
ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS UNDER IPA 2008 TAIB of the Central Finance and Contracting Agency

1. Basic act and Financing source

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession assistance (IPA).

National Programme for Croatia under the IPA – Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2008.

2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2009 and expected results

(a) Enhancing the participation of the CSOs¹ in monitoring of the implementation of the EU Acquis, in the field of fight against corruption and the overall transparency, openness and accountability of public administration bodies.

The overall objective is to foster structured dialogue and formalized consultation between Croatian CSOs and Croatian state administration/ EU institutions within the process of shaping, monitoring and evaluation of public policies at the national and EU level.

Expected result is increased effectiveness of the CSOs and their partner organizations and institutions in undertaking independent monitoring and advocacy initiatives focused on greater transparency and accountability of public administration and fight against corruption.

(b) Strengthening capacities/roles of the CSOs related to the monitoring of the implementation of the comprehensive anti-discrimination strategy.

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Expected result is increased effectiveness of the CSOs and their partner organizations in independent monitoring and advocacy initiatives focused on comprehensive anti-discrimination policy (age, health status, ethnic origin, sex / sexual orientation, social or economic status, gender, etc.) at the national and regional level, assuring an open and accountable process of decision-making, implementation and evaluation.

(c) Developing capacities of CSOs for systematic monitoring and advocacy of sustainable development policies and integrated approaches to waste and water management, transport, regional development, sustainable use of natural resources and environmental safety.

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¹ CSO – Civil Society Organisations

3. Eligibility conditions

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The applicants will be legal non-for-profit and non-governmental organizations or formal networks of non-for-profit and non-governmental organizations, of the following legal status: citizens' associations, professional and business associations, trade-unions, foundations; and academic and research institutions/organizations.

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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 Community financing

The overall indicative amount made available under these Calls for proposals is 3.333.333 EUR. (This allocation consists of 3.000.000,00 EUR from IPA funds, 333.333,00 EUR from the Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs).

The maximum grant is 95% of the total eligible costs of the action. The balance, 5%, must be financed from the applicant's or partners' own resources, or from sources other than the European Community budget or the European Development Fund.

6. Schedule of calls for proposals

The calls for proposals will most likely be launched for:

(a) Enhancing the participation of the CSOs in monitoring of the implementation of the EU Acquis, in the field of fight against corruption and the overall transparency, openness and accountability of public administration bodies

- in the 3rd quarter of 2009

(b) Strengthening capacities/roles of the CSOs related to the monitoring of the implementation of the comprehensive anti-discrimination strategy

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(c) Developing capacities of CSOs for systematic monitoring and advocacy of sustainable development policies and integrated approaches to waste and water management, transport, regional development, sustainable use of natural resources and environmental safety

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7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals

(a) Enhancing the participation of the CSOs in monitoring of the implementation of the EU Acquis, in the field of fight against corruption and the overall transparency, openness and accountability of public administration bodies

€ 1.111,000

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