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INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN MINI-GRANT PROGRAMME

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The European Union financed “Strengthening Civil Society Participation in Public Councils in Kyrgyzstan” project announces a call for proposals for small-grants. Civil society organisations are invited to participate and create a joint project with the Public Councils of state bodies and/or small/regional Public Councils, established from the local communities and initiative groups, as well as with the media and journalists.

The **overall objective** of this call is to ensure synergetic efforts contributing to supporting public-private partnership initiatives, to reaching better public understanding about the role of Public Councils both on central and local levels, and to promoting a culture of responsibility and civic engagement to interact with Public Councils.

The total amount of financing per project is limited to 10.000 EUR (800.000 SOM).

Applications can be submitted by post/hand-delivery at the project office: 6/2, Turusbekova st. 720033 Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel/fax: +996 (312) 455657, +996 (0)551175218, reception hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 – 17:30 (lunch break 12:00 – 13:00), or by email using the email address: minigrants@gsi-projects.eu

The deadline for the submission of applications is: **29.01.2018, at 17h Bishkek time**. The duration of an action is limited to 3-4 months, and projects should be started by 01.03.2018.

The Application form, guidelines and other information about this call can be downloaded from the website of the project: www.gsi-projects.eu/public-councils

For additional information, please contact our mini-grant programme manager Begayim Sharsheeva by e-mail: begayim.sharsheeva@gsi-projects.eu or tel.: +996 (551) 175 218

The project partner organizations:

*The **Gustav-Stresemann-Institut e.V. (GSI)** was founded in 1951 as independent institute for trans-national training and European co-operation. GSI European Conference & Training Centre Bonn is an independent, non-party and non-profit institution of citizens' training. GSI is the biggest institute with annually 2.000 seminars, workshops & conferences, followed by 100.000 participants from all over the world.*

*The **Human Rights Advisory Board (HRAB)** was founded in 2005 by the Ombudsman and the Supreme Court of KR and the Danish Institute for Human Rights with the aim of creating a national dialogue platform between state and civil society to promote human rights and rule of law and raise awareness of human rights among the population.*

The project is implemented:



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