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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

to attend the ODIHR Annual Trial Monitoring Meeting, Skopje 24-26 April 2017

Open to NGOs from the OSCE region

The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR) **calls for non-governmental organizations from the OSCE region or working in the OSCE region to apply to attend the ODIHR Annual Trial Monitoring Meeting, to be held in Skopje from 24 to 26 April 2017.** The objective of the meeting is to share good practices and challenges in the area of trial monitoring. This in turn will help ODIHR, OSCE field offices and NGOs to better assist participating States in the areas of access to justice and effective judiciary.

The event aim to achieve the following results:

- ⇒ Civil society practitioners from across the OSCE region learn from exchanging experience on a wide range of trial monitoring methodologies, tools and techniques presented by ODIHR, OSCE field operations and NGOs;
- ⇒ Civil society participants enhance their skills and abilities to set up and conduct a trial monitoring operation, including relevant follow-up activities;
- ⇒ Civil society participants increase their substantive knowledge on fair trial rights.

The meeting will be based on interactive learning methods and requires a high level of active participation by all participants. The size of the group will be limited to 25 NGOs, selected according to the following criteria:

- ⇒ Involvement of the NGO in trial monitoring project or activity in the past or with concrete plans to engage in trial monitoring activities in the future;
- ⇒ Fluency in English of prospective representative of the NGO attending the meeting.

ODIHR invites NGOs matching the above requirements to apply and share this call for applications more widely across their networks.

Deadline for application: applicants are kindly requested to complete and submit the attached questionnaire no later than 28 February 2017 to Maria Alcidi, OSCE/ODIHR Rule of Law Officer, at maria.alcidi@odihr.pl, including in cc Agnieszka Padewska, OSCE/ODIHR Administrative Assistant, at Agnieszka.Padewska@odihr.pl

Please indicate in the subject of the email: ***CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – Annual Trial Monitoring Meeting.***

ODIHR will aim to ensure a geographical, gender and diversity balance among NGOs. NGOs working on underrepresented or disadvantaged groups are strongly encouraged to apply. Successful applicants will be informed about the outcome of the selection process at the latest by 31 March 2017.

Accommodation and travel costs for the workshop will be, at least partially, covered by the OSCE/ODIHR.