CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST\(^1\)

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Mission in Kosovo (OSCE) hereby invites small and medium size Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), based in Kosovo, to apply for the opportunity to collaborate with OSCE in the implementation of project activities related to property and housing rights.

BACKGROUND

OSCE has extensive experience, and works closely with Kosovo institutions at the government and local level, in the implementation of the policy and legislation on property and housing rights. Every year, OSCE implements a range of project activities with the aim to address the needs of stakeholders and to enable positive changes in the property and housing sector. In this endeavour, OSCE seeks to collaborate with specialized CSOs to further its objectives through the implementation of specific activities, which aim to empower youth.

Since 2018, OSCE supported a successful traineeship program on property and housing rights implemented by CSOs that facilitated specialized training for apprentices at government and local level institutions and specialized agencies responsible for property rights, with a focus on the rights of non-majority communities and displaced persons. Between 2018 and 2022, 61 young lawyers attended the program of which 26 found employment.

Therefore, to further this positive collaboration, OSCE invites energetic and creative CSOs to apply for this opportunity to jointly advance the promotion and protection of property and housing rights in Kosovo.

Envisaged project activities:

1. Traineeship program on the property and housing rights

Through the traineeships program on property and housing rights OSCE aims to increase the knowledge of young lawyers on the relevant legal framework in Kosovo, international standards, as well as the mechanisms and procedures for protection of the property and housing rights of vulnerable communities. Following, the traineeship program, the trainees are expected to be able to address property rights-related issues of all communities.

The CSO will be responsible for the selection of 20 young lawyers (newly graduated) through a transparent process, and assign them to government and local level institutions, and specialized agencies responsible for property rights of all communities, displaced persons and other vulnerable

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\(^1\) Please note that this call for applications is foreseen for implementation of project activities in 2023 and beyond.
communities, such as, the Kosovo Property Comparison and Verification Agency, the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Communities and Return, Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure, Ministry of Finance, Labour and Transfers, Kosovo Cadastral Agency, Ombudsperson Institution, and municipalities.

The CSO will provide specialized training on international human rights standards, and property and housing legislation in Kosovo, with a focus on property and housing rights of all communities, displaced persons and women.

2. Coaching youth from communities in establishing an NGO to promote and protect property and housing rights of vulnerable communities

The interests of communities can sometimes be best represented, promoted, and protected by its members. Therefore, the establishment of an NGO run by members of communities aims to strengthen the voice of communities in addressing their property and housing concerns. However, in order for the new NGO to be successful and self-sustained coaching from a more senior CSO is needed.

The CSO will be responsible for the selection of three members of non-majority communities who have graduated from one of the fields such as Law, Human Rights, Public Policy, Economics, etc. The selected trainees will be trained for one year on property and housing legislation in Kosovo, international human rights standards and mechanisms and procedures for the protection of the property and housing rights of all communities (first year). Support the establishment of the NGO with a focus on property and housing rights of communities, and mentor its functioning in terms of advocacy building, drafting small projects, and applying for grants to ensure its sustainability (second and third year).

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND SELECTION PROCESS:

The selection process will be done in two steps: (i) review of motivational letters and descriptions of the organizations, (ii) interview with shortlisted CSOs.

Applicants should represent organizations that are legally registered in Kosovo, and active in their role.

The eligibility of applicants is based on the following criteria:

- **Field of work** – Demonstrated experience in implementation of the projects related to: (i) property and housing rights of communities and displaced persons, (ii) youth.
- **Size of the CSO** - Only small and medium-size CSOs whose budget does not exceed EUR 50,000 will be considered as eligible;
- **Geographical area** – The CSOs established and operating in Kosovo if they have capacities to operate Kosovo-wide will be accepted.
APPLICATION FORM:

If this opportunity interests you, and you meet the above requirements, please submit your motivation letter explaining how your organization would implement the two envisaged project activities.

In addition, please provide description of the organization’s vision, mission, and completed activities/programmes in the last two years, including the following:

- Geographical coverage, i.e. where the organization is established and where it operates;
- Number of fix-term employees and/or volunteers;
- Annual revenue for the last two years;
- Description of specific areas of work and beneficiaries;
- Description of relevant collaborations/partnership with other CSOs/relevant actors your organisation has already established;
- Brief description of on-going projects, including source of funding;
- Contact details (telephone number and email address).

The description should not exceed two pages.

Please send the application package by midnight CET, on 10 January 2023 to the following e-mail address: Arta.Shala-Visoka@osce.org.

In the subject line, please include: Project activities in the fields of property and housing rights.

If you are notified as being one of the short-listed applicants, we might ask you to provide us with additional documents such as registration certificate and proof of annual revenue.

Please note that applications that do not follow all listed instructions will not be considered.

Any eventual queries can be directed to the following email address:

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