

Call for proposals: Reuniting Europe programme 2014-2015 in Montenegro

Background

Reuniting Europe Programme activity is part of The Diplomatic Influence and Values (DIV) Fund. This has been created to support the Foreign Secretary's Implementation Plan under which the FCO will, "pursue an active and activist foreign policy, working with other countries and strengthening the rules-based international system in support of our values".

Diplomatic Influence Values Fund (Reuniting Europe) has called for a new round of concept submissions for next financial year (April 2014 to March 2015). DIV RE seeks project proposals in line with the objectives and priority areas.

Grants are awarded to public institutions, local non-governmental organisations (NGOs), media, or other organisations that have displayed organisational skill and trustworthiness.

Project objectives:

We are interested in projects that focus on:

- > Enabling strong rule of law, including through strengthening reforms in the justice sector, countering corruption and organised crime
- To establish and promote proper functioning of core institutions necessary for democratic governance, through enabling democratic reforms, building institutional & administrative capacity, and/or promoting greater accountability and transparency

Project areas:

- > Rule of Law and good governance, transparency and accountability
- > Judicial reform
- > Public administration capacity building.

Quality criteria

Irrespective of the project priority area, all projects must meet the following quality criteria:

> Sustainability of the project's results

The impacts of a project should last beyond the life of the project itself. It must be clearly stated which of the project outputs/impacts are sustainable beyond the life of the project and how this sustainability is going to be achieved in the course of the project.

> Strong buy-in of the key beneficiaries/stakeholders of the project

A thorough analysis of the project beneficiaries/stakeholders should be carried out during the preparation of a project, including consultations with the key beneficiaries/stakeholders. It should be clearly stated in the project proposal who the key beneficiaries/stakeholders of the future project are and the level of their support and buy-in to the project. We may require documentary evidence of this support.

> Strategic impact for Montenegro

All projects, irrespective of whether they are carried out on a national or local level, should have a strategic impact on the development of a particular area.

Timing

Project bids are required by 9am on 21st of February 2014, sent by email to podgorica.projects@fco.gov.uk.

Management

The minimum size of the project proposals that are reviewed is £25,000. Projects spanning up to 3 financial years (1 April -31 March) are permitted. We regret that we are unable to fund academic courses or research. If you would like some advice or guidance in advance of the next call for bids, please contact us at podgorica.projects@fco.gov.uk. You can also find additional information on GOV.UK website.

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