

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS
of European Union Delegation in South Africa
of the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)
Country Based Support Scheme (CBSS) - South Africa

1. Basic Act and Financing Source

Regulation (EC) No 1889/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council 20 December 2006 on establishing a financing instrument for the promotion of Democracy and Human Rights worldwide (OJ L 386, 29.12.2006, p.1), 2008 Annual Action Programme.

Budget Line: 19.04.01-European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)

2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2010 and expected results

The general objective is to contribute to Objective 2 of the EIDHR Strategy Paper "Strengthening the role of civil society in promoting human rights and democratic reform, in supporting the peaceful conciliation of group interests and in consolidating political participation and representation."

Within this general aim, the priority issues are:

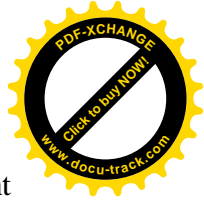
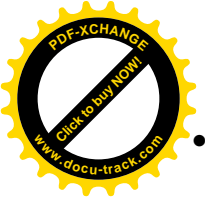
Actions enhancing political representation and participation, including the empowerment of women and other underrepresented groups such as indigenous peoples, and responsiveness and accountability, by means of initiatives by civil society in dialogue with "political society" e.g. with political parties, groups of parliamentarians or legislative bodies.

3. Eligibility conditions

The general eligibility conditions are defined in Article 10 of Regulation (CE) 1889/2006. Specific eligibility conditions are defined in the guidelines of each call for proposals in regard to the objectives of the actions, in conformity with Article 14.4 of Regulation (CE) 1889/2006.

The following conditions apply to applicants:

- be legal persons **and**
- be non profit making **and**



- belong to one of the following categories¹.
 - i. Civil society organisations, including non-governmental organisations² and independent political foundations, community based organisations, and private sector agencies, institutions and organisations and networks thereof at local, national, regional and international level;
 - ii. Public sector agencies, institutions and organisations and networks at local, national, regional and international level;
 - iii. International and regional inter-governmental organisations as defined in Article 43 of the Implementing Rules of the EC Financial Regulation³ **and**
- be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with their partners, not acting as an intermediary.

Actors will be primarily civil society organisations with no a priori geographical restrictions. Given the nature of the objectives, however, it is expected that the focus will be on in-country civil society organisations, which may wish to cooperate with regional, European-based or other organisations and national public-sector institutions. Projects will preferably be based on partnerships of civil society organisations or, where justified, may require the close involvement of a range of in-country organisations and stakeholders. In order to reach out to under-represented groups, civil society organisations will be encouraged to team up with community-based organisations and other representative structures of such groups. Civil society organisations include independent political foundations. National parliamentary bodies are included as eligible partners when this is necessary to achieve the objectives of the EIDHR.

4. Selection and award criteria

The evaluation will be carried out in accordance with the procedures set out in the Practical Guide to contract procedures for EC external actions

5. Maximum rate of European Union financing

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

¹ Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1889/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on Establishing a Financing Instrument for the Promotion of Democracy and Human Rights worldwide.

² i.e. Not a state, national or international governmental institution or organisation or an organisation effectively controlled by such an institution will depend on the extent to which such an applicant can demonstrate that it is independent of the state as regards decision-making, budgetary control and the appointment of staff (including members of its controlling body).

³ Commission Regulation No. 2342/2002, as amended by Commission Regulation No 478/2007: international organisations are international public sector organisations set up by intergovernmental agreements, and specialised agencies set up by such organisations; the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the International Federation of National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies are also recognised as international organisations. (http://ec.europa.eu/budget/documents/implement_control_en.htm).



- Minimum amount: EUR 100,000
- Maximum amount: EUR 200,000



A grant may not be for less than 50% of the total eligible costs of the action. In addition, no grant may exceed 95% of the total eligible costs of the action. The balance must be financed from the applicant's or partners' own resources, or from sources other than the European Community budget or European Development Fund.

6. Schedule of calls for proposals

The Call for Proposals will be launched in May / June 2010.

7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals

EUR 600,000