

SUPPORT TO THE ARMENIA-TURKEY NORMALISATION PROCESS

GRANT SCHEME

Call for Proposals

A Consortium of eight civil society organisations from Armenia and Turkey announces the Call for Proposals for the Grant Scheme within the framework of the ***Support to the Armenia-Turkey Normalisation Process*** Programme funded by the **European Union** under the Instrument for Stability.

The Programme aims to **promote civil society efforts** towards **the normalisation of relations** between Turkey and Armenia and towards an **open border** by enhancing **people-to-people contacts**, expanding **economic and business links**, promoting **cultural and educational activities** and facilitating **access to balanced information** in both societies.

The Consortium is made up of Civilitas Foundation (CF), Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF), Public Journalism Club (PJC), Regional Studies Center (RSC) from Armenia; and Anadolu Kültür, the Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey (TEPAV), Helsinki Citizens' Assembly (hCa), and Hrant Dink Foundation from Turkey.

One of the main pillars of the Programme is ***inclusiveness*** – to **engage and support new actors in the dialogue process**. To this end, the Consortium created a Grant Scheme to invite individuals and civil society organisations from Armenia and Turkey - other than the Consortium members - to propose and implement their own project ideas, which will contribute to the overall objective of the Programme and multiply the shared outcomes.

The Grant Scheme has a total funding of € 200,000 and aims to support around **20 applicants** with grants ranging from **€ 5,000 to € 30,000**.

Applications are welcome from **civil society organisations** and **individuals** other than the Consortium partners. Grant Scheme may also provide grants to **profit-making organisations** in case the grant funds contribute to the overall objective of the Programme and not used to make profit. Applicant organisations should have a formal registration either in Armenia or in Turkey. Individual applicants should be either citizens of Armenia or Turkey or should have permanent residency in Armenia or Turkey. Applications will be considered by an **Evaluation Committee**, comprising designated representatives from all members of the Consortium. The **selection criteria** upon which the Evaluation Committee will consider the applications include the following:

- Does the project contribute to the overall objective of the Programme *Support to the Armenia-Turkey Normalisation Process*?
- Is the project relevant to the particular needs and constraints of the target groups it is addressing?
- Does the project include partnership between Armenia- and Turkey-based individuals and/or organisations?
- Does the project propose a minimum level of sustainability for the effort after the end of funding?
- Is the project innovative and does it offer an added value?
- Is the budget realistic and consistent with the proposed project?
- Does the applicant have enough capacity to successfully implement the proposed project?

The Consortium will assist the awarded projects with networking and publicity. The Consortium will also share the results of the awarded projects through the tri-lingual website of the Programme. The awarded grantees will be included in the pool of Consortium contacts and will receive updates on the Programme as well as invitations to various Consortium events.

The Grant Scheme was launched by the Consortium in May 2014 and received a total of 57 applications, 34 from Armenia and 23 from Turkey, in the first deadline on June 2nd, 2014.

[7 applicants, 4 from Armenia and 3 from Turkey](#) were recommended for funding by the Evaluation Committee. The Grant Scheme has so far allocated the € 130,000 out of its total funding of € 200,000. The Grant Scheme will continue to support individuals and organisations from the two countries with grants ranging from € 5,000 to € 30,000.

Next deadline for applications is **September 15th, 2014**.

Applications submitted by this deadline will receive Consortium's feedback in October 2014. In this case, projects can start in November 2014 with the final date of activities being April 30th, 2015.

Applications should be submitted **in English** including the following documents in the requested format:

- [Application Form](#) (proposal) in MS Word and PDF formats
- [Budget](#) in MS Excel and PDF formats <http://www.armenia-grants.org>
- [Grants Management Questionnaire](#) (for legal entities only) in PDF format only.

Armenia-based applicants should submit their application packages electronically to Eurasia Partnership Foundation (Armenia) at grants@epfound.am

Turkey-based applicants should submit their application packages to Hrant Dink Foundation (Turkey) at grants@hrantdink.org

Before the submission of the applications, applicants should read the [Guidelines for the Grant Applications](#).

Armenia-based applicants can address their inquiries to Mr. Vazgen Karapetyan at +374 10 25 15 75 (ext. 105), vkarpetyan@epfound.am

Turkey-based applicants can address their inquiries to Ms. Burcu Becermen at +90 212 240 33 61, burcubecermen@hrantdink.org



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