



**SUPPORT TO CIVIL SOCIETY Project**  
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Press release

New EU call for proposals supports the civil society

**FOUR MILLION EURO FOR CIVIL SECTOR**

Under the Support to Civil Society Project, the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Serbia launched the call for proposals enabling grants in the overall amount of four (4) million euro to the civil society organisations whose project proposals meet the evaluation criteria set by this call which is open by March 10<sup>th</sup> 2011.

The Support to Civil Society Project is new two-year-long project launched in October 2010 by the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic with the general objective to support active civil society participation in Serbia's EU integration. The specific objectives of this project are building social cohesion and overcoming discrimination in Serbian society by promoting tolerance and cultural diversity, as well as the active civil society participation in the socioeconomic development.

From IPA 2009 and IPA 2010 the European Union allocated the overall amount of EUR 4 million in order to provide grants to the civil society organisations. The grants awarded selected projects will be between EUR 50,000 and EUR 150,000 while the duration of supported projects is between six (6) and twelve (12) months. The deadline for submitting applications expires on March 10<sup>th</sup> 2011, and the tender documentation is available on the Internet sites [www.europa.rs](http://www.europa.rs) and [www.civilnodrustvo.rs](http://www.civilnodrustvo.rs).

The call for proposals is open for applications of the civil society organisations in broader sense including non-governmental organisations or organisations at grassroots level, professional organisations, cultural, artistic clubs or associations, media associations, organisations representing social and economic players at large (e.g. associations of consumers, patients, students, business associations, etc.), labour-market actors (trade-unions and associations of employers), in partnership with other civil society organisations from the Republic of Serbia, EU member states or countries of region, cultural and educational institutions or local self-governments.

The information sessions for the representatives of civil society organisations presenting the call for proposals in more details will be held in the second part of January 2011.

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