

## **Grants of Up to 1,500,000 Euros for EU-India EIDHR Programme for Capacity Development and Promotion of Diversity in India**

**Deadline:** 6 April 2015

The Delegation of the European Union to India is seeking proposals for “Capacity Development and Promotion of Diversity for Inclusive, Sustainable Growth in India ” with financial assistance from the Non State Actors and Local Authorities in Development (NSA-LA) and European Instrument for Democracy & Human Rights (EIDHR) Programme.

### **Programme Objectives**

- The **global objective** of this call for proposal is- “To increase local CSOs and Local Authorities capacity to perform their roles as independent change agents and local development actors more effectively. This may be in the areas of-
  - Social
  - Cultural
  - Environmental
  - Civil or Political
  - Human Rights & Democracy
  - Law & Good Governance
- The **specific objectives** are-
  - To support Indian civil society’s capacity to perform their roles as independent change agents more effectively.
  - To support local authorities’s capacity to perform their roles as local development actors more effectively.
  - To promote the concept of diversity in the workplace not only within CSOs but also within the private sectors, government institutions, local self governing bodies, associations, federations promoting socio economic & human rights based on principles of equality & non discrimination.

### **Priority Issues**

1. Capacity Development
2. Diversity

### **Size of grants**

Any grant requested under this Call for Proposals must fall between

- Lot 1 (Civil Society): €1,000,000 to €1,500,000
- Lot 2 (Local Authorities): €375,000 to €375,000
- Lot 3 (EIDHR): €250,000 to €375,000

### **Lots**

This Call for Proposals is divided into three Lots.

- **Lot 1: Civil Society (CSO)** including the following actions:
  - Develop local CSOs’ capacity to perform their role as independent development actors, in particular those CSOs led by socially excluded communities or by groups affected by discriminatory social norms
  - Develop more specifically local CSO’s capacity to have a positive impact towards a more inclusive and sustainable growth
  - Promote, increase and improve diversity and social inclusion within their own organisations

- Promote diversity and social inclusion within CSOs as well as in the private and public sectors
- **Lot 2: Local Authorities (LA)** including the following actions:
  - Mobilize resources in a more diverse and strategic manner
  - Be more effectively accountable to key stakeholders and constituencies
  - Promote diversity in municipal corporations, panchayat raj institutions and other local authorities' bodies
  - Share knowledge and good practice relating to capacity development and diversity
- **Lot 3: EIDHR (Human Rights)** including the following actions:
  - Undertake research and documentation that lead to effective monitoring of exclusionary and discriminatory practices/policies in society and in workspaces, in particular within justice, law and order and human rights monitoring institutions;
  - Engage with, sensitize and develop capacities of key stakeholders in the institutions of local self-governance and justice delivery towards an equitable, unbiased and inclusive implementation of legislations and public policies;
  - Enhance access to justice for groups particularly affected by discriminatory social norms through direct legal services as well as through promoting institutional reforms;
  - Promote legislative and systemic reforms, including for compliance with and implementation of international human rights treaties, applying specifically the equality, inclusion and diversity lens.

#### **Indicative allocation of funds by lot**

- Lot 1 (Civil Society): €8.5 million
- Lot 2 (Local Authorities): €0.75 million
- Lot 3 (EIDHR): €1.9 million

#### **Duration**

- **For Lot 1 (Civil Society) and Lot 2 (Local Authorities)**, the initial planned duration of an action may not be lower than 36 months nor exceed 48 months.
- **For Lot 3 (EIDHR)**, the initial planned duration of an action may not be lower than 24 months nor exceed 36 months.

#### **Location**

The action must take place in India and can be located anywhere in the country (no location restriction). Parts of the action which may take place outside India (e.g. global or regional workshops) must explicitly benefit India and the relevant actors targeted by the action.