1. Basic Information

1.2. Title: Strengthening freedom of association for further development of civil society

1.3. Sector: Civil Society

1.4. Location: Turkey

1.5. Duration: 2 years

2. Objectives

2.1. Overall objective:

Enhanced participatory democracy through strengthened NGOs.

2.2. Project purpose:

The purpose of the project is to enhance development of NGOs and their capacity for networking, voluntary work, national and international dialogue in Turkey during the EU accession process through institutional capacity building and grant schemes.

2.3. Accession Partnership and NPAA Priority

Enhancement of freedom of association and development of civil society have been important elements in the Accession Partnership (2003) and the National Programme for the Adoption of the Acquis and the Strategy Paper 2003.

1. Accession Partnership Turkey 2003

“Pursue and implement reforms concerning freedom of association and peaceful assembly. Lift legal restrictions in line with the European Convention on Human Rights, in particular on both foreign and national associations, including trade unions (Articles 11, 17 and 18). Encourage the development of civil society.

2. National Programme for the Adoption of the Acquis

“Freedom of association, Right to Peaceful Assembly and Civil Society

The Government will continue to support the development of the civil society and its participation in democratic life. In this vein, the relevant legislation will continue to be reviewed in the light of the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, especially with regard to compliance with the letter and spirit of Articles 11, 17 and 18.
In this respect,

- Legislation concerning associations as well as meetings and demonstrations will be reviewed. Provisions in various legislation will be collected into as few laws as possible to provide consistency.

- The legislative and administrative reforms concerning associations, foundations, meetings, and demonstration marches will be implemented effectively.”

### 2.4. Contribution to National Development Plan

References and significance of NGOs in the “Preliminary National Development Plan (2004-2006)” is evident especially in relation to participation in local and regional decision-making and strengthening local initiatives in rural development.

The NDP states: “Work on draft Public Administration Basic Law containing, inter alia, delegation of powers to local administrations, draft laws related to local administrations and draft Law on the Establishment of Regional Development Agencies are being carried on...Capacities of local authorities, NGOs, service unions and project implementation units will be improved in line with the EU norms. Especially young population and female labour force will be supported and their knowledge and skills will be improved. Cooperation between universities, education-research institutions and other groups of the society will be supported”.

Under the Rural Development part of the NDP the priorities set are:

“Priority 3. Supporting local initiatives
Small-scale projects carried out by non-profitable NGOs and local administrations in the targeted regions will be supported....”

“Expected results: The encouragement of local development efforts that meet the locally determined needs, and provision of collective services; reinforcement of cooperation among the public authorities, NGOs and universities,...” by support through small projects.

In view of economic and social cohesion, participation in decision-making of grassroots local and regional non-governmental and civil society organizations as part of the stakeholder groups within the framework of a more decentralized administration has been emphasized in the NDP.

This project shall contribute, by improving local institutional and management of NGOs to an increased capacity to take part in decision-making, respond to call for project proposals in this area and enhance collaboration between local authorities, the public and among NGOs.

### 2.5 Cross Border Impact

The project will promote and support dialogue, networking and collaboration between NGOs in Turkey and their counterparts abroad, and more specifically in the EU which will address
to relieve the current lack in cross-border cooperation and communication among NGOs and better integrate NGOs in Turkey to international networks on the regional and EU level.

3. Description

3.1. Background and justification

At the Helsinki European Council of 10 and 11 December 1999, the EU confirmed Turkey as a candidate State destined to join the Union on the basis of same criteria as applied to other candidate States. Building on the existing European Strategy, Turkey would benefit from a pre-accession strategy to stimulate and support its reforms.

The Copenhagen criteria specify that candidate countries must be able to assume the burden of membership. The first criteria states in particular that “membership requires that the candidate state has achieved stability of institutions guaranteeing democracy, the rule of law, human rights and respect for and protection of minorities.” Development of a democratic and healthy working condition for the civil society organisations in Turkey will play a pivotal role in compliance with the above-mentioned criteria.

Turkey has taken significant steps to fulfill the Copenhagen political criteria. In this regard a number of constitutional and legal reforms have been introduced in recent years. In 1997, in parallel with the Constitutional amendments made in 1995 and as a part of the progress towards compliance with the acquis, nearly all harmonization laws with the EU brought about some changes with regard to Associations Law No 2908. Main amendments made with three Harmonization Packages (5th, 6th and 7th) in 2002 (Act numbers 4771 and 4778) and 2003 (Act No 4963) are as follows:

- Procedures and activities of associations have been transferred from security forces to the civil unit, recently established Associations Department under the Ministry of Interior.
- Annual control of associations has been shifted from periodical police control to the declaration system, based on declaration by associations and including general and financial information and activities.
- International activities and representation of associations are not, anymore, subject to the permission.
- Some bans and restrictions concerning aims and activities of associations were lifted.
- Bans towards becoming founders or members of associations were eased.

Despite these reforms aiming at a more favourable environment for the operations of the NGOs, the participation level of the NGOs in all sectors of the democratic life has remained limited. Thus, some initiatives have been launched by several organizations to address this issue.

Within this context the European Commission and the Turkish Government started the MEDA Civil Society Development Programme in 2001 with a view to support the development of civil society in Turkey. Within this programme a service tender was launched and an NGO Support Team was established to operate components of the Local Civic Initiatives and Turkish-Greek Civic Dialogue elements of the programme on November 2002.
These activities were further supported by the call for proposals launched by the EC Representation to Turkey to promote Local Civic Initiatives and Turkish-Greek Civic Dialogue totalling an amount of 1.6 million EUR aiming to support joint projects and initiatives by grassroots organizations in Turkey. Technical assistance and capacity building activities towards NGOs shall come to an end in November 2004 after the termination of the current contract with the NGO Support Team. Therefore, initiatives for the establishment of a Civil Society Development Centre (CSDC) have been launched in April 2004 with support from civil society organisations in diverse regions within Turkey. However, the works for the establishment of the above-mentioned centre have not been finalised and maturated yet.

EUSG as the public institution responsible for coordinating and monitoring internal harmonisation efforts carried out by the Turkish public organizations and agencies with a view to accession to the EU, has taken a leading role in the implementation of such a project to improve the institutional capacity of the NGOs.

3.2. Sectoral rationale

N/A

3.3. Sequencing

This project will be viewed in the context of multi-annual programming. The programme for the years following those covered by this project will have similar objectives complementing and improving on the evaluation, results of the current project.

3.4. Results

Component 1: Capacity building for NGOs

- Institutional and operational capacity of NGOs strengthened
- NGOs have enhanced governance and accountability practices
- Participation of NGOs in decision-making structures, especially on the local level, diversified and improved
- Monitoring and advocacy role of NGOs enhanced, with an improved ability to reflect the concerns and needs of socially, culturally and economically disadvantaged individuals/groups
- Enhanced capacity of NGOs for dialogue, networking and cooperation with their counterparts in Turkey, the EU and Candidate Countries
- Diversified and improved dialogue, collaboration and joint actions through projects with counterparts in the EU

Component 2: Awareness raising for NGOs and the public on civil society

- Increased public awareness on opportunities and advantages to participate in civil society organisations
- Increased voluntary and public participation in NGO activities
- Improved knowledge and access of NGOs to funding opportunities at all levels
Component 3: Micro-grant schemes, grant support for exchanges and administrative costs of NGOs

- Increased joint actions and projects implemented on the local and regional levels

3.5. Activities

Component 1: Capacity Building for NGOs

This component describes the activities of which the beneficiaries will be NGOs throughout Turkey.

Provide a comprehensive training for NGOs covering the different aspects of organizational management and the needs of the civil society sector by implementing the trainings in as many provinces as possible and feasible, in accordance with the programme strategy, with the assistance of a mobile team of trainers,

Develop a variety of training modules to meet the specific needs of local and national NGOs,

Provide facilitation services and assistance to NGO activities in the areas of capacity building, networking, communication, dialogue, domestic and international collaboration etc. (to fair access, services will be based on the basis of transparent and objective criteria).

Component 2: Awareness raising for NGOs and the public on civil society

This component will be implemented through the communication strategy of the EUSG, with the aim of raising awareness about the civil society sector in the NGOs themselves, the media, public authorities and the general public.

- Establish a communication centre and strengthen the communication channels between NGOs active in a specific field of action and communicate information etc. on the NGO sector to public authorities and the national and local media
- Promote the NGO sector through seminars, conferences, assistance to events and publications targeting the NGOs themselves, decision-making and consultative bodies and the public
- Conduct information sessions and relevant publications for the transfer of know-how from sectoral and wider CSOs, their platforms, forums and the like established in the EU to those organisations in Turkey

Component 3: Micro-grant schemes, grant support to exchanges and administrative costs of NGOs

This component will provide financial assistance to NGOs through small-scale projects and covering administrative costs of small, grassroots NGOs all over Turkey.

- In order to promote dialogue and collaboration with counterparts in the EU, organise conferences and seminars, provide general and financial support to study visits, exchanges and attendance of NGO representatives to platforms, meetings and conferences organised
on the EU or regional level (vice versa) selected through objective criteria based on open applications

- Start the first phase of supporting **small-scale individual and joint projects** on the local, domestic and international levels and prepare the related contractual and financial processes
- Provide support to projects covering part of the **administrative costs** of NGOs
- Report to the relevant bodies and institutions mentioned in this fiche about the results

### 3.5 Linked Activities:

“Improving Cooperation Between the NGOs and the Public Sector and Strengthening the NGOs’ Democratic Participation Level” project, which has been programmed in the context of 2003 pre-accession financial assistance and of which the beneficiary is the EUSG, will contribute to this project. Within this context, the information, experience and the increased institutional capacity of the EUSG would facilitate on a concrete basis to the smooth operation of this project.

Donor agencies providing support to NGO projects according to their specific programmes. During last four-five years, private companies also initiated NGO support programmes and campaigns (under the corporate sponsorship) on different field of activities.

British Council: Providing small grants and organizing special courses for NGO capacity building. For example: “Freedom of association within the EU harmonization reform process” project is funded by the British Council for one-year period (2003-2004). This project objective, jointly implemented by British Council and “Helsinki Citizen Assembly”, is to improve the dialog between CSOs and public authorities on freedom of associations issues. Through workshops activities with Turkish CSOs, it intends to identify main problems encountered by associations with the related legislation and proposed solutions. The originality of this project is to put progressively all stakeholders together (including public administration, governmental and local officials, relevant ministries representatives, MP) together to exchanges opinions. This progressive approach aims is to consolidate a consensus on legal issues.

Australian Embassy-Direct Aid Projects (DAP) Committee: Providing grants for NGOs particularly on Poverty alleviation - Community level health - Community level education - Small scale infrastructure - Rural development - Environment is available to individuals, community groups and NGOs engaged in development activities on a not-for-profit basis. DAP is primarily aimed at supporting small-scale development projects/activities. Special attention will be given to the needs of women and children and other needy groups. Eligible activities would normally be implemented over a relatively short period of time and of not more than 1 year.

Denmark/Royal Danish Embassy Ankara: Supporting NGO projects on political criteria focusing on EU, NGO capacity building, training of trainers, etc. Approximately 35.000 Euro for per project is maximum amount of funding.
British Embassy Ankara: Their priority areas for funding include democracy and the rule of law, human rights, strengthening civil society, capacity building for non-governmental organizations, and the environment.

Project proposals should meet as many of the following criteria as possible:

i) Support the development of civil society, and local skills and expertise;
ii) Be sustainable;
iii) Have a ‘multiplier’ effect, that is have a disproportionate wider impact;
iv) Demonstrate a clearly achievable output.

Where possible; projects should:
i) Seek part-funding, including from the private sector, the United Nations, the European Union, academic institutions etc;
ii) Build on or complement other activities supported by the British Embassy or the Social Solidarity Fund Social Risk Mitigation Project (SRMP) of the Prime Ministry (Financed by the World Bank Fight against poverty)

Local Initiatives component of the SRMP project covers %36 of the Turkish population - the target group that is economically vulnerable--according to the Living Standards Assessment; the consumption of approximately 36 percent of the Turkish population is low enough such that this population is at risk to slide into absolute poverty.

The SRMP is strengthening and financing key programs as proposed by provinces, districts, NGOs and the local community, designed to provide enhanced sustainable employment opportunities for the poor, thereby reducing poverty. Such programs and eligibility criteria are:

(i) income-generating sub-projects - Should provide income generation to survive for the poor population and it should be sustainable - Apart from exceptions, project proposals should be group based (group, cooperative, association, foundation etc.) - There should be demand for the products and quantities at the market by the end of the project - Although not compulsory, equity contribution is expected
(ii) employability training (including adult literacy - especially for women), technical and life skills training for unemployed youth - including how to get a job, start a small business) - By the contribution of NGOs operating in this field, support for the employability training for the poor, especially for women and unemployed youth - Sustainability – at the end of trainings, trainees should have the skills to find a job or establish his/her own business

Matra Fund (Bilateral Dutch Assistance): “MATRA programme” in Turkey is funded by Netherlands since Helsinki European Council on 1999, which confirmed Turkey as official EU member state candidate. This programme concentrates on support to the transition towards the reinforcement of good governance, democratic citizenship and civic society. To implement Matra programme, several instruments have been developed: “Matra Small-Scale Embassy Projects Programme” (KAP) support the establishment of small NGOs dealing with areas of legislation, good governance, environment, information, education and media. Matra Projects Programme as “twinning” supports cooperation between Turkish NGOs and Dutch NGOs.
“A Decentralized Facility Targeted to Civil Society in Turkey” project is funded by Denmark. It supports the direct participation of CSOs, NGOs, and professional associations in the promotion of the role of civil society in meeting political Copenhagen criteria.

**World Bank:** “Micro grants for capacity building” is available to CSOs (3,000 US dollars). These small grants aim is to reinforce the internal capacity building of CSOs.

**UNDP-GEF/SGP:** “Global Environment Facility” (GEF) has a small grant programme which provides financial and technical support (including capacity building training courses) to NGOs in environmental areas specifically on biodiversity conservation and international water bodies.

**EC Activities**

Apart from the Local Civic Initiatives and Turkish-Greek Civic Dialogue programmes mentioned in 3.1 of this project fiche, the EU support civil society organisations and its development through several programmes as listed below:

The "European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights" (EIDHR) was created in 1994. Approximately 100 million Euros are available annually to support human rights, democracy and conflict prevention activities worldwide, to be carried out primarily in partnership with NGOs and international organizations. The EIDHR focuses on four themes: democratisation, good governance and the rule of law; abolition of death penalty; fight against torture and impunity and for international tribunals and criminal courts; combat against racism and xenophobia and discrimination against minorities and indigenous people. In addition there is a greater concentration on certain focus countries.

Turkey has become a focus country in 2002, which means that the Commission sets itself the target of supporting Human Rights projects in Turkey for an average of €2 million per year, allocated both to macro-projects, presently managed by EuropeAid in Brussels, and micro-projects. These are administered locally by the Representation of the European Commission to Turkey. The yearly envelope for EIDHR micro-projects in Turkey is €600,000. The aim is to contribute to democracy by providing small-scale financial support for initiatives from grassroots non-governmental and non-profit organisations.

* **Macro-projects:**

EuropeAid supports macro level EIDHR projects through call for proposals. Eight projects targeting Turkey were selected since 2001, in the fields of human rights promotion (3), torture prevention and rehabilitation of victims of torture (3), freedom of expression (1), and improved access to justice (1).

* **Micro-projects:**

**EIDHR**

In 2003, the Representation of the European Commission to Turkey selected 13 projects to be funded under the European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights 2001 Micro-project Programme, for a total of €600,000. The selected projects range from the promotion and protection of human rights, including women and children’s rights as well as rights of disadvantaged groups, to measures to combat discrimination and to preserve and respect
cultural diversity. Project locations include inter alia Istanbul, Ankara, İzmir, Antalya, Van, Trabzon, Diyarbakır, Mersin.

The EC Representation to Turkey officially launched a second open Call for proposals for EIDHR Micro-projects with an envelope of €1,200,000 (to be financed from 2002 and 2003 budgets) end February 2004. Five thematic priorities of equal rank have been identified, namely: Freedom of expression and independent media, Governance, Improved access to justice, Fight against torture and impunity, Protection and respect of cultural diversity. Projects should be selected by July 2004.

A third call for proposals for EIDHR Micro-projects should be issued in 2005.

Reproductive Health Programme
In March 2004, The EC Representation officially launched together with the Ministry of Health a Call for Proposals for the Reproductive Health Programme with an envelop of € 20 million for supporting and strengthening civil society organisations working in partnership with local authorities in implementing advocacy/information, education and communication (IEC) activities with a view to increasing demand and of supply for quality SRH services.

GAP Cultural Heritage Development Programme
In April 2004, the EC Representation together with the GAP Administration officially launched a Call for Proposals for the Cultural Heritage Development Programme of the GAP Region (Ref: TUR/2001-01/005) with an envelope of € 12 million. The Call for Proposals is open for both SMEs and Non-Profit Organisations (namely civil society organisations). The Programme aims at increasing the social and economic benefits for the local population to be derived from the preservation and exploitation of the region’s cultural assets.

Active Labour Market Strategy Project
In April 2004, The CFCU together with the Turkish Employment Organisation (İŞKUR) officially launched another EC-funded Call for Proposals for the New Opportunities Programme in the frame of the Active Labour Market Strategy Project (B7-050-TR/0205-01/002.with an envelope of €32 million The overall objective of the Programme is to enhance the employability of both unemployed and currently employed people through the delivery of vocational training and other active employment measures based on locally determined needs, opportunities and solutions. The Call for proposals is open for non-profit organisations including NGOs, labour unions etc.

Regional Environmental Centre
In May 2004, the Regional Environmental Centre shall be officially launched to provide services to the environmental NGOs as well as municipalities primarily on the EU accession issues. As tools and intervention means, the project will provide capacity building, information and grants programmes targeting central and governmental institutions and NGOs. A call for Proposal is intended to be launched in August with an envelope of € 450,000 open for NGOs.

Above mentioned programmes are sector-specific and are not accompanied by direct support training and capacity building facilities addressing NGOs specifically, hence this project complements these and introduces a large support dimension in civic life.
3.6 Lessons learned:

N/A

4. Institutional Framework

The main Beneficiary of this project is the Secretariat-General for EU Affairs until the Civil Society Development Association is legally established and until its main Centre is operational. From then on, the main Beneficiary will be the Association only.

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However, to ensure smooth implementation of the activities foreseen and their coordination with other initiatives, the Beneficiary needs to exchange views with some key actors.

An appropriate panel of experts, the Team of Assessors, will be appointed by the Contracting Authority and will be charged with the technical assessment of the submitted applications. The teams of Assessors will use clear and pre-defined evaluation grids, prepared by the Beneficiary. Applications that do not meet the pre-specified eligibility criteria will be rejected at this stage.

On the basis of the findings and recommendations of the Team of Assessors, an Evaluation Committee will evaluate the proposals and decide on which projects will be awarded a grant.

Evaluation Committee

European Union Secretariat General (1 voting member)
CSDC (1 voting member)
European Commission Representation (1 non-voting member)

5. Detailed Budget

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6. Implementation Arrangements

6.1. Implementing Agency

The Implementing Agency will be the Central Financing and Contracts Unit (CFCU) who will be responsible for all procedural aspects of the contract, contractual matters and financial management, including payments of the project activities.

The contact details of the CFCU are:

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6.2. Twinning

N/A

6.3. Non-standard aspects

Costs to be covered by the grant scheme are as follows:

Short term experts (trainers, researchers, local experts), Seminar participants

Travels (International, domestic): For NGOs; for EUSG committee members.

Publications; Conferences and seminars;

The Small Grants Scheme for NGOs (from approximately EUR 1,000 to 10,000) to support the abovementioned type of activities on the local, regional and national levels. The Small Grants Scheme for International Collaboration (from approximately EUR 5,000 to 50,000) to
support networking dialogue and joint projects with counterparts in the EU and Candidate Countries. The Grants for Exchanges Scheme to support participation of NGO Representatives to conferences, meetings, events and the like on the cross-border and EU levels (from approximately EUR 500 to 5,000). The grant scheme to support part of the administrative cost of NGOs (from approximately EUR 500 to 1,000).

6.4. Contracts

There will be individual grant contracts.

7. Implementation Schedule

7.1 Start of tendering/call for proposals:
I. Quarter 2005
7.2 Start of project activity:
II. Quarter 2005
7.3 Project Completion:
I. Quarter 2007

8. Equal Opportunity

The project shall seek providing equal opportunities, gender equality and participation by more marginalized groups/organisations/individuals as principles governing the target group of the services (training, seminars, etc) and as beneficiaries of grant schemes.

9. Environment

N/A

10. Rates of return

N/A

11. Investment criteria

N/A

12. Conditionality and sequencing

The sequencing has already been stated under 3.3.

Annexes

1. Logframe matrix
2. Implementation chart
3. Contracting & disbursement schedule
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### Overall objective
- Support to the development of participatory democracy through strengthened civil society organisations

### Objectively verifiable indicators
- Increased number of quality NGOs with better participation with the public and increased dialogue with counterparts, institutions and the public

### Sources of Verification
- EC regular report

### Project purpose
- Enhance development of NGOs and their capacity for networking, voluntary work, national and international dialogue in Turkey in the EU accession process through institutional capacity building and grant schemes

### Objectively verifiable indicators
- The number of NGOs participating in local decision making bodies increase by 5%
- 10% increase of membership/participation of NGOs in networks on the EU or regional level
- Joint projects between NGOs are diversified and increased by at least 10%
- The membership portfolio and voluntary participation of NGOs increase by 5% in the first 2 years

### Sources of Verification
- Reports of City Councils, Ad hoc platforms with local authorities, HR Councils
- Reports of EU Forums, Platforms, Networks and Conferences and participant lists
- Website of NGOs, Evaluation Reports of grant schemes, final report of project beneficiaries, activity reports of NGOs
- DoA database/archive

### Assumptions
- Laws and regulations are favourable for freedoms of associations and are further developed to do so
- Commitment of the government continues in the accession process
### Results

#### C1: Capacity Building for NGOs
- Institutional and operational capacity of NGOs strengthened
- Participation of NGOs in decision-making structures sound and diverse
- Enhanced capacity of NGOs for dialogue with their counterparts in Turkey, the EU and with citizens
- NGOs are more accountable and have transparent and democratic structures
- Monitoring and advocacy role of NGOs in the accession process, with a better ability to reflect the concerns and needs of socially and economically disadvantaged individuals/groups developed

#### C2: Awareness Raising for NGOs and the public
- Increased public awareness on opportunities and advantages to participate in civil society organisations
- Increased voluntary and public participation in NGO activities
- Improved knowledge and access of NGOs to funding opportunities at all levels

#### C3: Micro-grant schemes and support for exchanges
- Increased joint actions and projects implemented on the local and regional levels

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- Prepare a comprehensive training service for NGOs covering the different aspects of organisational management and the needs of the civil society sector
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C3: Grant Schemes
Provide for grant support for joint actions and projects of the NGOs all over Turkey.
- Launch call for proposals

| NGO activities, events, EU related information and database set up |
| National and international trainers for training of trainers |
| Qualified and experienced staff for TAT |
| Publicity for NGOs |

Total cost € 2 million /for two years)

- In the design of grant schemes and selection of potential beneficiaries regional balance is sought and selection is made through objective criteria previously established

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Criteria for registration of associations

In the design of grant schemes and selection of potential beneficiaries regional balance is sought and selection is made through objective criteria previously established.
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**C2: Awareness Raising for NGOs and the public**

- Increased public awareness on opportunities and advantages to participate in civil society organisations
- Increased voluntary and public participation in NGO activities
- Improved knowledge and access of NGOs to funding opportunities at all levels

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**C3: Micro-grant schemes and support for exchanges**

- Increased joint actions and projects implemented on the local and regional levels
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- Establish a **communication centre** and strengthen the communication channels between NGOs active in a specific field of action and communicate information etc. on the NGO sector to public authorities and the national and local media
- Promote the NGO sector through **seminars, conferences, assistance to events and publications** targeting the NGOs themselves, decision-making and consultative bodies and the public
- Conduct **information sessions and relevant publications** for the transfer of know-how from sectoral and wider CSOs, their platforms, forums and the like established in the EU to those organisations in Turkey

**C3: Grant Schemes**
Provide for grant support for joint actions and projects of the NGOs all over Turkey.
- Launch call for proposals

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**Total cost € 2 million /for two years)**

- In the design of grant schemes and selection of potential beneficiaries regional balance is sought and selection is made through objective criteria previously established

**criteria for registration of associations**
- Evaluation and selection of proposals by the Selection Committee
- Distribution of grants by the Selection Committee
- Monitoring of ongoing projects by the Monitoring & Follow-up Committee

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