

## **WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS**

### **of the Government of the Republic of Serbia, represented by the Ministry of Finance, Department for Contracting and Financing of EU Funded Programmes (CFCU)**

#### **1. Basic act and/or Financing source**

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession assistance (IPA)

National Programme for Republic of Serbia under the IPA – Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2013

#### **2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2014 and expected results**

##### **a) Creating a Comprehensive Research and Development (R&D) and Supporting Innovation and Technology Transfer**

**The overall objective** is to strengthen the role of public sector in creating preconditions for modernisation and growth of Serbian economy by focusing, among others, on R&D and innovation capacities and cooperation. Also to create a strategic framework for R&D and innovation, and promoting cooperation between research institutions and private sector in order to build research and strengthen SME capacities to innovate and increase (business) investments in R&D.

**The specific objective** of this project is to increase investment in research and innovation.

##### **Expected results:**

Enhanced system for supporting innovation and technology transfer:

- Adopting and implementing technology transfer practices by the Innovation Support Organizations (ISO) and/or R&D organisations;
- Technologies transferred by R&D organizations;
- New products or services developed;
- Adopting and implementing the R&D and Innovation Strategy and Action Plan;
- Adopting and implementing the Infrastructure Roadmap and Action Plan.

##### **b) Development of Effective Community Services in the Area of Education and Social Welfare at the Local Level**

**The overall objective** is to contribute to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth for the Republic of Serbia by building a more knowledgeable and skilled labour force, improving social protection policies and promoting the social inclusion of vulnerable populations, enabling greater opportunities for a better standard of living in alignment with the targets set forth by the Europe

2020 Strategy.

**The specific objective** is to advance social inclusion and reintegration of marginalized and vulnerable populations through enhancing education and social welfare measures and effective community services, with particular focus on drop-out reduction, family care and access to justice for children.

**Expected results:**

Social inclusion and poverty reduction of vulnerable and multiply disadvantaged groups with particular emphasis on children, the elderly, persons with disabilities and income support users:

- Support to social inclusion of the most vulnerable and multiply disadvantaged groups provided through high quality and innovative community-based social services and social business initiatives;
- Social welfare system strengthened and mechanisms developed to ensure the highest quality and cost-effectiveness in providing social services and financial support, and quality protection of children guaranteeing two systems, justice and social welfare, act in the best interests of the child;
- Inter-sectoral measures for decreasing early school leaving and drop-out prevention designed and implemented at local level;
- Capacities of stakeholders in the fields of education and social protection strengthened to plan, implement and monitor drop-out prevention measures at central and local level.

**3. Eligibility conditions**

**a) Creating a Comprehensive Research and Development (R&D) and Supporting Innovation and Technology Transfer**

Actions must take place in Republic of Serbia.

Contracting Authority will sign a contract with the Innovation Fund (direct grant).

**b) Development of Effective Community Services in the Area of Education and Social Welfare at the Local Level**

Actions must take place in Republic of Serbia.

The applicants will be legal persons, non-profit making, specific types of organisations such as: non-governmental organisations, public sector operators, local authorities, international (inter-governmental) organisations.

Co-applicant(s) must satisfy the eligibility criteria as applicable to the applicant himself.

Affiliated entity(ies) must satisfy respectively the eligibility criteria as applicable to the applicant and to the co-applicant(s).

**4. Selection and award criteria**

The evaluation will be carried out in accordance with the procedures set out in the Practical Guide to contract procedures for EU external actions.

**5. Maximum rate of European Union financing**

**a) Creating a Comprehensive Research and Development (R&D) and Supporting**

## **Innovation and Technology Transfer**

The maximum rate of Community co-financing is 54.5% of eligible expenditure.

### **b) Development of Effective Community Services in the Area of Education and Social Welfare at the Local Level**

The maximum rate of Community co-financing is 90% of eligible expenditure.

## **6. Indicative time-schedule of calls for proposals**

### **a) Creating a Comprehensive Research and Development (R&D) and Supporting Innovation and Technology Transfer**

The indicative date for award of the decision falls in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2014.

### **b) Development of Effective Community Services in the Area of Education and Social Welfare at the Local Level**

The indicative date of call for proposals falls in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2014.

## **7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals**

### **a) Creating a Comprehensive Research and Development (R&D) and Supporting Innovation and Technology Transfer**

EUR 4.400.000,00

### **b) Development of Effective Community Services in the Area of Education and Social Welfare at the Local Level**

EUR 5.500.000,00