European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights - Country Based Support Scheme (EIDHR-CBSS)

Actions in partner countries (Philippines)

Call for Proposals

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The European Union is founded on the principles of Liberty, Democracy, respect for Human Rights and the Rule of Law. EIDHR was created in 2006 (through EC Regulation No. 1889/2006) to provide support for the promotion of democracy and human rights in non-EU countries. This local call for proposals is managed by the Delegation of the European Union to the Philippines in line with Objective 2 of the global EIDHR strategy: "Strengthening the role of civil society in promoting human rights and democratic reform, in facilitating the peaceful conciliation of group interests and in consolidating political participation and representation".

The purpose of this Call to support the work of civil society organisations, including human rights organisations, in support of vulnerable and socially excluded groups with a particular focus on supporting the empowerment of these groups to claim their rights, including their social, economic and cultural rights.

Priorities of this call for proposals:

- Support to Human Rights Defenders and their families
- Protection of the rights of women and children, in particular the prevention of trafficking, domestic violence and protection of children affected by armed conflict
- Promotion of social, cultural and economic rights of vulnerable and marginalised groups including indigenous peoples, in particular with regard to access to basic services

Eligible applicants, type of projects and amount of grants:

The overall indicative amount available is EUR 900 000 for projects covering the following activities by civil society organisations, including non-governmental non-profit organisations and independent political foundations, community based organisations, and higher education institutions:

- Human rights awareness raising towards concrete policy changes or improved claim-making (claiming or exercising rights and freedoms) by rights-holders that are poor, socially-excluded and vulnerable, including independent media initiatives for better public accountability;
- Legal and psycho-social assistance to local human rights defenders;
- Support efforts in the field of human rights documentation and monitoring, campaigns and claim-making for issues linked to the themes in section 1.2 above;
- Capacity building training and educational activities including gender and rights-based approaches to organizational development and management and learning exchanges between and among rights-holders and duty-bearers;
- Participatory action research or policy research or media activities as part of a wider range of public advocacy or human rights accountability activities;
- Or any other activities coherent with the effective implementation of the abovementioned priorities

Minimum and maximum amount of grants:

- minimum amount: EUR 100 000.00
- maximum amount: EUR 300 000.00
The grant may not exceed 90% of the estimated total accepted costs of the action. The balance 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.1

**Implementation Period:**

Minimum 18 months / Maximum 24 months

**How to apply:**

The guidelines for applicants and application forms can be viewed and downloaded from:

Delegation of the European Union to the Philippines website
(Go to “Funding Opportunities”, click Grants)

The application package is also available at the office of the Delegation of the European Union to the Philippines at:

30/F Tower II RCBC Plaza
6819 Ayala Ave. corner Gil Puyat Ave.
1200 Makati City
Philippines

Deadline for submission of concept notes: 31 October, 2011 at 17:00, Manila time. An information session is tentatively scheduled on 7 October at a time and venue to be announced later.

Please note only shortlisted candidates will be invited to submit a full application.

**You may send your queries regarding this Call for Proposal to:**

deglegation-philippines-cfs@ec.europa.eu

This brochure has been published for information purposes only. Applicants must refer to the Guidelines for Applicants for official information on this call for proposals.

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1 Where a grant is financed by the European Development Fund, any mention of European Union financing must be understood as referring to European Development Fund financing.