



# #EU4HumanRights

New grants supporting promotion and respect of fundamental rights

*"All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and right, as stated in Article 1 of the Universal Declaration. You. Me. Everyone. Join us. Stand up for human rights."*

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights  
**Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein**

The **European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)** remains a key financial instrument to promote human rights. The implementation of projects funded under the EIDHR aim to contribute further to democratisation processes in the country and boost respect of human rights.

The latest 2016-2017 edition of the EIDHR Country Based Support Scheme allocated EUR 1.1 million to 5 civil society organisations.

The EU-funded projects will focus on gender equality, corporate responsibility in protection of human rights, rights of people with disabilities and free legal aid to the most vulnerable groups in the country.

## 1 Enhancing Democracy through Gender Equality, functioning mechanism for a Vibrant Civil Society

The EU-project activities will be focused on strengthening the capacities of local gender equality machinery (institutional mechanisms for gender equality) and civil society organisations to promote women's empowerment; to create a platform for cooperation among CSOs, mechanisms for equal opportunities and the general public where gender sensitive issues are raised jointly. The project includes sub-granting to grass roots CSOs.

**Implementing partners:** 1) Kvinna till Kvinna Slakthusplan and  
2) Organisation of Women of Municipality of Sveti Nikole  
**Duration:** 2 April 2018 – 31 March 2020 (24 months)  
**Total budget:** 297,023 / EU-contribution: 269,043 EUR

## 2 Fostering Business and Human Rights Principles

The overall objective of the EU-project is to foster economic and social rights in the private sector through advancing on Business and Human Rights. 1) Active participation of relevant stakeholders in policy dialogue and raising awareness in regards to the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs); 2) Enhanced understanding, capacities and knowledge about the Business and Human Rights guidelines among the business community.

**Implementing partners:** 1) Association Konekt and  
2) "Business Confederation of Macedonia"  
**Duration:** 1 March 2018 – 31 December 2019 (22 months)  
**Total budget:** 207,040.68 EUR / EU-contribution: 196,688.65 EUR

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The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) was drafted by representatives with different legal and cultural backgrounds from all the regions of the world and was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris in 1948. It is the most translated document in the world, available in more than 500 languages. In a year, where we mark the **70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights**, the EU reaffirms its strong support for the work of the UN human rights system.

## 3 Disability: a matter of perception

The EU-project action is aimed to strengthen visibility of persons with disabilities (PwD) in the media. It relies on innovative approach, viewing the media visibility of PwD as means and necessary precondition to their active participation in public life and equal treatment in exercising the rights and freedoms. Therefore, the action is set as to provide solutions and ensure preconditions for reducing media invisibility of persons with disabilities, setting up the following specific objectives: 1) Increased effectiveness of PwD CSOs by assuming assertive approach in communication with media; 2) Improved understanding and inclusive journalism skills of media representatives; 3) Established sustainable CSO-media cooperation mechanisms in support to participation and inclusion of PwD; and 4) Media invisibility of PwD placed higher on the policy-makers' agendas.

**Implementing partners:**

- 1) Media Diversity LTD;
- 2) Macedonian Institute for Media and
- 3) "National Council of Disability Organisations of Macedonia"

**Duration:**

15 January 2018 – 14 January 2020 (24 months)

**Total budget:**

213,949.43 EUR / EU-contribution: 192,554 EUR

## 4 Community-Led Inclusive Partnerships (CLIP)

To strengthen local awareness and capacities for ensuring the right of persons with disabilities to access to services and facilitate social and community inclusion of persons with disabilities will be the overall objective of this EU-project. It is expected to build capacities of disability CSOs and local authorities in 6 municipalities for joint action planning, data collection and monitoring and evaluation in addressing disability access and inclusion. The EU-project team will support work for the development of an innovative "Disability-Friendly Municipality Model" through identification of barriers, development of local action plans and responsive budgeting for change. Support will be provided also to the inclusive schools working with 12 primary schools, strengthening the leadership and advocacy capacities of student governing bodies with a view to advocate for educational and social inclusion.

The project includes sub-granting to grass roots CSOs.

**Implementing partners:**

- 1) Foundation for education and cultural initiatives Step by Step and
- 2) Association of Students and Youth with Disability Skopje;

**Duration:**

1 March 2018 – 28 February 2020 (24 months)

**Total budget:**

173,912.00 EUR / EU-contribution: 165,216.40 EUR

## 5 Mobile Teams for Legal Support to Low Income Individuals and Families

The overall objective of the action is to improve the access to justice for the most vulnerable groups of society. Three main strategies exist for improvement of the access to justice: a. Individualized legal aid, b. Improved accessibility of procedures and c. Empowerment through legal needs related information. Consequently, this action aims at two specific objectives: 1. Legal empowerment of low income individuals and families is the process of systemic change through which the poor are protected and enabled to use the law to advance their rights and their interests as citizens. The action will provide access to legal counsel and guidance and it will increase their legal awareness in legal areas most relevant for alleviating poverty. 2. Improvement of the legislation and the implementation of existing mechanisms pertaining access to justice. This action strives at improving the existing legislation for increasing access to justice and for scrutinized implementation of the existing mechanisms for facilitating access to justice.

**Implementing partners:**

- 1) Macedonian Young Lawyers Association (MYLA) and
- 2) Pravno Informacijski Center Nevladnih Organizacij PIC Ljubljana

**Duration:**

1 January 2018 – 31 August 2019 (20 months)

**Total budget:**

209,869.00 EUR / EU-contribution: 199,375.55 EUR

