

CIVIL SOCIETY DIALOGUE BETWEEN EU AND TURKEY III – POLITICAL CRITERIA

The main aim of this component is to give opportunity to the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in Turkey to get familiar with the policies of the European Union concerning political issues both in terms of legislation and implementation and to be prepared for accession through strengthening the contacts and mutual exchange of experience between all civil society actors on political issues in the Member States and Turkey. The Call for Proposals for the grant scheme has been announced by May 20th 2013.

Specific Objectives:

- Enhanced institutional capacity of CSOs to contribute to development and implementation of political reforms and to facilitate the adoption of the reforms by the Turkish society,
- Establishment of sustainable networks between the Turkish CSOs and their European counterparts on political criteria encouraging further dialogue and contributing to better exchange of information and know-how and to reduce misperceptions and concerns both in Turkey and in the EU Member States concerning political criteria issues.

Priority Areas:

1. Human rights,
2. Anti-discrimination,
3. Democracy and Rule of Law,

Financial Allocation and Size of Grants:

The overall amount made available for this component under CSD-III is **EUR 6.000.000**.
Maximum amount awarded under this Call for Proposal is **EUR 150.000**.

Eligible Applicants:

Associations or foundations which are nationals of a Member State of the European Union and/or Turkey and of which working fields fall in one of the priority areas for political criteria will be able to apply for this grant scheme.

Eligible Co-applicants:

- Universities (only research centres and think tanks),
- Professional organizations (including bars; employer and trade unions),
- Municipalities and Unions of Municipalities,
- Special Provincial Administrations.

Partner Search and Matchmaking Tool:

As a requirement of the nature of the civil society dialogue, partnership between CSOs in Turkey and the EU Member States is a must for a grant project to be funded under the two components. In order to facilitate the process of finding partners for potential beneficiaries, an online **“Partner Search and Matchmaking Tool”** has been developed by the Ministry for EU Affairs. Through the tool, civil society and media organizations will have the opportunity to involve in existing project proposals or find partners for their own project ideas.

CIVIL SOCIETY DIALOGUE BETWEEN EU AND TURKEY III - MEDIA

Media plays a significant role in shaping public opinion as regards to EU related issues. This component aims to strengthen the capacities of the actors of the media sector and to establish a sustainable dialogue between the actors in Turkey and the EU countries. The Call for Proposals for the grant scheme has been announced by May 20th 2013.

Specific Objectives:

- Enhanced networking, joint actions and peer-learning between Turkish-EU media and media-related CSOs,
- Shared good practices and promotion of innovative initiatives and media productions between Turkish-EU media and media-related CSOs on EU matters.

Priority Areas:

Lot 1: Media Organizations

- 1.1 Improvement of mutual knowledge and understanding in Turkey and the EU
- 1.2 Provision of information on the related EU policies
- 1.3 Awareness and technical capacity building in the preparation and development of qualitative productions
- 1.4 Encouragement of open public debates
- 1.5 Sustainable partnerships and joint productions ensuring civil society dialogue

Lot 2: CSOs in the Field of Media

- 2.1 Sharing good practices in media sector
- 2.2 Increasing professional skills
- 2.3 Networking among CSOs and other related institutions
- 2.4 Providing information about Turkish and European societies regarding meeting EU standards in each side

Financial Allocation and Size of Grants:

The overall amount made available for this component under CSD-III is **EUR 3.000.000**.
Maximum amount awarded under this Call for Proposal is **EUR 150.000**.

Eligible Applicants:

For Lot 1:

- be media organization (local, regional, national audio-visual media, printed media or internet media), which could be considered as service providers.

For Lot 2:

- non-profit making **and** civil society organizations or professional organizations which could be considered as professional groups supporting the interests of the sector (legal entities of which regulation clearly defines its objectives and the activity field related to printed, visual and audio media).

Eligible Co-applicants:

Co-applicant(s) must satisfy the eligibility criteria as applicable to the Applicant himself. In addition, the Applicant may have a production company for producing related media output (such as fictional TV programmes, documentaries, films, radio programmes).