



# Information Session

NDICI-Global Europe –  
Thematic Programme on Human Rights and Democracy

2023 Global Call for Proposals

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# Agenda

1. Introducing the Call
2. Lots 1 to 3
3. Lots 4 to 6
4. Tips
5. Question time



# Introducing the Call

# Overview

## Legal basis

- EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy for the period 2020-2024
- Thematic programme on Human Rights and Democracy
- Commission implementing decision C (2022) 5452

## Why a Global Call for Proposals

## Who are the targeted actors

# Call basics

## Background and objectives

## Grant amounts and sizes

- Amount available and grant sizes vary by Lot (see section 1.3.)

**Eligibility criteria:** actors, actions, costs

**Duration:** minimum **36 months** and maximum **60 months**

**Financial support to third parties**

# Meta-evaluation of human rights projects – recommendations

[Meta evaluation of human rights & democracy thematic projects \(2014-2021\) - Publications Office of the EU \(europa.eu\)](#)

1. Maintain support to areas of high relevance
2. Flexibility and Responsiveness
3. Longer term interventions
4. More open-ended calls for proposals
5. Coherence and coordination
6. Alignment with political, electoral and social cycles
7. Improving selection of partners
8. Mix of international, regional and national expertise
9. Multidisciplinary approaches
10. Risk management
11. Replicating best practices
12. Strengthening CSOs support

# Process – *see indicative timetable on p44*

! Beware follow the instructions closely; beware of deadlines!

## **Step 1: Concept note** (Q1-Q2 2024)

- Submission of concept notes
- Administrative check and evaluation

## **Step 2: Full applications** (Q2-Q3 2024) *(250% of the available budget)*

- Submission of full applications
- Administrative check and evaluation

## **Step 3: Eligibility check**

- Notification of awards

## **Step 4: Contracting** (Q4 2024- 2025)



# Evaluation criteria's – see *evaluation grids in Annex A.1 and Annex A.2*

- Relevance
- Design
- Financial and operational capacity
- Implementation approach
- Sustainability
- Budget and cost-effectiveness

# Lots 1 to 3

# Lot 1: Business and Human Rights

- **Overall objective:** to prevent corporate harm and ensure corporate accountability by supporting the role of civil society actors in the implementation of the United Nations Guiding Principles (UNGPs), and related EU legislation on human rights and environmental due diligence.
- **Priorities:** high-risk sectors, focus on access to remedies, link between HR and environment, policy-driven actions
- **Background policy documents:** [Commission proposal for a Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence](#), [Opinion to the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights on access to remedies in the area of BHR](#)
- **Eligibility of the action:** One or several identified high-risk sectors; must take place at global, regional or multi-country level in different countries and demonstrate clearly the added value of the multi-country approach in relation to the sectors of intervention.

# Lot 2: GSP +

- **Overall objective:** to support transparency and the effective monitoring and advocacy by civil society actors of compliance with international conventions relevant to the EU's special incentives arrangement GSP+
- **Priorities:** awareness raising and information-sharing about the trade arrangements, linking up activities to policy advocacy, cross-application of the reporting among CSOs for better impact.
- **Background policy documents:** [2017 EU Aid for Trade Strategy](#), [European Commission's 2021 Communication on Trade Policy Review](#), [Commission for a new GSP+ Regulation](#)
- **Eligibility of the action:** Restricted to 8 current GSP+ countries + Bangladesh, Laos, Nepal, Tajikistan, Cambodia and Myanmar. One winning proposal (see size of grant).

# Lot 3: Forced Labour

- **Overall Objective:** to contribute to eradicating forced labour worldwide.
- **Priorities:** monitoring, data collection and analysis and reporting by concerned rights-holders, improve social dialogue and legal frameworks for longer-term impact, link up to forced labour cases/product linked to the EU market.
- **Background policy documents:** [2022 Commission Communication on Decent Work Worldwide](#), [Commission proposal for a Regulation on products made with forced labour](#).
- **Eligibility of the action:** Multi-country level ( 2 or more countries) within one or more of the following regions: SSA, EU neighbourhood/enlargement, Asia and LAC. Specific application to a same sector, value or supply chain. Important to ensure coherence with the choice of geographical scope.

# Lots 4 to 6

# Lot 4 and 5

- **Overall objective:** to promote equality of LGBTIQ persons and their inclusion in all spheres of public and private life.
- **Priorities:** strengthening capacities of civil society, advocacy, public awareness, alliance building, strategic litigation, contributing to policy-making in the area of non-discrimination.
- **Background policy documents:** [LGBTIQ Equality Strategy 2020-2025 \(europa.eu\)](#), [EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy | EEAS \(europa.eu\)](#), [Gender Action Plan III: towards a gender-equal world | EEAS \(europa.eu\)](#), EU Guiding principles on LGBTIQ: [07\\_hr\\_guidelines\\_lgbti\\_en.pdf \(europa.eu\)](#)
- **Eligibility of the action:**
  - **Lot 4:** global, regional or national level, with a focus on countries faced with serious human rights violations.
  - **Lot 5:** regional or national level in Sub-Saharan Africa, focus on countries where consensual same-sex sexual acts between adults in private are criminalized.

# Lot 6

**Overall Objective:** to promote and protect the right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion, or belief, in line with EU guidelines on the promotion and protection of freedom.

**Priorities:** FoRB for all with focus on countries or situations where individuals are penalised or persecuted ; Promote the right to express or manifest a religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance; Prevent and combat discrimination, intolerance, and violence on grounds of religion or belief in all its forms.

**Background policy documents :** [EU Guidelines on the promotion and protection of freedom of religion or belief \( 2013\)](#) ; [EU Strategy on Combating Antisemitism and Fostering Jewish Life \(2021 - 2030\)](#)

**Eligibility of the action:** multi-country level within one of the following regions: i) Sub-Saharan Africa; ii) EU Neighbourhood/enlargement countries; iii) Asia; Lead applicant must be established in a Member State of the European Union and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) or in one of the countries of action location.

To note: Non eligible actions - Actions including political or religious proselytism or propaganda.



# Recommendations for preparing a successful application

# Tips for Successful applications (1)

- Stick to the recommended order and length for each section;
- Don't leave any question unanswered;
- Shorten the sub-questions into paragraph headings;
- Check for any Q&A documents and updates to the Call;
- Check eligibility of all co-applicants and affiliates and explain their role/responsibility in the action;
- Design the proposal using a participatory approach built on stakeholders consultations and analysis of their needs/constraints;
- Explain the role, experience, reputation and relationships of your team;

# Tips for Successful applications (2)

- Show how your action focuses on relevant cross-cutting issues and has a relevant gender/HRBA analysis and implementation strategy;
- Identify risks and explain how you will mitigate them;
- Explain how the action links with previous/current/future initiatives;
- Explain how 'Financial Support to Third Party' contributes to your objectives.
- When preparing the logical framework, choose an appropriate mix of quantitative and qualitative indicators, both custom-made and EU; indicators should be SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-Bound).

# Human rights-based approach and gender mainstreaming



- Apply the [HRBA working principles](#) at all stages of the intervention cycle
- Include a gender analysis in your proposal;
- Make these commitments visible in your log frame (with at least one explicit gender equality objective backed by at least one gender specific indicator)
- Use sex disaggregated data and gender-sensitive indicators ([GAP III indicators](#))
- M&E system should be able to measure impact on human rights and gender equality

# Links (1)

- EXACT External Wiki:  
<https://wikis.ec.europa.eu/display/ExactExternalWiki>
- E-Companion:  
<https://wikis.ec.europa.eu/display/ExactExternalWiki/eCompanion>
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<https://wikis.ec.europa.eu/display/ExactExternalWiki/Manual+for+Applicants+-+e-Calls+PADOR>



# Links (2)

- Daily allowance rates (per diem): [https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/funding/guidelines/managing-project/diem-rates\\_en](https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/funding/guidelines/managing-project/diem-rates_en)
- Project Cycle Management Guidelines: [https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/funding/managing-project\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/funding/managing-project_en)
- Financial Toolkit: [https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/financial-management-toolkit\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/financial-management-toolkit_en)
- Global Europe and Human Rights and Democracy Results Frameworks: <https://europa.eu/capacity4dev/results-and-indicators/human-rights>
- <https://europa.eu/capacity4dev/results-and-indicators/democracy>
- EU-publication-Enhanced-Outreach-to-CSOs-A-Collection-of-Good-Practices-of-FSTP-in-the-Neighbourhood-and-Enlargement-Countries.pdf (tacso.eu)

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### Results and Indicators for Development

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This Guidance for identification and formulation has been developed by INTPA Unit D4 – “Performance, Results and Evaluation; Internal Communication, Knowledge Management and Collaborative Methods” jointly with INTPA Thematic Units.

It is addressed to all colleagues involved in the preparation of Action Documents (ADs) and project documents and offers guidance to build strong logical frameworks (identifying SMART results and measurable indicators) in line with INTPA priorities. Its main objective is to enhance the quality of INTPA interventions – both in terms of design as well as of monitoring and reporting in the course of implementation.

#### Results chain diagram

The results chain covers outputs, outcomes and impact. The diagram is an interactive tool enabling users to have a view on the logical links between outputs and outcomes and how their achievement would lead to the desired impact.

## List of Core Indicators



## Results and indicators | Capacity4dev (europa.eu)

Thank you & good luck

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