
ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS

of the Central Finance and Contracting Unit

1. Basic act and Financing source

Council Regulation (EC) No 2666/2000 of 05 December 2000, last amended by the Council Regulation (EC) No 2112/2005 of 21 November 2005.

CARDS 2004 Annual Action Programme for Croatia

2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2006 and expected results

(a) Civil society development

This Call for Proposals will provide financial support for projects which increase the participation of civil society organizations (CSOs) in delivering unfulfilled social welfare needs, in partnership with and co-funded by Croatian national/regional/local institutional providers.

(b) Local partnership for employment phase 2

The call for proposals will aim at implementation of local partnership projects by local stakeholders designed in 8 counties in Croatia resulting with increased ability to foster human resource development (HRD) at county level.

(c) Civil society development - Environment grant scheme

The call for proposals will aim at strengthening and supporting the non-governmental organisations active in the field of environment, to be able to better exercise their role in line with the 1998 Aarhus Convention on the Rights of Access to Information, Public Participation in the Decision-making Process and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters.

(d) Border region co-operation grant scheme

The call for proposals will aim at increasing cross-border, interregional and trans-national cooperation. The projects should result in enhancement of neighbourly relations in border regions with Bosnia & Herzegovina and Serbia & Montenegro, in local and regional development of border region economies, and in enhanced co-operation in order to build on the economic, social, environmental and cultural potential of border regions.

3. Eligibility conditions

(a) Civil society development

The applicants will be non-profit making and non- governmental organizations that can contribute to enhancement of social service delivery.

(b) Local partnership for employment phase 2

The applicants will be the relevant national stakeholders that form a part of the labour market at regional level.

(c) Civil society development - Environment grant scheme

The applicants will be national non-governmental and non-profit-making organisations active in the field of environment.

(d) Border region co-operation grant scheme

The applicants will be local/regional authorities, research institutes, associations, chambers, co-operatives, schools, cultural organizations, interest groups, foundations or other non-governmental bodies.

4. Selection and award criteria

The evaluation will be carried out in accordance with the procedures set out in the Practical Guide to contract procedures for EC external actions

5. Maximum rate of Community financing

In programme CARDS 2004, the maximum co-financing rate is 90%, but may be less, depending on individual Calls for Proposals.

6. Schedule of calls for proposals

The calls for proposals will most likely be launched for:

(a) Civil society development

- in the third quarter of 2006

(b) Local partnership for employment phase 2

- in the third quarter of 2006

(c) Civil society development - Environment grant scheme

- in the third quarter of 2006

(d) Border region co-operation grant scheme

- in the third quarter of 2006

7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals

(a) Civil society development

€1,700,000

(b) Local partnership for employment phase 2

€650,000

(c) Civil society development - Environment grant scheme

€600,000

(d) Border region co-operation grant scheme

€1,000,000