives of the programme and type of action for 2015
The global objective of this Call for Proposals is to strengthen the capacity of Lao civil society organisations (CSOs) and local authorities (LAs) to contribute to the achievement of national development goals in Lao PDR.

The specific objectives of this Call for Proposals are:
- To improve technical, operational and management capacities of Lao CSOs and LAs promoting the interest of the most marginalised and vulnerable groups in Lao PDR and/or delivering basic services to these groups;
- To create platforms for dialogue and cooperation between Lao CSOs and LAs and other stakeholders in specific sectors.

The type of actions envisaged are:
- Actions focusing on improved management and operational capacity of Lao CSOs and/or LA.
- Actions focusing on improved technical capacity of Lao CSOs and/or LA in thematic areas of intervention of the benefiting organisations.
- Actions focusing support to networking, platforms and peer-to-peer exchange.

3. Eligibility conditions
Eligible applicants are CSOs and LAs legally registered in Laos, a Member State of the European Union and the European Economic Area (EEA)\(^1\). International Organisations are not eligible to this CSO-LA Call for Proposals\(^2\).

For the allocation CSOs (3.6 M€), the main applicant must be a CSO.

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\(^1\) The European Economic Area (EEA) includes the EU Member States and the three EEA EFTA States (Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway).

\(^2\) As per the Rules of application of the EU Financial Regulation, 'international organisation' means an international public-sector organisation set up by intergovernmental agreement, and specialised agencies set up by such organisations - these organisations may have worldwide or regional scope. Organisations created under national law are not international organisations (e.g. a national NGO with several regional or country offices).
For the allocation LA (0.6 M€), the main applicant must be a LA.

The eligibility details will be further specified in the Guidelines for Grant Applicants.

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

Maximum rate of Community financing to the total eligible costs of the action are foreseen to be as follows:

For proposals submitted with a main applicants legally registered in Laos, the maximum percentage is 90% of the total eligible costs of the action.

For proposals submitted with a main applicants legally registered in a Member State of the European Union or EEA countries, the maximum percentage is 75% of the total eligible costs of the action.

The balance must be financed from the applicants’ or partners’ own resources, or from sources other than the European Community budget.

6. Indicative time-schedule of calls for proposals

The call for proposals is foreseen to be launched August/September 2015.

7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals

The overall indicative amount made available under this Call for Proposals will be EUR 4 200 000 under the 2015 allocation.

- CSO – budget line 21 02 08 01: EUR 3 600 000
- LA – budget line 21 02 08 02: EUR 600 000

The financial allocation will be confirmed in the Guidelines for grant applicants.

The Contracting Authority reserves the right not to award all available funds, which results from the CSO LA budgets for the allocation 2015 (EUR 4 200 000) – subject to the decision of the Budgetary Authority and the subsequent approval of the 2015 annual action programme by the European Commission.