

WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS 2015

of the European Union represented by the European Commission, Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI), Unit 2

for the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace – Conflict prevention, peace-building and crisis preparedness component (Article 4)

I. "Support to In-country Civil Society actors in conflict prevention, peace-building and crisis preparedness"

1. Basic act and/or Financing source

- Regulation EU No 230/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace. OJ L77, 15.3.2014, p.1
- Annual Action Programme 2015 for the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace - Conflict prevention, peace-building and crisis preparedness component. C(2015) 3453, Annexe 1.
- Budget Line: 19.0202

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

The objective of the programme is to support in-country civil society actors globally in their endeavours to prevent conflicts, respond to crises and build peace. Through Calls for Proposals managed by EU Delegations or award of direct grants¹, it is envisaged to support actions implemented by in-country civil society actors to strengthen their institutional, operational and networking capacity in 4 priority areas relating to both long-term and short-term conflict prevention and peacebuilding: Youth affected by conflict/young people as agents for peace; Children affected by conflict; Women Peace and Security/gender budgeting; Reducing electoral violence.

The following five EU Delegations have been provisionally identified to manage these calls: Bangladesh, Burundi, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo and Kyrgyzstan.

The following results are expected from the above-mentioned calls for proposals: a) Strengthened institutional and operational capacity of civil society actors with regard to the four priority areas mentioned above; b) Improved in-country civil society actors networking and advocacy skills, including increased civil society involvement in the four priority areas; c) Established or enhanced dialogue between civil society actors and local, national, regional or international institutions on subjects related to the four priority areas.

3. Eligibility conditions

The call for proposals to be launched by the EU Delegations will be established in accordance with the rules and principles set out in Financial Regulation (Art. 132 (1) and (2)) and its Rules of Application (Art. 202 and Art. 203).

The call for proposals are open to civil society actors as defined in Article 1.3 of Regulation No 230/2014. Calls for Proposals may have a national or regional scope.

¹ In duly justified and exceptional cases falling under Article 190 of RAP, grants may be awarded without Calls for proposals.

The specific eligibility conditions will be established in the Guidelines for Applicants related to each respective call for proposals.

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

The maximum possible rate of co-financing for grants under these calls is 80% of the eligible costs of the action. The maximum possible rate of co-financing may be up to 100 % in accordance with Articles 192 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 if full funding is essential for the action to be carried out and duly justified.

6. Indicative time-schedule of calls for proposals

Local calls for proposals are expected to be published as from the last quarter of 2015.

7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals

The total amount available under this programme is EUR 9.300.000² to be distributed indicatively as follows³:

Countries	Indicative financial allocations (in EUR thousands)
Bangladesh	1,000
Burundi	1,300
Colombia	2,500
DRC	2,500
Kyrgyzstan	2,000

² Up to 3% of this amount may be dedicated to support measures related to the launch and management of the sub-delegated Call for Proposals.

³ This table gives an indicative list of countries and financial allocations based on preliminary consultations between FPI and EU Delegations.

II. Enhancing EU's early warning capacities by bridging the warning-response gap

1. Basic act and/or Financing source

- Regulation EU No 230/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace. OJ L77, 15.3.2014, p.1
- Annual Action Programme 2015 for the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace - Conflict prevention, peace-building and crisis preparedness component. C(2015) 3453, Annexe 2.
- Budget Line: 19.0202

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

The objective of the programme is to enhance the European Union's conflict prevention capacities by enabling policy-making actors across the EU to identify and act upon conflict risks before they lead to violence.

Through a Call for Proposals to be launched by FPI2 it is envisaged to support actions aimed to i) increase local and global awareness of conflict risks and mainstream conflict sensitive approaches into policy-making; ii) provide EU policy-makers with access to targeted, up-to date independent field-based political analysis and early warning information on a global scale; iii) support the development and channelling of targeted and timely actionable policy recommendations for conflict prevention and early response into relevant EU policy-making.

3. Eligibility conditions

In order to be eligible for a grant, applicants must be legal persons and be non-profit making 'civil society actors' as defined in Article 1.3 of the IcSP Regulation No 230/2014. Additional eligibility conditions will be defined in the Guidelines for Applicants of the related call for proposals.

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

The maximum possible rate of co-financing for grants under this call is 80% of the eligible costs of the action. In accordance with Articles 192 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, if full funding is essential for the action to be carried out, the maximum possible rate of co-financing may be increased up to 100%.

6. Indicative time-schedule of calls for proposals

First trimester of 2016.

7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals

The total amount available under this programme is EUR 2.500.000.