

Balkan Monitoring Public Finance ANNOUNCES:

PUBLIC CALL FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS/ NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

FOR SUBMISSION OF PROJECT PROPOSALS WITHIN the European Commission's CIVIL SOCIETY FACILITY AND MEDIA PROGRAMME 2014-2015: Support to regional thematic networks of Civil Society Organizations – "CSOs as equal partners in monitoring public finances"

Balkan Monitoring Public Finance invites all civil society organizations (CSOs) / nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) from the Western Balkans (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia) to submit project proposals that are consistent with the development objectives of the project Balkan Monitoring Public Finance, and are addressing following priority areas:

1. empower the CSOs to strengthen their knowledge in the area of public finance, monitor public finance, provide policy proposals and participate in policy processes, raise public awareness, facilitate discussion with political actors and other relevant stakeholders, communicate and advocate for better accountability and transparency in the area of public finance
2. support media to communicate and inform the public on the issues or policy processes related to public finance
3. encourage the experts to conduct researches and baseline studies on the specific topics related to public finance
4. create cooperation platforms or support networking among different stakeholders for creating transparent and accountable policy and decision-making processes in the area of public finances.

This call for proposals explicitly focuses on four general topics of public finances such as public debt, public-private partnerships, tax justice and public infrastructure, transparency, rule of law, good governance, anti-corruption, economic growth, including citizens and CSOs in the budgeting process, public finance education, monitoring and oversight of public institutions, tax reforms. Funds will be allocated to those civil society organizations whose projects contribute to resolving one or more priorities and meet quality criteria and other conditions.

Projects eligible for this public call are those whose requested budgets are between 4.000 EUR and 8.000 EUR.¹ The BMPF project reserves the right not to award all available funds in the event that project proposals do not meet the given criteria. Available funds for this call are 45.600 EUR per country.

The duration of the projects can be between 4 and 6 months, and the projects must be implemented during the period between 01/12/2018 and 31/05/2019. Activities happened prior this date cannot be funded.

Participating in this public call is open to all on an equal basis, for CSOs and NGOs (associations or foundations) formally registered in the Western Balkans (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia) and in accordance with the valid legal regulations.

All interested civil society organizations can find detailed information on the conditions for applying and the criteria for funding of projects in the Guidelines for applicants, which is an integral part of the public call documentation.

Pertinent information as well as an electronic version of the entire application package can also be obtained from: <http://wings-of-hope.ba/balkan-monitoring-public-finance/public-call-for-csosngos-in-the-field-of-public-finances>. Applicants will submit their applications in English.

Should any additional information and clarifications be required, potential candidates may send a request with the reference to the Public Call for Applicants to the email address: diellza.saliu@birn.eu.com. Queries can be submitted by **19/October/2018**, and the answers will be provided in writing within 5 working days from the date of receiving respective queries. For transparency purposes, the answers will also be published to the project's website.

Completed applications, with all mandatory documentation, must be send via email to: diellza.saliu@birn.eu.com. In the subject, it has to be stated the following: Project proposal under the call "BMPF".

Every applicant who submitted a project and which was received on time by the project will receive pertinent receipts. The deadline for submitting applications is **Thursday, 1st November at 12:00 hours**.

¹ In exceptional circumstances, a higher amount of grand can be awarded



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Applications sent by any other means (e.g. by fax or post) or delivered to other addresses **will not be taken into consideration.**

All applicants, whether their project proposals are approved for funding or rejected, will be notified in writing of the decision on their project proposal within 24 days of closing the public call. Results will be announced at the web site of the project <http://wings-of-hope.ba/balkan-monitoring-public-finance/public-call-for-csos/ngos-in-the-field-of-public-finances>.

