

BASKET FUND 2014 CALL FOR PROPOSAL

Following the successful implementation and positive experience of Basket Fund Programmes in 2010-2011 and 2012-2013, the European Partnership for Democracy (EPD) is pleased to launch a new round of **Basket Fund 2014**.

The main aim of the Programme is to support projects based on the idea of an EU-Moldova Partnership, with a goal of strengthening the quality of democracy, sharing valuable experience gained from other European transitions to democracy and developing new international partnerships.

With regard to this general goal, the Basket Fund Programme invites NGOs to apply with short-term projects that answer the following criteria:

1. Projects should be based on the idea of an EU-Moldovan **Partnership**. They should be focused on sharing knowledge and experience, favouring exchanges between EU organizations and Moldovan ones, and boosting cooperation between these organizations. In this framework, projects serving as a launching mechanism for longer-term cooperation will be considered positively. Single-actions not aiming at establishing a durable partnership should be avoided.
2. Projects presenting some **originality**, proposing a new kind of cooperation and new types of activities and projects building on existing collaboration will be favoured. In no sense should the project be only a duplication of already existing initiatives.
3. Projects should fall under one or more of the following **areas**:
 - *Transnitria*: human rights advocacy, independent media development, local civic initiatives, CSOs capacity-building and support to confidence-building;
 - *Media*: supporting independent newspapers (especially in the regions), online news sources, independent broadcasting and trainings for journalists;
 - *Local Civic Activism*: stimulating civil society in the regions, smaller towns and villages, where it is less developed;
 - *Democratic Transition*: supporting the reforms needed to consolidate Moldova's democratic transition (judicial, security sector, electoral law etc.);

- *EU Integration Processes*: educating citizens about the EU, addressing steps that need to be taken to further the integration process;
- *Youth Participation in areas specified above*: involvement of youth in the above-mentioned fields.

4. Projects focused on sharing **transition of know-how** from Central Europe are strongly encouraged and recommended.

Time frame: projects must end by November 2014

Size of funding: from 10,000 to 15,000 USD. The Basket Fund supported activities can be either fully funded by the Basket Fund or co-funded.

Project Proposal should include the following documents:

1. Concept Note (Annex A), not longer than 7 pages, in English, Romanian or Russian;
2. Budget (Annex B);
3. Copy of Registration Certificate of the Applicant;
4. Copy of Registration Certificate of the involved Partners;
5. Partnership Agreement specifying the contribution (if the case) and role of each partner;
6. CV of the Project Manager.

Deadline for application: the deadline for proposals is the 31st January 2014 at 17h00 Moldovan time.

Project submission:

Please submit the Project Proposal to the EPD Coordinator Stela Cudalb via email epd@partnershipfair.eu or to the following address: nr.98, 31 August 1989 str., 3rd floor, East-Europe Foundation office, contact phone (+373-22) 235-343 (direct line 120). Incomplete proposals or applications received after the established deadline will not be considered.

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