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OPEN CALL

FOR SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

Tentative timeline:

Date of the announcement	30.07.2024
Deadline for providing the full proposals	15.09.2024
Announcement of the results	01.10.2024
Proposed starting date	15.10.2024

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This project is funded by the European Union. This project is envisioned to become the primary means through which civil society will help to restore integrity and efficiency in the justice system in Armenia. The effective engagement of civil society is a must for carrying out systemic reforms as well as including a connection to citizens and victim groups.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CALL

The objective of this call is to support civil society organizations, particularly members of the Juremonia Platform, in becoming professionally equipped to prepare and submit alternative reports to UN Treaty Monitoring Bodies. Additionally, the call aims to enhance their efforts in monitoring the implementation of the Armenia–EU Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement (CEPA), with a specific focus on the Justice field.

The activities under this grant can include, but are not limited to:

1. **Training**: Providing educational sessions to build the capacity of civil society organizations in report preparation and submission processes.
2. **Professional Consultation**: Offering expert advice and support to ensure the accuracy and effectiveness of the reports.
3. **Hands-on Guidance**: Actively assisting organizations through the collective report preparation process, ensuring thorough and comprehensive submissions.

BACKGROUND

The consortium of Netherlands Helsinki Committee (NHC), Penal Reform International (PRI), Social Justice (SJ) NGO and Civil Society Institute (CSI) NGO has launched a "Justice Reforms Monitoring in Armenia" (JUREMONIA) project[1] with the financial support of the European Union. **This programme will support civil society organisations (CSOs) to strengthen the role of civil society in Armenia in promoting human rights and judicial reform and become an effective force.**

The overall aim is to achieve CSOs empowerment and meaningfully engagement in the Justice sector reforms (incl. police and criminal justice system) in Armenia as effective, trusted and sustainable independent actors, in order to create a more accountable, transparent and international human rightscompliant justice system in Armenia.

Within the framework of the program, four main domains of justice reforms are considered, which are:

1) Legal and Judicial Reforms;
2) Police Reforms;
3) Penitentiary and Probation Reforms, and;
4) Anti-Corruption reforms.

In addition, the National Strategy for Human Rights Protection applies to the implementation of all abovementioned domains.

[1] Additional information about the programme can be found by visiting the https://juremonia.am/ website.

The small grant scheme will be facilitated by the Civil Society Institute NGO. A selection committee for the small grant scheme will consist of independent Armenian and international assessors.

This call for proposals is soliciting proposals for grants in the 2024-2025 period.

ELIGIBILITY

This call for proposals is open to non-profit civil society organisations or consortia of non-profit civil society organizations with the status of a legal person, established in Armenia. Civil society organisations must be registered for at least three years.

In case of consortia, the main applicant will be responsible for the overall implementation of the action and reporting.

Public administration institutions, state agencies, local or regional authorities, political parties or organisations affiliated with political parties are not eligible for this call.

Ineligible costs

The following activities and expenditures are not eligible under this call: Infrastructure projects (constructing roads, bridges, buildings, etc)

- Purchase of land or property
- Political or religious activities
- Environmentally harmful projects
- Retrospective activities (costs related to activities implemented prior to signing the grant agreement)

Eligible costs include all costs necessary to perform monitoring work including the reporting process, such as: staff salary costs or fees, travel costs, daily allowances, printing costs, publication costs and telephone, internet costs.

Grant Amount and Duration

The Applicant will be supported up to the 15000 EUR maximum for grant. Co-financing or any kind of contribution is encouraged, but not required.

Proposed project duration should be not less than 12 and not more than 14 months. The final report of the Report should be provided not later than 30 November, 2025.

The deadline for providing the final proposal is **15 September 2024.**

APPLICATION PROCESS

Only eligible and complete applications will be evaluated and shortlisted based on the following criteria:

	Proposal selection criteria	**Maximum score**
1	Compliance of the proposal with the overall goals of the call	40
2	Access and proven experience and expertise in preparation and submission of alternative reports to UN Treaty Bodies or on CEPA implementation	30
3	Relevance and added value	30
	Total	**100**

Applicants must submit the following documents:

- Annex 1 – Full Proposal
- Annex 2 – Budget
- Relevant experience on similar projects in past 5 years
- Certificate of Registration
- A copy of the taxpayer identification number (TIN) organization (only for the Lead if applied with Consortium);
- A reference from bank about the existence of a bank account of the organization (only for the Lead if applied with Consortium);
- CVs of the project team
- If the proposal is submitted by a consortium: an outline of the cooperation process and the division of tasks between individual members in the application form

Applications should be submitted **in English**. All submitted applications must be sent electronically to ONLY this email address: juremonia.grants@gmail.com

Deadline for submission of proposal is 15 September**, 2024**. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

You may also submit your proposal related questions **until 1 September, 2024** via the email address mentioned above. Questions will be answered within 5 working days.

Indicative date for receiving feedback to the applications is **30 September, 2024** and will be sent via email.