
ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS

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 2011

2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2012 year and expected results

(a) Reinforcing support to CSOs' in enhancing transparency and good governance in Croatian public administration

The overall objective is to enhance the role of CSOs in the process of achieving consistent and durable application of the principle of good governance in all public policy sub-sectors.

Expected result: CSOs' contribution in enhancing transparency and good governance¹ in Croatian public administration strengthened.

(b) Supporting CSOs' in development of partnerships for sustainable use of protected areas in Croatia, including potential NATURA 2000 sites

The overall objective is to enhance the role of CSOs in the process of achieving consistent and sustainable use of natural resources in Croatia.

Expected result: CSOs' contribution to the integration of nature protection measures into the framework of local development policies enhanced.

¹ Transparency and good governance applied in all public policy sub-sectors: judiciary, protection of fundamental freedoms and human rights, rights of specific minority and/or vulnerable groups; environment protection and sustainable development, health protection, consumer protection, labour market, public procurement, agriculture and rural development, etc.

3. Eligibility conditions

(a) Reinforcing support to CSOs' in enhancing transparency and good governance in Croatian public administration

Actions must take place in at least three different Counties of the Republic of Croatia. However, part of the action (but not more than two individual activities) may take place in a country other than Croatia².

The applicants will be legal non-for-profit non-governmental organisations, or formal networks of non-governmental organizations of the following legal status: associations, business associations, trade unions and foundations.

(b) Supporting CSOs' in development of partnerships for sustainable use of protected areas in Croatia, including potential NATURA 2000 sites

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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 EU external actions.

² A Member State of the European Union, a Member State of the European Economic Area, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, including Kosovo under UNSC Resolution 1244/99 as well as of other countries eligible under Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 31st July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA).

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5. Maximum rate of European Union financing

The overall indicative amount for grants made available under these Calls for proposals is 3.300.000 EUR (this allocation consists of 2.805.000,00 EUR from IPA funds, 495.000,00 EUR from the Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs).

Maximum grant is 90% of the total eligible costs of the action. The balance (minimum 10% of the total eligible costs of the action) must be financed from the applicant's or partners' own resources or from sources other than the European Union budget or the European Development Fund.

6. Schedule of calls for proposals

The calls for proposals will most likely be launched for:

(a) Reinforcing support to CSOs' in enhancing transparency and good governance in Croatian public administration

The indicative schedule for calls for proposals under this annual work program falls in the 3rd quarter 2012.

(b) Supporting CSOs' in development of partnerships for sustainable use of protected areas in Croatia, including potential NATURA 2000 sites

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7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals

(a) Reinforcing support to CSOs' in enhancing transparency and good governance in Croatian public administration

EUR 2.500.000,00

(b) Supporting CSOs' in development of partnerships for sustainable use of protected areas in Croatia, including potential NATURA 2000 sites

EUR 800.000,00