

Call for Proposals: Visegrad+ Western Balkans

The International Visegrad Fund is hereby announcing a call for proposals for projects Visegrad+ grant projects that will facilitate transfer of know-how between non-governmental and civil society organizations (NGOs/CSOs) in the Visegrad Group and the Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia). The projects must adhere to one or more of the following priorities: **rule of law and fundamental right, good governance, regional cooperation and EU approximation.**

1. Rule of law and fundamental rights

- strengthening capacity of civil society and local media to advocate against corruption
- improving citizens access to legal aid
- strengthening civil society by fostering information on civil and political rights

2. Good governance

- increasing citizen participation in governance through advocacy and capacity building

3. Regional cooperation

- improving regional networking of NGOs and other CSOs
- developing regional educational projects and student-exchange programs
- capacity building for local bodies on EU administration

4. EU approximation

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Proposals in the form of MS Word or compatible format or a PDF document must include detailed project description and a budget plan and must include the following:

- **project description** not exceeding 3,600 characters (2 pages), excluding the following additional information:
 - expected timeframe of the project not exceeding 18 months
 - brief profiles of project partners with contact details
 - the applicant's and partners' experience in given field
- **budget part** of the project must have the form of MS Excel table (or compatible format) and include the following:
 - breakdown of all budget items and their description (unit description, number of units)
 - maximum 5% overhead costs
 - maximum 7% tangible/non-tangible costs (capital investments) directly related to the project implementation
 - the overall budget cannot exceed €80,000

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 (1999) and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

Other conditions:

- participation of project partners from at least **3 different V4 countries** and at least **2 Western Balkan countries** regardless of the project coordinator (preference will be given to projects involving more countries)

Deadline for on-line submission: **12 o'clock noon, Monday, December 31, 2012**

E-mail for proposal submissions: plus@visegradfund.org

More information and rules: www.visegradfund.org/grants/visegrad_plus

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