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DG Justice Call For Project Partners

Dear friends,

This circular provides you with information on the upcoming application on a DG Justice grant for which your NSO/NSA can be partners. To be able to be a partner in this project, please check carefully the requirements below and follow all the steps described. The application will be submitted at European level by the WSB, Europe Support Centre, Brussels.

Call name: Action grants to support transnational projects to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance - JUST/2015/RRAC/AG

Call focus: Co-fund transnational projects that work on preventing and combating racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance.

Application deadline: 18 February 2016

The full set of documents for the call can be found at the link below: http://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants1/calls/2015_action_grants/just_2015_rrac_ag_en.htm

The call has three priorities:

1. BEST- Best practices to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance

- 2. TRAI Training and capacity building for strengthening criminal responses to hate crime and hate speech
- 3. VICT Empowering and supporting victims of hate crime and hate speech

We are proposing to develop a partnership and apply with a project on priority 1- BEST.

Many NSOs and NSAs in our Region are already working on projects that tackle topics such as homophobia, racism or inter-faith dialogue. We find this line of funding brings a good opportunity to help promote and develop such examples of good practice. At the same time, other associations that are interested in starting to work with such topics could become involved in the project and develop their ideas together with more experienced organisations.

Financial conditions: The minimum project grant is 300 000 EUR with a co-funding of minimum 20%. External co-funding (such as MoP and other capacity building initiative) and use of existing resources in the Region through the next Regional Scout Plan and in partner organisations would be explored to cover the co-funding element.

Project Aim

Build a common approach on adopting tolerance and prevention measures at national level in European NSAs and NSOs, based on working with successful tools developed within Europe and the national realities of each country participating in the project. The final target group are young people inside and outside Scouting.

Draft Objectives

- Exchange of best practices developed on this topic among European NSOs and NSAs and with external partners
- Create a Toolkit dedicated to support the national level of European NSOs and NSAs on how to approach the inclusion of tolerance and prevention activities and measures in all levels of their organisations
- Provide training for the NSOs interested in adopting this approach on how to use the Toolkit

The objectives and actions are flexible and could be further specifically tailored to the needs of each partner. It is possible to include in the project application any activity that would enhance young people's tolerance (communication campaign, trainings, tools and games...) towards such topics.

How to benefit from these grants?

We invite the NSOs and NSAs interested in becoming partners, to contribute to the development of the final project objectives. We would like this project to meet the needs and expectations of all partners involved. We see a direct correlation to some possible elements of the next Regional Scout Plan currently being explored.

To be able to do that, we invite the interested organisations to:

- Express their interest through filling in the form at the following link by the 26th of January: <u>http://goo.gl/forms/NVF03Jj4mv</u>
- participate in a **one-day working meeting on 3 February**. The meeting will take place in Brussels, Rue de l'Industrie 10 (Mundo-J building).

To be able to benefit from this grant, at least 5 different EU countries should be involved. Without the necessary interest from the NSO/NSAs, the meeting will be cancelled.

The organisations participating in this meeting should make their own travel arrangements. The European Scout Region will ensure the hosting of the meeting (meals and, for those requesting, one night of accommodation).

Which NSOs/NSAs are eligible for this grant? All 28 EU member states, Iceland and Liechtenstein.

For any further questions related to this call for partners, please contact my colleague Sinziana Rasca, <u>srasca@scout.org</u>.

Yours sincerely,

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