



Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe / Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

CALL FOR JOINT PROJECT PROPOSALS:

Dialogue and cooperation among civil society groups in human rights and conflict resolution

The OSCE's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) is pleased to announce a call for joint project proposals on addressing pressing human rights issues, and promoting peace and understanding in the OSCE region.

Target audience

ODIHR is looking for applications from individual representatives of civil society organizations based in Ukraine and the following countries:

- Albania
- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Belarus
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Georgia
- Kosovo*
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Moldova
- Montenegro
- North Macedonia
- Poland
- Romania
- Serbia
- Slovenia

*All references to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text should be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244.

Background

This call is part of ODIHR's project "Advancing the Human Dimension of Security in Ukraine".

One of the objectives of the project is to further strengthen cooperation on human rights, conflict resolution and dialogue among civil society groups. This includes sharing best practices from the different countries represented and elaborating a common vision for the civil society engagement in conflict resolution in Eastern Ukraine. Ultimately, the goal is to strengthen the role that civil society can play in advancing the human dimension of security – a key OSCE objective.

Network

By supporting joint actions and face-to-face interaction (as far as social distancing rules in place at the time of implementation will allow), ODIHR intends to establish an informal network that can promote dialogue and peace throughout the region.

This network would also play a role in supporting social mechanisms that uphold the human dimension of security and conflict prevention.

Eligibility

Project proposals must be designed jointly by individuals representing civil society organizations (hereinafter 'project coordinators') from both **Ukraine and any of the other 18 countries mentioned in the target audience section** (at minimum one from Ukraine, one from any of the countries listed above).

Any questions regarding the preparation of project proposals or eligibility criteria can be addressed to Ukraine-CSproject@odhr.pl.

Topics

For this call, ODIHR welcomes in particular Ukraine-relevant projects with a specific focus on **increasing dialogue on human rights issues in the conflict resolution context**.

Projects may be also focused on other topics, including:

- equality and non-discrimination
- human rights monitoring
- human rights advocacy
- awareness-raising on a specific human rights issue

Particular attention will be given to projects that include **dialogue and exchange of good practice components**, which can help conflict transformation in Ukraine and other contexts.

Project proposals

The maximum duration of projects to be supported is eight months (April – November 2021).

ODIHR's contribution to each project will cover consultant fees (project coordinators jointly implementing the project) and possibly also limited additional costs related to project implementation, such as translation/interpretation, printing, organization of small events. Any additional costs have to be discussed with ODIHR in advance and will depend on the situation with the COVID-19 protective measures in Ukraine and other countries).

The project proposal must comprise programmatic activities with appropriate days' estimate allocated to each activity/step.

ODIHR may cover the fee for each project coordinator (one from each organization) in the maximum amount of 30 working days.

ODIHR cannot fund indirect costs related to supporting the day-to-day operations of the applicant, including but not limited to rent, utilities, telecommunication or purchase of equipment.

Deadline

Deadline for applications is **28 February 2021, 24:00 hrs, CET**. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Applications

Applications must be completed in Ukrainian, English or Russian language by filling in the attached Project Proposal Form and sent together with the relevant CV to: Ukraine-CSproject@odihhr.pl. Applications received in a different format than the Project Proposal Form will not be considered.

Selection process

Selected applicants will be invited to an online pre-implementation meeting to be organized in March/April 2021 (dates will be confirmed closer to the date).

Based on the project proposals, ODIHR will select the projects that best meet a set of programmatic criteria, including:

- Relevance of proposed activities to the objective and guidelines for the call
- Feasibility of the proposed action
- Ability to implement human rights-based approaches and mainstreaming gender aspects in project design and implementation
- Selection of beneficiaries
- Efficiency of activity planning and days estimate
- Expected added value of proposed activities (especially with relevance to the situation in Ukraine)

ODIHR may contact the applying individuals directly in case of need for further information.

Successful applicants will be informed about the results of the selection process **by the end of March**.

One project coordinator from each organization jointly implementing the project will be hired by ODIHR for the maximum of **30 working days** in the period of **April - November 2021**.

ODIHR reserves the right to award fewer or no projects if the applications do not meet programmatic requirements. The awards are subject to availability of funds.

Special service agreements

Subject to availability of funds for the duration of proposed action, ODIHR may conclude special service agreements (SSAs) with project coordinators (one project coordinator per partner organization) in order to implement the projects selected on competitive basis. These SSAs will support project implementation during a period of maximum eight months, until November 2021.