



ANNEX 3

of the Commission Implementing Decision on the Multi-Annual Action Programme 2018-2020 for the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) to be financed from the general budget of the Union

Action Document for Supporting Human Rights Priorities – Global Calls

INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL GRANT APPLICANTS

WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS

This document constitutes the work programme for grants in the sense of Article 110(2) of the Financial Regulation in the following sections calls for proposals: 5.3.1.1.

1. Title/basic act/ CRIS number	Supporting Human Rights Priorities – Global Calls CRIS numbers: EIDHR/2018/041-025, EIDHR/2019/041-336, EIDHR/2020/041-341 financed under European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights	
2. Zone benefiting from the action/location	Worldwide	
3. Programming document	Multiannual Indicative Programme (2018-2020) for the Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights Worldwide - Commission Implementing Decision C(2018)6409	
4. Sector of concentration/ thematic area	Human Rights and Democracy	DEV. Aid: YES
5. Amounts concerned	Total estimated cost: EUR 71,894,737 Total amount of EU budget: EUR 64,500,000 The contribution is for an amount of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EUR 22,000,000 from the general budget of the European Union for 2018 • EUR 18,000,000 from the general budget of the European Union for 2019, subject to the availability of appropriations 	

	<p>following the adoption of the relevant budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EUR 24,500,000 from the general budget of the European Union for 2020, subject to the availability of appropriations following the adoption of the relevant budget. 			
6. Aid modality(ies) and implementation modality(ies)	<p>Project Modality Grants (direct management, call for proposals)</p>			
7 a) DAC code(s)	15160 - Human rights			
b) Main Delivery Channel	Channel 1 - 20000 – Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and Civil Society			
8. Markers (from CRIS DAC form)	General policy objective	Not targeted	Significant objective	Main objective
	Participation development/good governance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
	Aid to environment	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Gender equality (including Women In Development)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
	Trade Development	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Reproductive, Maternal, New born and child health	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
	RIO Convention markers	Not targeted	Significant objective	Main objective
	Biological diversity	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Combat desertification	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Climate change mitigation	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Climate change adaptation	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Global Public Goods and Challenges (GPGC) thematic flagships	N/A			
10. SDGs	<p>While due to its human rights focus the action contributes to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs as a whole, the main contribution is towards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SDG 16: promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels - SDG 5: achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls 			

SUMMARY

The overall aim of the EIDHR Global Calls is to support civil society in protecting and promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms worldwide.

To this end, the EIDHR Global Calls will target the priority themes of the EIDHR under annual calls for proposals. The upcoming EIDHR Global Calls for 2018-2020 will cover respectively:

- (i) Human rights and human rights defenders where they are the most at risk and addressing shrinking democratic, civic and civil society space (**EIDHR Objective 1**)
- (ii) Human dignity, business and human rights and child rights (**EIDHR Objective 2**) and
- (iii) Support to democracy (**EIDHR Objective 3**)

Complementarity is one of the main features of this Action. First, complementarity with other geographic and thematic programmes, especially 'Civil Society Organisations and Local Authorities' (CSO&LA), 'Global Public Goods and Challenges' (GPGC) and 'Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace' (IcSP), will be closely observed. Second, synergies within the EIDHR MAP 2018-2020 are a cornerstone of this action. In order to guarantee these synergies, in particular between the EIDHR Global Calls and the Country-Based Support Scheme, the EIDHR Global Calls have been designed to be used only when there is a specific added value to a global or globally-managed intervention (e.g. issues that are not specific to individual countries or the most difficult issues unlikely/impossible to be addressed by the EU delegations).

The actions financed by the EIDHR under these calls will be in line with the relevant EU guidelines as well as all other relevant policy documents such as the European Consensus. While indirectly contributing and thus relevant for the entire Agenda 2030, the SDGs 16 and 5 are particularly targeted. Last but not least, a Rights Based Approach and the Gender mainstreaming represent two key features of the actions supported by the EIDHR Global Calls.

1 CONTEXT

1.1 Sector/Country/Regional context/Thematic area

According to the Regulation 235/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a financing instrument for democracy and human rights worldwide for 2014-20, the EIDHR assistance should "complement various other tools for implementing of Union policies on democracy and human rights. These tools range from political dialogue and diplomatic demarches to various instruments for financial and technical cooperation, including both geographic and thematic programmes."

The annex of the EIDHR Regulation and the EIDHR Multiannual Programme for 2018-2020 contains three objectives that aim at supporting and boosting civil society organisation activities:

- Objective 1 **Support to human rights and human rights defenders in situations where they are most at risk.** Actions under this objective will provide effective support

to human rights defenders (HRDs) that are most at risk and to situations where fundamental freedoms are most endangered and address shrinking democratic, civic and civil society space

-Objective 2 **Support to other EU human rights priorities.**

-Objective 3 **Support to democracy.** Actions under this objective will support peaceful pro-democracy actors in third countries with a view to enhancing participatory and representative democracy, transparency and accountability. Actions will focus on the consolidation of political participation and representation, as well as pro-democracy advocacy.

1.1.1 Public Policy Assessment and EU Policy Framework

On 1 January 2016, the *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* came into force. The 2030 Agenda with the set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at its core represents not only a renewed international framework to eradicate poverty but also a paradigm shift, explicitly and clearly linking development to the respect of human rights, in order to achieve inclusiveness and sustainability. It reflects a human rights-based vision consistent with the EU values. It strives to ensure that no one is left behind. Through the EIDHR Global Calls, SDG goals number 5 (Gender equality) and number 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions) will be directly targeted. In addition, goals number 1 (No poverty), 8 (Decent work and economic growth) and 10 (Reduced Inequality) will be addressed indirectly.

Equally, the new *European Consensus on Development*¹, the key EU policy document for international development cooperation, underlines that democracy, rule of law and good governance are essential preconditions to achieve sustainable development and long-term stability. Consistent with the 2014 *Council Conclusions on a rights-based approach to development cooperation, encompassing all human rights*, the rights-based approach to development cooperation is the working methodology guiding EU development action in the new European Consensus.

The *European Consensus on Development* highlights three priorities which will be pursued through this Action:

- People - Human development and dignity
- Prosperity - Inclusive and sustainable growth and jobs
- Peace – Peaceful and inclusive societies, democracy, effective and accountable institutions, rule of law and human rights for all

This action is firmly aligned also with the *2015-2019 Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy: "Keeping human rights at the heart of the EU agenda"*², in particular its objective II on 'Addressing human rights challenges' and objective I on 'Boosting ownership of local actors'.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/new-european-consensus-development-our-world-our-dignity-our-future_en

² Joint Communication "Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy (2015-2019): Keeping human rights at the heart of the EU agenda" of 28 April 2015 (JOIN(2015)16) adopted by the Council on 20 July 2015 (10897/15)

The global calls of proposals under this action will address some of the challenges identified in the Action Plan, as well as the Action Plan emphasis on "the key contribution that civil society actors and human rights defenders make to peace and security, stability and prosperity".

In addition, this action will be implemented in respect of gender mainstreaming and will contribute to the *Gender Action Plan* for the period 2016-2020 which stresses the need for an equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. Equally, the projects funded under this action will have to be designed and implemented according to the rights-based approach methodology, as outlined in the *2014 Tool-box "a Rights-Based Approach, encompassing all human rights, for EU development cooperation"* and the respective Council Conclusions³. In so doing, the projects will be designed through the application of the working principles of applying all rights, participation and access to the decision making process, non-discrimination and equal access, accountability and access to the rule of law, transparency and access to information.

Finally, the Action shall be in line with all relevant EU human rights guidelines and in full respect and in accordance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

1.1.2 Stakeholder analysis

The direct beneficiaries of the grants resulting from the action will be primarily **civil society organisations (CSOs⁴)**, active in the fields of the human rights, gender equality and democratic governance, with no geographical requirements set a priori. Natural persons, entities without legal personality and, in exceptional and duly justified cases, other bodies or actors, are eligible for funding when this is necessary to achieve the objectives of the EIDHR, as per article 11 of the Common Implementation Regulation. Given its global scope, no nationality restriction applies to the stakeholders.

Projects will preferably be based on partnerships of civil society organizations. However, other entities, such as independent political foundations and national, regional and international parliamentary bodies, and in duly justified cases also non-registered and other entities, will likewise be judged eligible when this is necessary to achieve the objectives of the EIDHR and the proposed measure cannot be financed under another Instrument.

The final beneficiaries of the action are **the citizens and the communities** living in the countries where the Global Calls projects are implemented.

1.1.3 Priority areas for support/problem analysis

For the period 2018-2020, the EIDHR Global Calls for proposals, organised annually and

³ A Rights-Based Approach, encompassing all human rights, for EU development cooperation" and the respective Council Conclusions: https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/sectors/rights-based-approach-development-cooperation_en

⁴ The EU considers CSOs to include all non-State, not-for-profit structures, non-partisan and non-violent, through which people organise to pursue shared objectives and ideals, whether political, cultural, social or economic. Operating from the local to the national, regional and international levels, they comprise urban and rural, formal and informal organisations. The EU values CSOs' diversity and specificities; it engages with accountable and transparent CSOs which share its commitment to social progress and to the fundamental values of peace, freedom, equal rights and human dignity. (COM(2012) 492 final)

managed by the headquarters, will cover a number of priority themes falling under the following specific objectives of the EIDHR MIP 2018-2-2020:

- (i) Objective 1 - Human rights and their defenders where they are the most at risk
- (ii) Objective 2 – Support to other EU human rights priorities
- (iii) Objective 3 - Support to Democracy

Under the first priority (EIDHR Objective 1), the focus will be twofold. As underlined in the EIDHR MIP 2018-2020, space for civic and democratic action in societies around the world has been facing an unprecedented crackdown, commonly labelled the ‘shrinking space’. This phenomenon is often accompanied by an increased repression of human rights defenders, which has taken many forms, ranging from harassment, travel ban, physical threats, arbitrary arrest and detention to extrajudicial execution, among others.

Therefore the calls under the first priority area will aim to strengthen the protection and capacity of specific groups and individuals whose rights are most at risk due to either their identity or profession. At the same time, these calls will seek to address the issue of closing civic, democratic and civil society spaces in broader sense, with the lens of fundamental freedoms. Gender will be strictly mainstreamed and the double-discrimination factor of women human rights defenders (including gender-based violence) will be systematically considered.

Under the second priority (EIDHR Objective 2), calls will focus on the role of civil society and other actors in advancing the EU human rights priorities related to human dignity, discrimination, gender based violence which covers, *inter alia*, the different forms of repression suffered by women defending Human Rights. Although the space for civil society is closing, it has been in fact widely recognised that the role of CSOs has shifted from being mere implementing partners for eradication of poverty to being recognised actors of governance. The EIDHR Global Calls will further strengthen this role by supporting the CSOs, as actors of governance, in advancing human dignity and fighting against discrimination. The EIDHR will also reinforce the CSOs action both from the point of view of civil and political rights and the economic, social and cultural rights. The selection of the targeted themes will be based mainly on the synergy and complementarities with other EIDHR actions and other EU instruments. Specific attention will be given to promotion and implementation of the EU human rights guidelines related to the selected priorities and to gender mainstreaming.

Under the third priority (EIDHR Objective 3), calls will target the countering of the wide-spread phenomenon of shrinking democratic space. Actions under this objective will support peaceful pro-democracy actors in third countries with a view to enhancing participatory, pluralistic and representative democracy, transparency and accountability. Actions will focus on the consolidation of political participation and representation, as well as pro-democracy advocacy, taking into account the impact of new technologies on the democratic environment. Civil society will be capacitated to innovate with modern means of communication and organisation, allowing them to act independently, influence decision making and hold authorities to account. The ability of civil society to resist shrinking space – including freedom of expression online and offline – will be a significant focus. Support to accountability will focus on access to information, monitoring of public spending, and building interest and understanding of public finance issues. Attention will also be given to ensuring that societal concerns are reflected in the formal political system, working with political representatives and legislatures where possible and relevant.

2 RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

Risks	Risk level (High/ Medium/ Low)	Mitigating measures
Some projects implemented under this Action, take place in extremely difficult, dangerous and volatile contexts. They are confronted with various political and physical risks that must not be underestimated.	H	Most difficult projects to be managed at HQ level, as restricted projects if needed. Size and format is adapted for the most difficult situation. In order to guarantee the security of local partners/applicants, special attention will be paid to the requirements of confidentiality and security.
CSOs could be confronted with fragile, crisis and risk-prone situations	M	HQ to tailor assistance in a way that allows CSOs to contribute to the resolution of problem.
Assumptions		
Sufficient number of high quality proposals are received for every issued Global Call.		
The EU is able to ensure confidentiality and security to applicants when needed.		

3 LESSONS LEARNT, COMPLEMENTARITY AND CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

3.1 Lessons learnt

The annual global call for proposals has been one of the key and well-known EIDHR actions since 2013. Since 2014, the EIDHR has delivered on its objectives using global calls for proposals in the form of five separated lots under the umbrella of an annual global call for proposals. These five lots were recurrent in all EIDHR 2014–2017 calls and covered respectively (i) Human rights and their defenders where they are the most at risk (ii) Economic, Social and Cultural rights (iii) Human Dignity (iv) Discrimination (v) other priorities planned in the Multiannual programming or linked to new unforeseen areas. These global calls focused on a specific sub-area each year for each of these recurrent five lots. These sub-themes were set in a rolling workplan for the period of 2014-2017. The budget per lot was set up at around EUR 5 million euro per year.

This methodology allowed covering a broad spectrum of human rights issues which would have been underserved otherwise and allowed for predictability of funding. On the other hand, the 5-lot structure awarding in average 35 contracts a year for approximately 800 received applications has fragmented the available budget and restrained the scope of actions in each given priority, raised unrealistic expectations among the CSO applicants, and generated rather high management and transaction costs.

Therefore, and considering the stakeholders' expectations and needs, the current Action proposes streamlining of the EIDHR Global Calls. While keeping the annual cycle of the call, we propose to focus only on three lots/themes each year and slightly increase budget per lot. Bigger stress is to be put on complementarity of Global Calls with other actions funded by EIDHR (see 3.2 below).

Another lesson learned is that to be too prescriptive by detailing the forthcoming calls several years ahead of time, already at the programming stage (rather than in the annual publication of the call), leads to loss of flexibility and reactivity, two basic features of the instruments. Ability to adapt to evolving political and policy context, but also to what other donors and the EUDs are doing (e.g. under Country-Based Support Scheme but also own programming), is a necessary tool for the EIDHR Global Calls. The need to retain the flexibility of EIDHR programmes was also one of the conclusions/recommendations of the EIDHR mid-term review⁵.

3.2 Complementarity, synergy and donor coordination

According to the Regulation 235/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a financing instrument for democracy and human rights worldwide for 2014-20, EIDHR should *"complement various other tools for implementing of Union policies on democracy and human rights. These tools range from political dialogue and diplomatic demarches to various instruments for financial and technical cooperation, including both geographic and thematic programmes."*

Respecting this requirement, complementarity is a key feature of the EIDHR Global Calls.

First, complementarity will be ensured with other geographic and thematic programmes, especially 'Civil Society Organisations and Local Authorities' (CSO&LA), 'Global Public Goods and Challenges' (GPGC) and 'Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace' (IcSP). Under the EIDHR, and especially its objective 1, the key target group are CSOs and priority is given to more sensitive issues targeted by civil society organisations, in line with the instruments' added value of not relying on partner governments' consent.

Second, consistency within the EIDHR MAP 2018-2020 is of primary importance. The EIDHR Global Calls are complementary to the EIDHR programmes targeting human rights defenders (primarily Actions 1 and 2), the support given to the 7th World Congress against the Death Penalty (Action 5), and, most importantly, to the EIDHR Country-Based Support Schemes - CBSS (Action 4) which target the EIDHR priorities at the local level, through local calls for proposals. In order to ensure complementarity with the CBSS action, the EIDHR Global calls will be used only when there is a specific added value to a global or globally-managed intervention (e.g. issues that are not specific to individual countries or the most difficult issues unlikely/impossible to be addressed by the EU delegations). The CBSS programme on the other hand will intervene where local analysis is key to the effectiveness of the action.

In addition, complementarity will be sought in relation with other donors.

⁵ https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/evaluation-european-instrument-democracy-and-human-rights-eidhr-2014-2020-draft-evaluation-report-1_en

3.3 Cross-cutting issues

In line with art. 3.8 DCI, all actions shall be designed and implemented following a rights-based approach, encompassing all human rights, as detailed in section 1.1.1. of this action document⁶.

In line with the 2030 Agenda and the motto of leaving no-one behind, particular attention will be given to traditionally excluded and discriminated individuals and groups, e.g. indigenous peoples, representatives of minorities, children, persons with disabilities, the elderly, refugees, internally displaced persons and migrants, including migrant workers, human rights defenders (including those promoting environmental and labour rights), LGBTI persons. The actions funded under this action will contribute to mainstream gender and achieve the objectives of gender equality and girls' and women's empowerment in line with the EU Gender Action Plan II. This commitment will be reflected in the use of gender sensitive indicators and sex disaggregated data to the extent possible. Gender specific activities may also be funded under this action such as trainings and awareness-building activities on women's and girls' rights and international law standards. The monitoring and evaluation system of projects shall be gender sensitive.

In line with the European Consensus of Development, all actions will also include environmental responsibility and avoid any damaging effects on the environment.

In line with the Digital for Development Staff Working Document⁷ and the EU Consensus for Development, deployment of digital tools for the protection and promotion of human rights will be encouraged whenever appropriate.

4 DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION

4.1 Objectives/results

The **overall objective** of this action is to support civil society in protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms worldwide.

This programme is relevant for the Agenda 2030. It contributes primarily to the progressive achievement of SDG Goal(s) 5 and 16 and to SDG Goal(s) 1, 8 and 10 at a secondary level.

The **specific objectives** are:

- To support the work of activists and organisations protecting people in the most difficult human rights situations from discrimination and violence and ensuring their access to justice (in particular the situation of the LGBTI persons and other vulnerable groups),
- To support civil society in countering the shrinking civic, democratic and civil society space and to build their resilience
- To support civil society organisations working towards universal abolition of the death penalty

⁶ https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/sectors/rights-based-approach-development-cooperation_en

⁷ Commission Staff Working Document: Digital4Development: mainstreaming digital technologies and services into EU Development Policy; SWD(2017) 157 of 2.5.2017; https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/sites/devco/files/swd-digital4development_part1_v3.pdf

- To support civil society action towards prevention of torture and ill-treatment, establishment of monitoring and accountability mechanisms, and rehabilitation of torture victims
- To support civil society action in the area of business and human rights by developing capacities, knowledge and monitoring on the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) and Corporate Social Responsibility in respect of human rights, as well as core labour standards as defined by fundamental ILO Conventions.
- To support civil society in promoting and protecting the rights of children in most difficult situations
- To support civic activism and citizen participation by leveraging new technologies and other innovations in the pursuit of good governance, democracy and the rule of law
- To support civil society and media in improving transparency and accountability at a national and local level
- To support civil society in responding to newly emerging or rapidly evolving threats and opportunities in the realm of democratic governance, focusing on pluralism, participation and accountability.

4.2 Main activities

In order to achieve the above objectives, one call for proposals will be launched each year between 2018-2020 (i.e. a total of three calls).

It is foreseen that each call will have no more than three lots covering the priority themes of the EIDHR objectives 1, 2, and 3.

It is expected that approximately 70 civil society projects will result from the 2018-2020 EIDHR Global Calls.

While the specific activities are to be proposed by the civil society, the following non-exhaustive list of examples can be given:

- Advocacy, lobbying and development of strategies by civil society organisations to push for legal reform, to influence policy-making, to promote accountability and transparency, and to counter restrictions imposed by States on CSOs and other non-state actors;
- Provision of psychosocial, medical, legal assistance and any other type of support;
- Facilitating dialogue processes and mediation activities;
- Documenting and reporting on cases of human rights violations;
- Promoting the signature, ratification and the effective implementation of the relevant international and regional human rights instruments, including fundamental ILO Conventions;
- Monitoring of and reporting on the implementation of the international human rights instruments that the country has ratified;
- Capacity-building of civil society organisations and human rights defenders;
- Awareness-raising and communication campaigns on human rights and democracy issues;;

- Ensuring access to remedy for victims, accountability and prosecution of perpetrators;
- Promoting inclusive and strategic partnerships, networking and cooperation with CSOs and other relevant stakeholders or among CSOs;
- Sub-granting to local registered and non-registered civil society organisations.

The themes (and guidelines) of the calls will be refined during the Action implementation, taking into account current policy and context developments. Below is the structure and indicative amounts for each call/lot as foreseen for the three forthcoming years. Adjustments could occur should urgent needs and/or policy developments make it necessary.

	2018	2019	2020
Lot 1	Human rights defenders (focus on 'identity-based' discrimination - LGBTI) (10 MEUR)	Business and Human Rights (5MEUR)	Shrinking civic, democratic and civil society space (10MEUR)
Lot 2	Death penalty (7 MEUR)	Torture & ill treatment (8 MEUR)	Rights of children in most difficult situations (10 MEUR)
Lot 3	Civic activism: leveraging new technologies (5 MEUR)	Democratic Accountability: role of media and civil society (5MEUR)	Ad hoc Action' - Emerging Issues (4.5 MEUR)

4.3 Intervention logic

The EIDHR aims to be a balanced instrument. A pragmatic combination of targeted projects and calls for proposals, management by both Headquarters and Delegations (through the Country-Based Support Schemes) allows for a comprehensive and coherent implementation by local civil society as well as international and regional organisations. The EIDHR Global Calls are one of the main vehicles to support the own initiatives of civil society.

5 IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 Financing agreement

In order to implement this action, it is not foreseen to conclude a financing agreement with the partner country..

5.2 Indicative implementation period

The indicative operational implementation period of this action, during which the activities described in section 4.2 will be carried out, is **90 months** from the adoption of this Action Document.

Extensions of the implementation period may be agreed by the Commission's authorising officer responsible by amending this decision and the relevant contracts and agreements; such amendments to this decision constitute technical amendments in the sense of point (i) of Article 2(3)(c) of Regulation (EU) No 236/2014.

5.3 Implementation modalities

Both in indirect and direct management, the Commission will ensure that the EU appropriate rules and procedures for providing financing to third parties are respected, including review procedures, where appropriate, and compliance of the action with EU restrictive measures affecting the respective countries of operation⁸.

5.3.1.1 Grants: call for proposals (direct management)

(a) Objectives of the grants, fields of intervention, priorities of the year and expected results

The objective of this action is to support civil society in protecting and promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms worldwide. In order to achieve the above objective, one call for proposals will be launched each year between 2018-2020 addressing the key priority areas of the EIDHR (as detailed in section 4 above).

(b) Justification of a direct grant

NA

(c) Eligibility conditions

The eligibility criteria for applicants are the one defined in the Article 11.2 of Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 on common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action (CIR).

The applicants will be primarily civil society organisations (as defined in the Art. 11.2 of CIR). Natural persons, entities without legal personality and, in exceptional and duly justified cases, other bodies or actors not identified in this paragraph, are eligible for funding under the EIDHR when this is necessary to achieve the objectives of the instrument, as per Article 11 of Common Implementation Regulation (CIR).

⁸ https://eeas.europa.eu/sites/eeas/files/restrictive_measures-2017-04-26-clean.pdf

(d) Essential selection and award criteria

The essential selection criteria are financial and operational capacity of the applicant.

The essential award criteria are relevance of the proposed action to the objectives of the call; design, effectiveness, feasibility, sustainability and cost-effectiveness of the action.

(e) Maximum rate of co-financing

The maximum possible rate of co-financing for grants under this call is 95%.

If full funding is essential for the action to be carried out, the maximum possible rate of co-financing may be increased up to 100 %. The essentiality of full funding will be justified by the Commission's authorising officer responsible in the award decision, in respect of the principles of equal treatment and sound financial management.

(f) Indicative trimester to conclude the grant agreement

Last trimester of years 2019, 2020 and 2021.

5.4 Scope of geographical eligibility for procurement and grants

The geographical eligibility in terms of place of establishment for participating in procurement and grant award procedures and in terms of origin of supplies purchased as established in the basic act and set out in the relevant contractual documents shall apply.

5.5 Indicative budget

	EU contribution (amount in EUR)	Indicative third party contribution, in currency identified*
Global Call for Proposals 2018	22 000 000	1 157 895
Global Call for Proposals 2019	18 000 000	947 368
Global Call for Proposals 2020	24 500 000	1 289 474
Totals	64 500 000	3 394737

*These amounts are calculated based on the assumption that the entire action is co-financed by the EU at the rate of 95%. However, the exact rate of co-financing will be determined at the time of each call for proposals.

5.6 Organisational set-up and responsibilities

The EIDHR Global Calls will be managed by the EC Headquarters. If appropriate and possible, the projects resulting from the Global Calls may be transferred for management (including monitoring) to the EU delegations in third countries. This will be judged on case by case basis.

5.7 Performance monitoring and reporting

Projects will be monitored according to standard procedures through the Commission monitoring system (ROM - Results Oriented Monitoring). Project monitoring and evaluation will be based on periodic assessment of progress on delivery of specified project results and towards achievement of project objectives. Clear indicators will be identified for all individual projects resulting from this action.

Where applicable, reporting will be done in accordance to the requirements set in the General Conditions. Progress reports will be prepared every six months during the period of implementation of the tasks. They will be provided along with the corresponding invoice, the financial report and an expenditure verification report, if foreseen, defined in the General Conditions. There must be a final report, a final invoice and the financial report accompanied by an expenditure verification report, if foreseen, at the end of the period of implementation of the tasks.

Each report shall consist of a narrative section and a financial section. The financial section will contain details of the time inputs of the experts, of the incidental expenditure and of the provision for expenditure verification, if foreseen.

5.8 Evaluation

Having regard to the nature of the action, an evaluation will not be carried out for this action as a whole.

However, the action components, i.e. individual projects resulting from the EIDHR Global Calls, will undergo evaluations via the implementing partners.

The Commission may, during implementation, decide to undertake evaluation via external consultants for duly justified reasons either on its own decision or on the initiative of the partner.

The evaluation reports shall be shared, when appropriate, with other key stakeholders. The implementing partner and the Commission shall analyse the conclusions and recommendations of the evaluations and, where appropriate, jointly decide on the follow-up actions to be taken and any adjustments necessary, including, if indicated, the reorientation of the project.

All monitoring and evaluation efforts must be gender sensitive.

The financing of the evaluation shall be covered by another measure constituting a financing decision.

5.9 Audit

Without prejudice to the obligations applicable to contracts concluded for the implementation of

this action, the Commission may, on the basis of a risk assessment, contract independent audits or expenditure verification assignments for one or several contracts or agreements.

The financing of the audits shall be covered by another measure constituting a financing decision.

5.10 Communication and visibility

Communication and visibility of the EU is a legal obligation for all external actions funded by the EU.

This action shall contain communication and visibility measures which shall be based on a specific Communication and Visibility Plan of the Action, to be elaborated at the start of implementation and supported with the budget indicated in section 5.5 above.

In terms of legal obligations on communication and visibility, the measures shall be implemented by the Commission, the partner country, contractors, grant beneficiaries and/or entrusted entities. Appropriate contractual obligations shall be included in, respectively, the financing agreement, procurement and grant contracts, and delegation agreements.

The Communication and Visibility Manual for European Union External Action shall be used to establish the Communication and Visibility Plan of the Action and the appropriate contractual obligations.

When judged necessary, the visibility requirements of some of the projects financed under this Action Document will be removed or limited due to the total or partial confidentiality of the action, and the beneficiaries may not be requested to submit a communication plan.