



**OPPORTUNITY: EUROPEAN INSTRUMENT FOR DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS (EIDHR)**

**ORGANISATION: EUROPEAN UNION (EU)**

<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?ADSSChck=1574741560704&amp;do=publi.detPUB&amp;searchtype=QS&amp;orderby=upd&amp;orderbyad=Desc&amp;nbPubliList=15&amp;page=1&amp;aoref=166151">https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?ADSSChck=1574741560704&amp;do=publi.detPUB&amp;searchtype=QS&amp;orderby=upd&amp;orderbyad=Desc&amp;nbPubliList=15&amp;page=1&amp;aoref=166151</a>
<b>APPLICATION DEADLINE</b>	09 January 2020
<b>APPLICATION METHOD</b>	<a href="#">Online application</a>
<b>FUNDING STRATEGY</b>	<p>The call for proposals has three lots:  <b>Lot 1 – Business and Human Rights</b>  The specific objective of lot 1 is to support and empower civil society to collaborate with business and investment actors in the mitigation, prevention and remediation of adverse impacts of business activities on human rights and, where needed, hold them accountable  The specific objectives of Lot 1 are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Supporting community-based actors and social partners to set up human rights due diligence mechanisms and push forward multi-stakeholder engagement with the objective of promoting accountability and good corporate governance;</li> <li>2. Improving access to justice for victims of corporate abuses by supporting those victims through the provision of legal advice and representation in order to bring cases before national jurisdictions and/or by developing non-State non-judicial grievance mechanisms with the private sector.</li> </ol> <p>The priorities of lot 1 are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Give a voice to, help provide access to remedies, and empower victims of human rights corporate abuses with a specific focus on people living in the most vulnerable situations, women, children, youth, indigenous peoples, human rights and environmental defenders, civil society actors, internally displaced people;</li> <li>2. Broaden already established partnerships or forms of collaboration between business and investment actors, national authorities and civil society actors working on achieving common human rights objectives;</li> <li>3. Integrate a strong gender perspective in the methodology of actions, including gender equality and women’s empowerment. Whenever possible,</li> </ol>

gender indicators shall be developed for all target groups and data collection shall be gender disaggregated.

**Lot 2 – Fight Against Torture and Other Ill-treatment**

1. The specific objective of lot 2 is to provide support to civil society projects by contributing to the prohibition and prevention of torture, ensuring accountability for torture and other ill treatment outside the EU, in particular by supporting civil society in the implementation of existing legislation, court rulings, regional statutes, and other forms of regulations on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.
2. The priority of lot 2 is to foster coalitions and build synergies between civil society organisations and different non-state actors (such as national preventive mechanisms (NPMs), bar associations, etc.), and state actors (such as justice actors, penitentiary authorities, law enforcement officials, etc.) in the county(ies) covered by the proposal.

**Lot 3 – Democratic Accountability**

The specific objective of lot 3 is to strengthen the role of civil society in contributing to democratic accountability by, inter alia, monitoring the work of state institutions, scrutinising the formulation and implementation of public policies, controlling the use of public expenditure, and raising awareness and advocating for the role of oversight institutions, notably parliaments, ombudsperson institutions, courts of auditors, audit bureaus etc

The priorities of lot 3 are:

1. Strengthening parliamentary monitoring organisations (PMOs) in the field of accountability, including anti-corruption;
2. Strengthening organisations that monitor, raise awareness of, and demand strengthening of Ombudsmen or corresponding legislative committees, whistle-blower protection mechanisms, courts of auditors, audit bureaus and/or similar institutions and other oversight bodies;
3. Strengthening organisations that review and scrutinise the implementation of public policies and promoting transparency and accountability of budget processes, including:
  - Encouraging civic engagement and participation in policy review and budget processes by citizens at both national and sub-national levels, prioritising measures focusing on enhancing, in particular, the participation of disadvantaged and/or under-represented groups, such as poor households, women, youth, disabled people by creating an enabling environment for their participation;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Monitoring and evaluating the levels of participation of different groups in different stages of the policy formulation and budget cycle, and setting targets for participation and response to the issues they raise.</li> </ul> <p>4. Strengthening organisations that promote accountability and/or contribute towards the prevention and fight against corruption, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Facilitating mobilisation of civil society actors demanding government responsiveness and reforms, e.g. access to timely and transparent information, credible and effective sanctions for government inaction;</li> <li>○ Monitoring and advocating for the effective and impartial application of the rule of law, including application of administrative and criminal sanctions, in relation to anti-corruption measures;</li> <li>○ Providing capacity building, skills development, and networking capability to facilitate collaboration between relevant local and regional change agents and watchdog organisations with similar mandates, and also those of other sectors that are relevant for anti-corruption mainstreaming;</li> <li>○ Increasing the capacity of media outlets to investigate and report on corruption cases, as well as the collaboration with civil society and other change agents.</li> <li>○ Promoting use of new technologies in the oversight of state institutions, by reinforcing the NGO capacities to use digital tools.</li> </ul>
<p><b>GRANT SIZE</b></p>	<p><b>Lot 1 - Business and human rights</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum amount: EUR 700,000</li> <li>• Maximum amount: EUR 1,500,000</li> </ul> <p><b>Lot 2 – Fight against torture and other ill-treatment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum amount: EUR 700,000</li> <li>• Maximum amount: EUR 1,500,000</li> </ul> <p><b>Lot 3 – Democratic accountability</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum amount: EUR 5,000,000</li> <li>• Maximum amount: EUR 5,000,000</li> </ul>
<p><b>ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA</b></p>	<p>Organisations can apply as lead applicants, co-applicants or affiliated entities each with their own set of edibility criteria:</p> <p><b>Lead applicant</b></p> <p>In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must:</p>

- Be a legal person or an entity without legal personality or a natural person and
- Be non-profit-making and
- Be a non-governmental civil society organisation ,
- Be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.

No nationality restriction applies to applicants and, if any, to co-applicants and affiliated entities .

#### **Co-applicant(s)**

- Co-applicants participate in designing and implementing the action, and the costs they incur are eligible in the same way as those incurred by the lead applicant.
- Co-applicants must satisfy the eligibility criteria as applicable to the lead applicant himself.

#### **Affiliated entities**

The lead applicant and its co-applicant(s) may act with affiliated entity(ies). Only the following entities may be considered as affiliated entities to the lead applicant and/or to co-applicant(s):

- Only entities having a structural link with the applicants (i.e. the lead applicant or a co-applicant), in particular a legal or capital link.
- This structural link encompasses mainly two notions:
  - Control, as defined in Directive 2013/34/EU on the annual financial statements, consolidated financial statements and related reports of certain types of undertakings:
    - Entities affiliated to an applicant may hence be:
      - Entities directly or indirectly controlled by the applicant (daughter companies or first-tier subsidiaries). They may also be entities controlled by an entity controlled by the applicant (granddaughter companies or second-tier subsidiaries) and the same applies to further tiers of control;
      - Entities directly or indirectly controlling the applicant (parent companies). Likewise, they may be entities controlling an entity controlling the applicant;
      - Entities under the same direct or indirect control as the applicant (sister companies).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Membership, i.e. the applicant is legally defined as a e.g. network, federation, association in which the proposed affiliated entities also participate or the applicant participates in the same entity (e.g. network, federation, association, etc.) as the proposed affiliated entities.</li> </ul>
<b>FOCUS AREAS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Democracy and good governance</li> <li>• Human Rights</li> </ul>
<b>NON-NEGOTIABLES</b>	<p>The following costs are not covered by funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debts and debt service charges (interest);</li> <li>• Provisions for losses or potential future liabilities;</li> <li>• Costs declared by the beneficiary(ies) and financed by another action or work programme receiving a European Union (including through EDF) grant;</li> <li>• Purchases of land or buildings, except where necessary for the direct implementation of the action, in which case ownership must be transferred in accordance with Article 7.5 of the general conditions of the standard grant contract, at the latest at the end of the action;</li> <li>• Currency exchange losses;</li> <li>• Credit to third parties; and</li> <li>• Salary costs of the personnel of national administrations.</li> </ul>
<b>GENERAL OBSERVATIONS</b>	<p>The following documents are available on the website (in English, Spanish and French) to assist with the application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application guidelines.</li> <li>• Grant application form (concept note)</li> <li>• Budget template and checklist.</li> <li>• Logical framework.</li> <li>• Legal entity documents.</li> <li>• Declaration of honour on exclusion and selection criteria.</li> <li>• Standard grant contract.</li> <li>• Financial identification form.</li> <li>• Standard grant contract.</li> <li>• Information on tax regime applicable to grant contacts.</li> </ul>