

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The International Visegrad Fund is hereby announcing a call for proposals for 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).

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:

ON-LINE BY 11:59:59 AM (NOON) ON MAY 15, 2015

All proposals must adhere to one or more of the following priorities:

RULE OF LAW AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

- Support of human rights advocates and the freedom of speech
- Strengthening civil society and local media in fostering information on civil, political and minority/community rights
- Raising awareness on discrimination with special attention to the most vulnerable groups such as the Roma
- Improving citizens' access to legal aid
- Sharing V4 experience on fight against corruption and organized crime

GOOD GOVERNANCE

- Increasing citizen participation in governance through advocacy and capacity building
- Support of independent media and investigative journalism
- Increase the 'watchdog' capacities of civil society and media/support watchdog initiatives
- JHA related cooperation with emphasis on the facilitation of adequate information flow pertaining to illegal migration

FURTHER CONDITIONS

- Projects involve active participation of entities from at least 3 different V4 countries and at least 2 different Western Balkan countries regardless of the coordinator
- Expected timeframe of proposed projects does not exceed 18 months
- Requested support does not exceed €80,000
- Overhead costs do not exceed 15% of the requested support

REGIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

- Development of regional educational projects and student-exchange programs
- Development of regional cultural initiatives and exchanges in the field of arts

EU APPROXIMATION

- Capacity building on EU administration
- Sharing V4 experiences on the benefits of EU integration and transition processes
- Regional cooperation and institutional networking
- Raising EU awareness
- Joint review of IPA absorption capacities

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Raising awareness about environmental protection, renewable sources and energy efficiency
- Grass-root initiatives improving the quality of life

APPLYING

- Deadline for electronic submission: **11:59:59 (noon) on May 15, 2015**
- On-line application form: <http://my.visegradfund.org/plus>
- More information and rules: www.visegradfund.org/plus

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* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.