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ANNEX 2

Of the Commission Implementing Decision on the adoption of the Multiannual Action Programme 2016 and 2017 for the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights.

ACTION DOCUMENT FOR SUPPORTING HUMAN RIGHTS PRIORITIES - EIDHR GLOBAL CALLS

Information for Potential Grant Applicants

Work Programme for Grants

This document constitutes the work programme for grants in the sense of Article 128(1) of the Financial Regulation (Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012) in the following section concerning calls for proposals: 5.3.1.

1. Title/basic act/ CRIS number	SUPPORTING HUMAN RIGHTS PRIORITIES - EIDHR GLOBAL CALLS CRIS number: EIDHR 2016/038-670 for EUR 26 890 000 and EIDHR/2017/038-675 for EUR 30 214 000 financed under the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights
2. Zone benefiting from the action/location	In principle, actions must take place in the EU partner country where the grant has been awarded.
3. Programming document	Multiannual Indicative Programme (2014-2017) for the Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights Worldwide - Commission Implementing Decision C(2014) 7529 of 21.10.2014
4. Sector of concentration/ thematic area	Human Rights and Democracy
5. Amounts concerned	The contribution is for an amount of EUR 26 890 000 from the general budget of the European Union for 2016, subject to the availability of appropriations following the adoption of the relevant budget and for an amount of EUR 30 214 000 from the general budget of the European Union for 2017, subject to the availability of appropriations

	following the adoption of the draft budget and the budget.			
6. Aid modalities and implementation modalities	Project Modality Direct management: grants – call for proposals			
7. DAC code	15160 - Human Rights and Democracy			
8. Markers (from CRIS DAC form)	General policy objective	Not targeted	Significant objective	Main objective
	Participation development/good governance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Aid to environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Gender equality (including Women In Development)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Trade Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Reproductive, Maternal, New born and child health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	RIO Convention markers	Not targeted	Significant objective	Main objective
	Biological diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Combat desertification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Climate change mitigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Climate change adaptation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Global Public Goods and Challenges (GPGC) thematic flagships	N/A			

Summary

The overall aim is to contribute, through supporting civil society organisations, to the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms and to contribute to the strengthening of the international framework for the promotion and protection of human rights, justice, the rule of law and good governance.

This action will cover core priority themes in the form of five separated lots under the umbrella of an encompassing global call for proposals. These five lots will be recurrent to

any of the upcoming EIDHR call for 2014-2017 and cover respectively (i) Human rights and their defenders where they are the most at risk (ii) Economic, Social and Cultural rights (iii) Human Dignity (iv) Discrimination (v) other priorities planned in the Multiannual programming or linked to new unforeseen areas.

Activities targeting democracy promotion and support under the EIDHR will be financed under the EIDHR local calls (Country Based Support Schemes) or additional dedicated global calls.

These global calls will focus on a specific sub-area for each of these recurrent five lots respectively targeting:

For 2016 on (i) Women Human Rights Defenders (ii) torture and ill-treatments (iii) implementation of the UN guiding principles on Business and Human Rights (iv) Minorities and castes (v) Impunity and transitional justice.

For 2017 on, (i) Human Rights Defenders in the area of land-related rights, indigenous peoples, in the context of inter alia 'land grabbing' and climate change (ii) Extra judiciary killings and enforced disappearances (iii) forced labour (iv) Persons with disability (v) freedom of religion or belief.

This action intends to support the new EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy "Keeping human rights at the heart of the EU agenda" which was adopted by the FAC on 20 July 2015. The new Action Plan aims to reinforce the implementation of the EU's human rights and democracy policy with a special emphasis on strengthening ownership by local institutions, mechanisms and civil society actors, and on invigorating support to Human Rights Defenders. The actions financed by the EIDHR under these calls will be in line with the relevant EU guidelines as well as all other relevant human rights policy documents.

1 CONTEXT

According to the Regulation 235/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a financing instrument for democracy and human rights worldwide for 2014-20, European Union assistance should "complement various other tools for implementing of Union policies on democracy and human rights. These tools range from political dialogue and diplomatic demarches to various instruments for financial and technical cooperation, including both geographic and thematic programmes."

The annex of the EIDHR regulation and the new EIDHR Multiannual Programming for 2014-2020 contains two objectives that aim at supporting civil society organisation activities through a selective process organised by global call for proposal:

- Objective 1 — Support to human rights and human rights defenders in situations where they are most at risk
- Objective 2 — Support to other EU human rights priorities.

The actions financed by the EIDHR under this call will be in line with the relevant EU guidelines as well as all other relevant human rights policy documents.

1.1 Thematic area

Any actions under this Action Document shall respect and shall be implemented in accordance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

1.1.1 Public Policy Assessment and EU Policy Framework

Actions shall be in line with all existing EU guidelines on human rights related issues, the EUs Strategic Framework and Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy, and all other relevant human rights policy documents.

The overall aim is to contribute, through supporting civil society organisations, to the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms and to contribute to the strengthening of the international framework for the promotion and protection of human rights, justice, the rule of law and good governance.

1.1.2 Stakeholder analysis

The Global Calls are managed at headquarters level by the Commission. Over the past years, the EIDHR has delivered on its objectives using global calls for proposals that were addressing recurrent annual support to human rights and human rights defenders in situations where they are most at risk and a unique specific annual focus. While this method allowed moving onwards on key priority themes of action, it has also restrained the scope of actions to be supported yearly. Therefore, in the run-up to the revision of the EIDHR and the adoption of its MIP, it was proposed by the Commission and agreed by all stake holders to restructure its system of annual call for proposal.

Global calls for proposals, organised annually and managed at headquarters level, will cover core priority themes in the form of five separated lots under the umbrella of an encompassing global call for proposals. These five lots will be recurrent to any of the EIDHR call for 2014-2017 and cover respectively (i) Human rights and their defenders where they are the most at risk (ii) Economic, Social and Cultural rights (iii) Human Dignity (iv) Discrimination (v) other priorities planned in the Multiannual programming or linked to new unforeseen areas. These global calls will focus on a specific sub-area each year for each of these recurrent five lots. A rolling programme was established by the relevant service of the Commission with the aim to cover all key priorities. The service will define the most appropriate objectives within the areas described in the EIDHR regulation and the appropriate eligibility criteria, and to formulate guidelines for calls for proposals.

The rest is a pure rolling mechanism aiming at addressing the EU priorities, amount per lot being set up at around 5 million euro across the year with exception for deficit identified from the past implementation of the EU HR Multiannual strategy as it is the case for the 8,29 million for LOT 2 of 2016 "torture and ill-treatments". The same rational applies for the identification of the reserve lists included in the document.

The applicants will be primarily civil society organisations with no geographical requirements set a priori. Natural persons, entities without legal personality and, in exceptional and duly justified cases, other bodies or actors not identified in this paragraph, are eligible for funding when this is necessary to achieve the objectives of the instrument, as per article 11 of the Common Implementation Regulation.

Projects will preferably be based on partnerships of civil society organisations or, where justified, may require the close involvement of a range of in-country organisations and stakeholders. Independent political foundations and national parliamentary bodies will likewise be judged eligible to achieve the objectives of the EIDHR.

1.1.3 Priority areas for support

The following priority areas for support are pursued:

- ✓ Supporting women Human Rights Defenders

- ✓ Fighting against torture and ill-treatments
- ✓ Supporting the implementation of the UN guiding principles on Business and Human Rights
- ✓ Supporting the rights of persons belonging to Minorities and castes
- ✓ Addressing impunity and transitional justice
- ✓ Supporting Human Rights Defenders in the area of land-related rights, indigenous peoples, in the context of inter alia 'land grabbing' and climate change
- ✓ Fighting against extra judiciary killings and enforced disappearances
- ✓ Combating modern forms of forced labour
- ✓ Supporting the rights of Persons with disability
- ✓ Supporting Freedom of religion or belief

2 RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

Risks	Risk level (H/M/L)	Mitigating measures
Some projects implemented under this Action, take place in extremely difficult, dangerous and volatile contexts. They are confronted with various political and physical risks that must not be underestimated.	H	Most difficult projects to be implemented at HQ level, as restricted projects if needed. Size and format is adapted for the most difficult situation.
CSOs could be confronted with fragile, crisis and risk-prone situations	M	HQ to tailor assistance in a way that allows CSOs to contribute to the resolution of problem.
Assumptions		
Given the sensitivity of the implementation of this Action in some countries and to guarantee the security of local partners/applicants, special attention will be paid to the requirements for confidentiality and security when needed.		

3 LESSONS LEARNT, COMPLEMENTARITY AND CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

3.1 Lessons learnt

Over the past years, the EIDHR has delivered on its objectives using global calls for proposals that were addressing unique specific annual focus. While this method allowed moving onwards on key priority themes of action, it has also restrained the scope of actions to be supported yearly. Moreover it has de facto sequenced the support provided by the EIDHR to the various areas of priority defined by its multiannual strategy.

Therefore, in the run-up to the revision of the EIDHR and the adoption of its multiannual programming, it was proposed by the European Commission and agreed by all stake holders to restructure its system of annual call for proposal. Global calls for proposals will be organised annually and managed by the Commission services. There will be in principle a recurrent EIDHR annual global call from 2015, covering EIDHR priorities in parallel, allowing for a more long-term response in each area.

3.2 Complementarity, synergy and donor coordination

EIDHR actions complement other tools, which are used to implement EU policies for democracy and human rights. These range from political dialogue to various geographical and thematic instruments (Multi-Annual Financial Framework for 2014-2020).

Complementarity will be ensured both with geographic and thematic programmes, especially ‘Civil Society Organisations and Local Authorities’ (CSO&LA), ‘Global Public Goods and Challenges’ (GPGC) and ‘Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace’ (IcSP). Under the EIDHR, and especially its objective 1, the key target group are CSOs and priority is given to more sensitive issues targeted by civil society organisations, in line with the instruments’ added value of not relying on partner governments’ consent.

Complementarity with actions funded under Article 4 of the IcSP aimed at providing support to in-country civil society actors in conflict prevention, peace-building and crisis preparedness should be ensured by EU delegations.

In addition, complementarity is sought in relation with other donors.

3.3 Cross-cutting issues

Cross-cutting issues for the implementation of this Action include: conflict prevention, non-discrimination, the rights of indigenous peoples, the rights of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, persons belonging to minorities, the rights of persons with disabilities, the rights of persons with life-threatening diseases and other vulnerable groups, the empowerment of women, rights of people affected by caste based discrimination, the rule of law and good governance.

4 DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION

Building on Global calls for 2013 and 2015, a rolling programme was drafted and circulated for endorsement by the various stakeholders. As a result for 2016 and 2017 the following objectives were earmarked:

4.1 Objectives/results

The overall objective is to support civil society in its actions to support the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms worldwide.

The call for 2016 will target five objectives described in five different lots.

Lot 1 (2016) – Supporting women or Human Rights Defenders defending women rights

Support for human rights defenders is a priority of in the EIDHR Regulation and strong objective of the EIDHR Multiannual programming for 2014-2017. This lot will focus on supporting the Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) that are working women rights.

The objective of this lot is to provide direct support and protection to human rights defenders and to reinforce their capacities to do their work in the short and long-term and in working with the United Nations, as well as to provide tangible support and means of action to local civil society in the promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the area of women rights.

Lot 2 (2016) – Fighting against torture and ill-treatments

Protecting human dignity is a priority under the new EIDHR Multiannual Programming for 2014-2020 and a strong added value of the European Union. The EU adopted Guidelines on Torture and ill-treatment European Union in 2001 and subsequently revised in 2008 and 2012. This lot will focus on the implementation of these guidelines.

The objective of this lot is to support projects on the development of torture and ill-treatment prevention, monitoring networks, and support to the rehabilitation of torture victims.

Lot 3 (2016) – Supporting the implementation of the UN guiding principles on Business and Human Rights

The Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights were endorsed by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 17/4 of 16 June 2011 and the reinforcement of their implementation is one key action of the EU Action Plan for Human Rights.

The objective of this lot is to support actions developing capacities, knowledge and monitoring on the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), Corporate Social Responsibility in respect of human rights and the advocacy for the drafting and implementation of National Action Plans (NAPs) by partner countries.

Lot 4 (2016) – Supporting the rights of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, persons belonging to Minorities and persons affected by caste-based discriminations

The promotion and protection of the rights of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, persons belonging to minorities and persons affected by caste-based discriminations as well as the combating the discrimination they can suffer given current challenges and is an added value of the new EIDHR regulation for 2014-2020. This lot will focus on delivering on this new commitment.

The objective of this lot is to support projects advocating for and supporting the rights of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, persons belonging to minorities and persons affected by caste-based discrimination.

Lot 5 (2016) – Addressing impunity and supporting transitional justice

Fighting against impunity for serious human rights violations and abuses, and for crimes of concern to the international community (genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity) and supporting transitional justice processes and mechanisms linked to accountability and recognition, are priorities of the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) multiannual indicative programme for 2014-2017.

The objective of this lot is to support projects that (i) fight against impunity by strengthening the rule of law and good governance, improving access to justice, and improving the functioning of accountable legal institutions at national level and provide legal and psychological assistance to victims acting as witnesses in trials and in post-conflict peace-building processes and (i) support transitional justice processes and mechanisms linked to accountability and recognition including judicial and non-judicial measures such as truth commissions, reparations programmes and guarantees of non-recurrence (e.g. national campaigns empowering victims groups to engage participate in the design and implementation of transitional justice processes),

The call for 2017 will target five objectives described in five different lots.

Lot 1 (2017) – Supporting Human Rights Defenders in the area of land-related rights, indigenous peoples, in the context of inter alia 'land grabbing' and climate change

Support for human rights defenders is a priority of in the EIDHR Regulation and strong objective of the EIDHR Multiannual programming for 2014-2017. This lot will focus on

supporting the Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) that are working on land-related rights, indigenous peoples, in the context of inter alia 'land grabbing' and climate change.

The objective of this lot is to provide direct support and protection to human rights defenders and to reinforce their capacities to do their work in the short and long-term in working with the United Nations, as well as to provide tangible support and means of action to local civil society in the promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the area of land and environmental rights.

Lot 2 (2017) – *Fighting against extra judiciary killings and enforced disappearances*

In recent years, a few states have been involved in accusations and legal cases related to the use of targeted killings, or tolerance for summary executions often used as response to terrorism, asymmetric warfare in the context of internal unrest, widespread organised violence or internal/international conflicts. In addition many cases of enforced disappearances remain unsolved and unpunished or even unreported.

The objective of this lot is to support projects that fight against extra judiciary killings and enforced disappearances.

Lot 3 (2017) – *Combating modern forms of forced labour*

Strengthening the implementation of Economic, Social and Cultural rights is a priority of the renewed EIDHR for 2014-2020. One of the worst of human exploitation found in today's labour markets is the practice of forced labour including through trafficking in Human beings and slavery-like conditions. This lot will support activities aiming to raise awareness, advocacy activities and address the systemic concerns related to modern forms of forced labour and effective implementation of the related ILO fundamental Conventions and the Protocol on the abolition of Forced Labour.

The objective of this lot is to support projects that fight against slave labour, under both formal and/or informal status, including on child labour.

Lot 4 (2017) – *Supporting the rights of Persons with disability*

Promoting and supporting the rights of persons with disabilities, as set out in the UN convention on the rights of persons with disabilities to which the EU is a party is a mainstreamed component element of EU action. It is also an earmarked target of the EIDHR. This lot will focus on this target.

The objective of this lot is to support projects promoting and supporting the rights of persons with disabilities.

Lot5 (2017) – *Supporting Freedom of religion or belief*

The EU adopted Guidelines on the promotion and protection of freedom of religion or belief in June 2013. This lot will focus on the implementation of these guidelines.

The objective of this lot is to support projects that protect and promote freedom of religion or belief, including the right not to believe, and the rights to manifest religion or belief without fear of violence, discrimination, political pressure, censorship or persecution. This includes projects that prevent and combat discrimination on grounds of religion or belief, for example against persons belonging to religious or belief minorities, and intolerance and violence in all its forms, including where this derives from traditional practices or discriminatory legislation against women and girls. This lot will also pay attention to countries that penalise individuals for changing their religion or belief, as adopting or abandoning a religion or belief through free choice is guaranteed by international human rights norms. Projects will promote dialogue, pluralism, tolerance and mutual understanding.

4.2 Expected results and main activities

Under call for 2016

Lot 1 (2016). With the specific objective to contribute to *support women HRDs* the following activities will be promoted:

- Regional activities providing direct support to organisation of women HRDs including through the use of financial support to thirds parties as implementation modality;
- Regional activities providing direct support to civil society organisation working on women HRDS including through the use of financial support to thirds parties as implementation modality;
- Regional activities reinforcing short and long-term capacities of these two types of HRD organisations, including through the use of financial support to thirds parties as implementation modality;

Lot 2 (2016). With the specific objective to *fight against torture and ill-treatments* the following activities will be promoted:

- Support for the ratification and effective implementation of all aspects of the United Nations Convention against Torture (UNCAT), as well as its Optional Protocol, and all other applicable international and regional norms and standards,
- Advocacy for setting up anti-torture safeguards, the establishment and functioning of domestic or international preventive or monitoring mechanisms
- Torture Rehabilitation activities in third countries, aiming at rebuilding the victim's and/or his/her family's life and restoring his/her right to remedy and reparation. Activities should foresee a comprehensive approach to rehabilitation; providing psychological, medical, social services to direct /indirect torture victims.

Lot 3 (2016). With the specific objective to *support the implementation of the UN guiding principles on Business and Human Rights* y the following activities will be promoted:

- Advocacy for the further implementation of the UNGP on business and human rights and awareness raising on their content.
- Monitoring of public and private commitment on the UNGP, in particular regarding National Action Plans by partner countries
- Advocacy on corporate social responsibility vis a vis human rights and monitoring of existing commitments;

Lot 4 (2016). With the specific objective to contribute to *support the rights of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, persons belonging to minorities and persons affected by caste-based discriminations* the following activities will be promoted, outside of the EU:

- Advocacy and support for change of discriminatory laws and for the design of legal and public policies on migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, persons belonging to minorities and persons affected by caste-based discriminations, in particular regarding access to justice, criminalisation of discrimination, ill-treatment of workers, fighting the impunity of abuses and criminal attacks against migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, minorities and persons affected by caste-based discriminations.

- Strengthen monitoring capacities and legal support for the application of non-discrimination laws and regulations for migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, persons belonging to minorities and persons affected by caste-based discriminations.
- Awareness raising campaigns to inform migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, the persons affected by caste-based discriminations and general public about their rights and issues of persons belonging to minorities and of the rights and issues of persons affected by caste-based discriminations, and to support the ratification and implementation of main relevant international conventions;
- Advocacy and redress for and by the international and regional human rights system of the rights of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, persons belonging to minorities and persons affected by caste-based discriminations.

Lot 5 (2016). With the specific objective to address ***impunity and support transitional justice*** the following activities will be promoted:

- Support campaigns on genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity and the recognition of these crimes, in particular through national campaigns empowering victims groups to engage with the government
- Support to transitional justice processes and mechanisms linked to accountability, and recognition/redress such as truth seeking initiatives, reparations programmes and guarantees of non-recurrence
- Provision of legal and psychological assistance to victims acting as witnesses in trials and in post-conflict peace-building processes.
- Training and capacity building on addressing impunity and transitional justice

Under call for 2017

Lot 1 (2017). With the specific objective to contribute to ***support HRDs in the area of land-related rights, indigenous peoples, in the context of inter alia 'land grabbing' and climate change*** the following activities will be promoted:

- Regional activities providing direct support to organisation of HRDs active in the area of land rights, including through the use of financial support to thirds parties as implementation modality;
- Regional activities providing direct support to organisation of HRDs active in the area of environmental rights, including through the use of financial support to thirds parties as implementation modality;
- Regional activities reinforcing short and long-term capacities of these two types of HRD organisations, including through the use of financial support to thirds parties as implementation modality;

Lot 2 (2017). With the specific objective to ***fight against extra judiciary killings and enforced disappearances*** the following activities will be promoted:

- Support campaigns on against extra judiciary killings and enforced disappearances, in particular through national campaigns empowering family victims groups to engage with the government and seek for enquiry.
- Support to existing mechanisms such as dedicated enquiry or case law, truth commissions, reparations programmes and guarantees of non-recurrence
- Provision of legal and psychological assistance to family victims acting.

Lot 3 (2017). With the specific objective to ***fight against forced labour*** the following activities will be promoted:

- Support to the ratification and effective implementation of the ILO fundamental Conventions with a focus on the Forced Labour Convention No. 29 and its related protocol of 2014 as well as on the Abolition of Forced Labour Convention No. 105.
- Support to the ratification and effective implementation of ILO Convention No. 189 on Decent Work for Domestic Workers, in particular its components on children.
- Support to the rehabilitation and social rehabilitation of victims of forced labour, including victims of forced child labour
- Provision of equitable access to basic education and skills for targeted victims for child labour;

Lot 4 (2017). With the specific objective to contribute to ***support the rights of Persons with disability*** the following activities will be promoted, outside of the EU:

- Advocacy and support for the design of law and public policies on persons with disability and building institutional capacities for their implementation;
- Monitoring and legal support for the application of existing laws and regulations.
- Awareness raising campaigns to inform the general public about the rights of persons with disability and on the exchange of best practices in promoting and building capacities for protecting their rights and the risks they face and to support the ratification and implementation of main relevant international conventions;

Lot 5 (2017). With the specific objective to address ***freedom of religion or belief*** the following activities will be promoted:

- Advocacy and support for change of discriminatory laws pertaining to religion or belief,
- Protection and support for HRDs acting in the area of Freedom of religion or belief.
- Support to interreligious dialogue and related mediation processes.
- Support to the implementation of the Rabat Plan of Action (2012) on the prohibition of advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence.

5 IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 Financing agreement

In order to implement this action, it is not foreseen to conclude a financing agreement with the partner country, referred to in Article 184(2)(b) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

5.2 Indicative implementation period

The indicative operational implementation period of this action, during which the activities described in section 4.2 will be carried out, is 60 months from the adoption of this Action Document, subject to modifications to be agreed by the responsible authorising officer in the

relevant agreements. The European Parliament and the relevant Committee shall be informed of the extension of the operational implementation period within one month of that extension being granted.

5.3 Implementation modalities

5.3.1. Grants: call for proposals (direct management)

5.3.1.1 Objectives of the grants, fields of intervention, priorities of the year and expected results

The objective of this action is to support civil society and human rights defenders in third countries in working on human rights on five key areas corresponding to the five lots of each of the two call for proposal (2016 and 2017) as further explained in 4.1.

For 2016 on

- Support to women and Human Rights Defenders defending women rights (Lot 1)
- Fight against torture and ill-treatments (Lot 2)
- Support to the implementation of the UN guiding principles on Business and Human Rights (Lot 3)
- Support to the rights of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, persons belonging to Minorities and persons affected by caste-based discriminations (Lot 4)
- Address impunity and transitional justice (Lot 5)

For 2017 on

- Support to Human Rights Defenders in the area of land-related rights, indigenous peoples, in the context of 'land grabbing' and climate change (Lot 1)
- Fights against extra judiciary killings and enforced disappearances (Lot 2)
- Fight against slave labour (Lot 3)
- Support the rights of Persons with disability (Lot 4)
- Support to Freedom of religion or belief (Lot 5)

5.3.1.2 Eligibility conditions

The eligibility criteria for applicants are the one defined in the Article 11.2 of Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 on common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action (CIR).

Natural persons, entities without legal personality and, in exceptional and duly justified cases, other bodies or actors not identified in this paragraph, are eligible for funding under the EIDHR when this is necessary to achieve the objectives of the instrument, as per Article 11 of Common Implementation Regulation (CIR).

Projects will preferably be based on partnerships of civil society organisations or, where justified, may require the close involvement of a range of in-country organisations and stakeholders. Independent political foundations and national parliamentary bodies will likewise be judged eligible to achieve the objectives of this call.

5.3.1.3 Essential selection and award criteria

The essential selection criteria are financial and operational capacity of the applicant, as well as the expertise of the applicant in the field of the call.

The essential award criteria are relevance of the proposed action to the objectives of the call; design, effectiveness, feasibility, sustainability and cost-effectiveness of the action.

5.3.1.4 Maximum rate of co-financing

The maximum possible rate of co-financing for grants under this call is 95%.

The maximum possible rate of co-financing may be up to 100 % in accordance with Articles 192 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 if full funding is essential for the action to be carried out. The essentiality of full funding will be justified by the responsible authorising officer in the award decision, in respect of the principles of equal treatment and sound financial management.

5.3.1.5 Indicative trimester to launch calls.

Third trimester of 2016 and third semester of 2017.

5.4 Scope of geographical eligibility grants

Subject to the following, the geographical eligibility in terms of place of establishment for participating in procurement and grant award procedures and in terms of origin of supplies purchased as established in the basic act shall apply.

5.5 Indicative budget

The total budget for this action is an indicative amount of EUR 57 104 000. It corresponds to an indicative amount of EUR 26 890 000 for the first call under budget 2016 and an indicative amount of EUR 25 000 000 for the second call under budget 2017.

The budget of the call for 2016 will be under the budget allocation 2016. Nevertheless an additional indicative amount of EUR 5 214 000 is earmarked under budget 2017 to finance the reserve list of lot 2 of this 2016 call dedicated to torture and ill-treatment; this is done in order to align this objective with the indicative earmarked allocation for this sector established in the MIP.

Module	Amount in EUR thousands
4.5.1 - Call for Proposals 2016 - lot1	4 650
4.5.2 - Call for Proposals 2016 - lot 2	8 290
4.5.3 - Call for Proposals 2016 - lot 3	4 650
4.5.4 - Call for Proposals 2016 - lot 4	4 650
4.5.5 - Call for Proposals 2016 - lot 5	4 650
4.5.6 - Call for Proposals 2017 – lot 1	5 000
4.5.7 - Call for Proposals 2017 – lot 2	5,000
4.5.8 - Call for Proposals 2017 – lot 3	5,000
4.5.9 - Call for Proposals 2017 - lot 4	5,000
4.5.10- Call for Proposals 2017 - lot 5	5,000
4.5.11 – Reserve list for lot 2 of Cfp 2016	5 214

Total	57,104
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5.6 Organisational set-up and responsibilities

Global calls for proposals will be launched and managed by European Commission Headquarters.

5.7 Performance monitoring and reporting

Projects will be monitored according to standard procedures through the Commission monitoring system (ROM - Results Oriented Monitoring). Project monitoring and evaluation will be based on periodic assessment of progress on delivery of specified project results and towards achievement of project objectives. Clear indicators will be identified.

Where applicable, reporting will be done in accordance to the requirements set in the General Conditions. Progress reports will be prepared every six months during the period of implementation of the tasks. They will be provided along with the corresponding invoice, the financial report and an expenditure verification report, if foreseen, defined in the General Conditions. There must be a final report, a final invoice and the financial report accompanied by an expenditure verification report, if foreseen, at the end of the period of implementation of the tasks.

Each report shall consist of a narrative section and a financial section. The financial section will contain details of the time inputs of the experts, of the incidental expenditure and of the provision for expenditure verification, if foreseen.

5.8 Evaluation

In line with the key requirements of accountability and learning, a multi-annual evaluation plan will be formulated at Programme level covering at least half of the budget of the Multi-Annual Indicative Programme.

Where provided for in the applicable General Conditions, expenditure verification will have to be submitted as part of the contract requirements. Evaluations of the results achieved may be done by external experts hired by the European Commission at the initiative of the Commission, if necessary.

The financing of the evaluation shall be covered by another measure constituting a financing decision.

5.9 Audit

Without prejudice to the obligations applicable to contracts concluded for the implementation of this action, the Commission may, on the basis of a risk assessment, contract independent audits or expenditure verification assignments for one or several contracts or agreements.

The financing of the audits shall be covered by another measure constituting a financing decision.

5.10 Communication and visibility

Communication and visibility of the EU is a legal obligation for all external actions funded by the EU.

This action shall contain communication and visibility measures which shall be based on a specific Communication and Visibility Plan of the Action, to be elaborated before the start of implementation and supported with the budget of a particular project.

In terms of legal obligations on communication and visibility, the measures shall be implemented by the Commission, the partner country, contractors, grant beneficiaries and/or entrusted entities. Appropriate contractual obligations shall be included in, respectively, the financing agreement, procurement and grant contracts, and delegation agreements.

The establishment of the Communication and Visibility Plan of the Action and the appropriate contractual obligations shall be in line with the Communication and Visibility Manual for European Union External Action.