

## **EIDHR Annual Work Programme 2005**

**1. Name of programme:**

**European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights**

**2. Budget Lines:**

19.04.02

19.04.03

19.04.04

**3. Is it a successor to any other programme(s)?**

No

**4. General objectives:**

The principal objectives of this Annual Work Programme are set out in the Communication of the Commission on the European Union's role in promoting Human Rights and Democratisation in third countries of May 2001<sup>1</sup>. The Communication priorities have been transposed into a detailed Programming Document for the EIDHR for the period 2005-2006 adopted by the Commission on 6 December 2004<sup>2</sup> elaborated by DG RELEX in close cooperation with EuropeAid, DG DEV and the Commission Delegations. A programming update for 2005 was adopted by the Commission on 13/04/2005<sup>3</sup>. Regulations (EC) Nos. 975/1999 and 976/1999<sup>4</sup>, amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 2240/2004 Council Regulation 2242/2004<sup>5</sup> constitute the legal basis for the implementation of the budget lines referred to under point 2 above. Their validity extends to 31 December 2006.

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<sup>1</sup> COM (2001) 252 final

<sup>2</sup> COM(2004) 4475

<sup>3</sup> COM (2005) 1085

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 120.8.5.1999, p.1,8

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 390, 31.12.2004, p.3,21

The need for greater clarity and coherence of the objectives of this thematic programme will be achieved through the definition and implementation of **four thematic campaigns**, set out hereafter. Each campaign will bundle a limited number of inter-related specific human rights and/or democratisation priorities, providing a unifying identity:

**Campaign 1: “Promoting justice and the rule of law”**

**covers the following overall objectives:**

- The effective functioning of the International Criminal Court and other international criminal tribunals, including their interaction with national justice systems;
- The progressively restrictive use of the death penalty and its eventual universal abolition;
- The reinforcement of the work of international human rights mechanisms.

**Campaign 2: “Fostering a culture of human rights”**

**covers the following overall objectives:**

- Strengthening civil society organisations in advocacy of the rights of vulnerable groups and the furtherance of related international instruments;
- Reducing the occurrence of torture, effectively implementing international instruments against torture and providing support for the rehabilitation of victims of torture;
- Enhancing education, training, monitoring and awareness-raising on human rights and democratisation issues.

**Campaign 3: “Promoting the democratic process”**

**covers the following overall objectives:**

- Underpinning and developing democratic electoral processes;
- Strengthening the basis for civil society dialogue and democratic discourse.

**Campaign 4: “Advancing equality, tolerance and peace”**

**covers the following overall objectives:**

- Securing equal rights and treatment of persons and people belonging to minorities irrespective of racial, ethnic or caste origin, or of language and religion;
- Inter-cultural and interethnic understanding;
- Securing respect for the rights of indigenous peoples;
- Reinforcing the engagement of civil society in conflict prevention and resolution.

## 5. a) Types of action:

### Campaign 1: “Promoting justice and the rule of law”

- support the effective functioning of international criminal ad hoc tribunals;
- promote universal adherence to the Rome Statute, enhancing public perception of the court’s role and securing the implementation of the complementarity principle;
- promote the restrictive use and abolition of the death penalty;
- support international mechanisms charged with the monitoring and reporting of obligations set out in international human rights instruments.

### Campaign 2: “Fostering a culture of human rights”

- promote advocacy, awareness-raising and training in the field of children rights, the rights of women and trafficking in children and combating female genital mutilation;
- promote the rights of human rights defenders;
- activities in support of torture prevention;
- support for rehabilitation activities for torture victims;
- support for programmes of higher education and training for professionals active in the field of human rights and whose professional activities have an impact on human rights;
- support for the human rights dialogues in which the EU is currently engaged with China and Iran.

### Campaign 3: “Promoting the democratic process”

- support for electoral processes (Election Observation Missions not covered by the work programme) taking measures to support civic and voter education, public awareness raising programmes, capacity building for domestic observers and for the media in their reporting about electoral processes, as well as enhancing the capacity of regional organisations for electoral observation;
- promote freedom of association, including the free formation of professional associations, and raise public awareness about the role of this freedom in the democratic process;
- promote freedom of expression with particular emphasis on the rapidly developing media environment;
- promote more generally efforts to enhance the ability of civil society actors to engage in democratic governance and policy dialogue.

#### Campaign 4: “Advancing equality, tolerance and peace”

- support awareness-raising and advocacy to realise the rights of persons and minorities facing discrimination on grounds of or racial, ethnic or caste background;
- raising public awareness of the situation and living conditions of indigenous peoples, and promoting knowledge and understanding of their rights;
- support to capacity building of indigenous peoples’ organisations.

Where this is relevant and feasible, all project proposals, whether global, regional or country based, should demonstrably take the following issues into account:

- (a) the rights of children and women;
- (b) the rights of indigenous peoples;
- (c) conflict prevention and resolution.

#### **5. b) Expected results**

In line with iQSG guidelines for the use of indicators for development cooperation programmes, the guidelines for each call for proposal will include specific input, output, outcome and impact indicators based on the objectives of each campaign. Targeted macro projects as well as micro projects should contribute to the same campaign objectives and the same indicators apply to these instruments. The guidelines for applications will indicate the requirements for how individual applicants should respond to objectives and indicators at campaign level in their applications for individual projects.

This work programme includes only input indicators per campaign. Output, outcome and impact indicators, specific to the objectives of each campaign, will be defined jointly by EuropeAid and DG RELEX.

#### **6. Start and end dates of programme:**

This Annual Work Programme covers the total amount of the budget 2005 and includes activities foreseen in the year 2005.

#### **7. Total available budget:**

The overall indicative amount for 2005 is €118,63 million as indicated in the programming update for 2005. At a later stage additional amounts earmarked from the 2006 budget may be added to the amounts for calls for proposals.

In the overall planning for EIDHR in 2005 the amounts are distributed as follows; €49 million for calls for proposals for macro projects, €35,5 million for calls for proposals for micro projects, €14 million for grants as grants awarded without a call for proposals and €13,13 million for election observation missions (including both grant and service contracts). €7 million are kept as a contingency<sup>6</sup>.

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<sup>6</sup> To be allocated according to the principles established by the EIDHR programming document 2005-2006, p 6.

**This work programme constitutes a financing decision only as regards calls for proposals (for macro and micro projects) for the award of grants. Grant agreements by direct negotiation (grants awarded without a call for proposals) as well as service agreements will be subject to ad hoc individual financing decisions.**

Hence, the indicative amounts for which this Work Programme 2005 constitutes a financing decision are distributed as follows:

19.04.02	€7 million
19.04.03	€73,5 million
19.04.04	€4 million
<b>Total</b>	<b>€84,5 million</b>

#### **8. Legal Basis for the funding:**

Regulations (EC) No 975/1999 and 976/1999 of 29 April 1999<sup>7</sup>, amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 2240/2004 of 15 December 2004 and Council Regulation 2242/2004 of 22 December 2004<sup>8</sup>.

#### **9. Nature of Community contribution (loan, co-financing, grant, etc.):**

Community financing under the Regulations referred to under point 8 take the form of grants or contracts (Art 7(3) Regulation (EC) No 975/1999, Art 8 (3) Regulation (EC) No 976/1999. Projects to be awarded grants include macro-projects and micro-projects. Macro projects are identified by Commission Headquarters, in consultation with Delegations, and are predominately managed by Delegations whereas. Micro projects are smaller scale projects selected on the basis of local calls for proposals managed entirely by Delegations.

#### **10. Level of Community contribution (level of funding):**

Grant funding for a project will generally consist of a contribution covering only a proportion of the project budget, and will only cover the total cost of the project in a limited number of cases, involving organisations from developing countries that can justify it, in accordance with Article 169 of the Financial Regulation (i.e. where Community financing of 100% of the project budget is essential for the project to be carried out). The minimum EC contribution to projects identified through global calls for proposals will normally be €300.000, and the maximum will not exceed €1.5m. A lower minimum of €150.000 can be applied to proposals submitted by local NGOs<sup>9</sup> and their local partners in developing countries. For local calls for proposals for micro-projects launched by Delegations, the minimum EC contribution will be € 10.000 and the maximum contribution will be €100.000.

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<sup>7</sup> OJ L 120, 8.5.1999, p.1, 8

<sup>8</sup> OJ L 390, 31.12.2004, p.3.,21

<sup>9</sup> A local organisation is one that is controlled by local people, employs local staff and is autonomous in the use of its budget and the establishment of its work programme.

## **11. Organisations(s) which may benefit from the programme:**

Beneficiaries of activities carried out under Council Regulations (EC) No 975/1999 and 976/1999 may include regional and international organisations, non-governmental organisations, national, regional and local authorities and official agencies, community-based organisations and public or private-sector institutes and operators, and service providers. Criteria for eligibility will be clearly stated in all calls for proposals and call for tenders. To receive a grant through a call for proposals, organisations must fulfil the following criteria:

- be non-profit-making and;
- be a non-governmental organisation<sup>10</sup> or a higher education institution and;
- have their headquarters within the European Union or in a beneficiary country. Exceptionally, the headquarters may be in another country;
- be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the project, and not be acting as an intermediary;
- have stable and sufficient sources of finance to ensure the continuity of their organisation throughout the project and, if necessary, to play a part in financing it;
- be experienced and able to demonstrate their capacity to manage larger scale activity corresponding with the size of the project for which a grant is requested.

Administrative eligibility criteria are to be found in section 6 (Grants) of the EuropeAid Practical Guide to contract procedures financed from the General Budget of the European Communities in the context of external actions (SEC (2003) 387/2 of 25 March 2003). This document can be found at the following website:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/tender/gestion/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/tender/gestion/index_en.htm)

## **12. a) Procedure to be followed:**

The amount covered by this work programme will be used for grants and service contracts awarded through calls for proposals or grants awarded without a call for proposals as foreseen by the Financial Regulation. It is proposed to use either the procedure of “open calls for proposals”, as elaborated in section 6.3.1.2 of the EuropeAid Practical Guide (one-stage process) or the procedure of “restricted calls for proposals”, as elaborated in section 6.6 of the EuropeAid Practical Guide (two-stage process).

## **12. b) Breakdown of the Annual Work Programme into different projects/measures and information on calls for proposals:**

The complete list of eligible countries and regions for each campaign and for each instrument is provided in ANNEX 1.

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<sup>10</sup> I.e. Not a state, national or international governmental institution or organisation or an organisation effectively controlled by such an institution. Whether a potential applicant is likely to be considered as effectively controlled by such an institution will depend on the extent to which such an applicant can demonstrate that it is independent of the state as regards decision-making, budgetary control and the appointment of staff (including members of its controlling body).

### **A. Specific call for proposals for IRAQ**

Publication: May 2005 (depending on the political development in Iraq and the outcome of a planned RELEX and EuropeAid joint identification mission)  
Decision: September 2005, subject to constraints in implementation  
Amount: Total indicative amount **€10 million**

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The €10 million are drawn from the budget line 19.04.03.

Specific indicators will be defined in the guidelines for the call for proposals.

Considering the special circumstances of the situation in **Iraq** and to follow up the overall objectives of the EU in its relations with Iraq, an amount of €10 million of the 2005 EIDHR operational budget has been earmarked for support to human rights and democratisation projects in that country through a specific call for proposals. The Commission reserves the right not to award grants for the full amount and to use part of the amount for grants awarded without a call for proposals in accordance with the Financial Regulation. Should the prevailing security situation prevent selection of specific projects, the earmarked funds may need to be redirected towards relevant UN Trust Funds in favour of Iraq.

For this Call for Proposals, funds are drawn from: campaign 1 (€1 million), campaign 2 (€3 million), campaign 3 (€4 million) and from campaign 4 (€2 million) without prejudging the specific objectives that will be defined for this call for proposals which depend on the outcome of the planned identification mission.

### **B. Campaign 1: "Promoting justice and the rule of law"**

#### **B1. Macro project call for proposals:**

Publication: July 2005, subject to constraints in implementation  
Decision: 2006  
Amount: The total indicative amount is **€5,2 million**.

The €4 million are drawn from the budget line 19.04.04 out of which €1,8 million have already been included in the Call for Proposals EuropeAid/119510/C/G of 29 July 2004 (Combating impunity through the support to the International Criminal Court) and €3 million from budget line 19.04.03.

The Commission reserves the right not to award all available funds.

Input indicators:

- at least three projects at the global level;
- at least three regional projects;
- at least three country specific projects.

Output, outcome and impact indicators will be defined in the guidelines for the call for proposals.

In general, the campaign will advance the “global public good” of the **international criminal justice system** and work for **the universal abolition of the death penalty**. It will also reinforce the work of international mechanisms which **monitor and report** on respect for human rights and related **treaty obligations**.

The overall objectives of the campaign aim at fostering:

- The effective functioning of the International Criminal Court and other international criminal tribunals, including their interaction with national justice systems (**lot 1**)
- The progressively restrictive use of the death penalty and its eventual universal abolition (**lot 2**)
- The reinforcement of the work of international human rights mechanisms (**lot 3**)

Indicative amounts per lot will be defined jointly by DG RELEX and EuropeAid in the guidelines for each call for proposals.

### **Lot 1: International criminal justice system**

The international criminal justice system is a key vehicle for combating impunity for crimes of genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and other serious violations of international humanitarian law. Campaign 1 will support the effective functioning of **international criminal ad hoc tribunals** (such as the UN International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia), the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, the Special Court for Sierra Leone, and the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia) by raising public awareness of the activities of the tribunals, building bridges between the jurisdiction of the tribunals and national judicial systems and providing technical assistance.

Following the successful establishment of the **International Criminal Court (ICC)**, support for the ICC will now concentrate on promoting universal adherence to the Rome Statute and enhancing public perception of the court’s role. Activities in support of the ICC should match the emerging needs of the Court as a fully operational body of the international criminal justice system. In this respect, particular attention should be paid to securing the implementation of the complementarity principle, according to which national jurisdictions have primary competence to investigate and prosecute crimes under the Rome Statute of the ICC. On a country level, activities focusing on the implementation of the Rome Statute into national legislation may be supported in selected cases.

### **Lot 2: the abolition of the death penalty**

International justice has led the way in underlining the incompatibility of the death penalty with human rights and human dignity by declining to provide for the possibility of that punishment, even in response to the most atrocious crimes. As a reflection of the EU’s long-standing commitment to the abolition of the death penalty, Campaign 1 will support activities promoting the **restrictive use and abolition of the death penalty**.

This will include projects to raise awareness among the public and key opinion-makers on the principal arguments against the death penalty, the monitoring of the conditions of implementation of the death penalty and of the application of minimum international standards. The campaign may also promote the signature, ratification and implementation of the *Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights* (ICCPR) and legal reform to limit or abolish the death penalty. In cases of particular concern, specialised legal assistance can be funded (*amicus curiae* briefs).

### **Lot 3: The reinforcement of the work of international human rights mechanisms**

The human rights themes pursued under the four campaigns relate directly or indirectly to the fulfilment of a wide range of obligations set out in international human rights instruments. It is imperative that activities designed to **support international mechanisms charged with the monitoring and reporting** of such obligations continue to be eligible for funding. Campaign 1 accordingly also encompasses support relating to UN human rights Treaty Bodies, in particular awareness-raising with respect to the role of Treaty Bodies, input to those bodies and implementation of Treaty Body recommendations. Moreover, support may be granted for activities relating to UN special mechanisms, including Special Rapporteurs, focusing on facilitating the input of civil society actors into the work of the mechanisms and follow-up to concerns raised in their reports.

#### **Geographic scope of call<sup>11</sup>:**

Regional projects are eligible in the following regions:

- Eastern Europe and Southern Caucasus
- Mediterranean and Middle East
- Central Asia
- Asia
- Sub-Saharan Africa

Country projects are eligible in the following countries:

Iran, China, Cambodia, DRC, Rwanda, Sierra Leone and Uganda

No micro projects are foreseen under campaign 1.

#### **B2. For information**

Grants awarded without a call for proposals

Campaign 1 includes grants awarded without a call for proposals. The financing decision for these projects will be taken in the form of ad hoc individual decisions.

Indicative amount: **€3 million**

The €3 million are drawn from budget line 19.04.04.

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<sup>11</sup> Precise information on countries, regions and definition of global projects will be provided in the guidelines for each call

## **C. Campaign 2: “Fostering a culture of human rights”**

### **C1. Macro project call for proposals:**

Publication: July 2005, subject to constraints in implementation

Decision: 2006

Amount: Total indicative amount is **€9,3 million**

The €7 million are drawn from the budget line 19.04.02 and €7,8 million from the budget line 19.04.03 out of which € 5,5 million have already been included in the call for proposals EuropeAid/120965/C/G/Multi of 28 January 2005 (Regional Human Rights Masters Programmes 2005-2007).

The Commission reserves the right not to award all available funds.

Input indicators:

- at least one project at the global level involving several regions selected for regional support
- at least two regional projects;
- at least ten individual country projects;
- at least twenty-five countries eligible for individual support have been involved in projects at the global, regional or country level.

Output, outcome and impact indicators will be defined in the guidelines for the call for proposals.

In general, through its focus on *human rights education, training, monitoring and awareness-raising*, Campaign 2 will seek to empower individuals and civil society to advance respect for human rights and prevent human rights violations especially as they relate to the rights of marginalised or vulnerable groups, as well as to **torture**. In its support to the rehabilitation of torture victims, the campaign acknowledges that offering assistance to those who have suffered human rights violations is a critical element in the process of acquiring and disseminating knowledge on human rights.

As a guiding principle, human rights education and awareness-raising shall particularly aim at reaching remote areas and being readily understood by the most disadvantaged members of society. Specific **target groups** for training and advocacy may include NGOs, local and national decision-makers, judicial, legal, prison and police officials, NGOs, the media and the general public. A multiplier effect will be encouraged through establishing regional civil rights networks and links between different organisations involved in advocacy or awareness-raising, and by encouraging institutional sustainability whereby trained individuals themselves become human rights trainers in their own right (“training the trainers”).

Human rights education, training, monitoring and awareness-raising under this campaign comprises the following distinct strands:

- Advancing the rights of marginalised or vulnerable groups (**lot 1**)
- Torture prevention (**lot 2**)
- Torture rehabilitation (**lot 3**)
- EU Human Rights Dialogue (**lot 4**)

Indicative amounts per lot will be defined jointly by DG RELEX and EuropeAid in the guidelines for each call for proposals.

### **Lot 1: Advancing the rights of marginalised or vulnerable groups**

The campaign will promote advocacy, awareness-raising and training in the field of **children rights** relating to the signature, ratification and implementation of relevant international instruments and commitments, including the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocols, and the Plan of Action agreed at the UN Special Session on Children in May 2002. The campaign will provide support to initiatives aimed at promoting the **rights of women**, including their right to equal treatment and physical integrity, notably through awareness raising and education orientated projects. In this respect, projects to combat **female genital mutilation** will also be eligible for support. In light of the significant range of international instruments and commitments designed to tackle **trafficking in children and women** the campaign will encourage the incorporation of this issue in awareness-raising and advocacy programmes. The campaign will, furthermore, promote the rights of **human rights defenders**. It will improve the protection of, and raise awareness about, the situation of those who work, at personal risk, to advance human rights through non-violent means. As a group which is particularly vulnerable to torture, human rights defenders will also benefit from the activities set out in lot 2.

### **Lot 2: Torture prevention**

Training for prevention will focus on key personnel such as police, prison and legal officials and will, inter alia, instil a comprehensive knowledge of relevant international and national provisions and ensure that procedures and practices relating to detainees comply fully with human rights norms. Support for monitoring and awareness-raising activities will include the tracking of the supply of torture instruments, research into, and denunciation of, torture practices, the promotion of the signature, ratification and implementation of the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture and public awareness-raising.

### **Lot 3: Rehabilitation of Victims of Torture**

This lot encompasses the support for **rehabilitation activities for torture victims** – including psychotherapy, medical care, social rehabilitation and institutional strengthening of rehabilitation centres - both in rehabilitation centres in Europe and abroad.

### **Lot 4: EU Human Rights Dialogue**

A specific lot for activities in relation to the EU Human Rights Dialogue may be included in the call for proposals. If so, specific restrictions on scope will apply.

#### **Geographic scope of call<sup>12</sup>**

Regional projects are eligible in all the following regions:

Western Balkans and Candidates Countries

Eastern Europe and Southern Caucasus

Mediterranean and Middle East

Central Asia

Asia

Sub-Saharan Africa

Latin America, Caribbean

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<sup>12</sup> Precise information on countries, regions and definition of global projects will be provided in the guidelines for each call.

Country specific projects are eligible in the following countries:

Bosnia and Herzegovina, FYROM, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, Russia, Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, West Bank and the Gaza Strip, Yemen, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, East Timor, Vietnam, Somalia, Colombia, Guatemala, Haiti.

## **C2. Call for proposals to support programmes of higher education and training for professionals**

Publication: 28 January 2005

Deadline: 29 April 2005

Decision: September 2005

Amount: The total indicative amount for this call is **€5,5 million**

The €5,5 million are drawn from budget line 19.04.03.

This is in accordance with the annual work programme of 2004 adopted on 14 May 2004 (PE/2004/1106) which included the launching of “a tender for a four-year framework partnership agreement for providing regional Human Rights Masters Programmes in Africa, the Mediterranean, the Balkans, Asia and Latin America.”

It was later decided to change this procedure into a call for proposals which was launched on 28 January 2005. No further call for proposals is foreseen during the programming period.

No impact indicators were included in the guidelines for this call. The Commission will nevertheless seek to follow up the selected projects based on impact indicators defined in conjunction with the coming calls for proposals in 2005.

The Masters courses are intended for activists in the field of human rights and for those whose professional activity has an impact on human rights. Supporting the European Masters' Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation (EMA), and regional Masters Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation in South-East Europe, the Mediterranean, Africa, Asia and Latin America will be particularly relevant in that respect. Networking and co-operation should be strengthened between the different Masters degrees supported under the EIDHR (through regular meetings, exchange of staff and students, joint publications, harmonisation of the academic content of the courses) while overall academic coherence should be ensured through the European Masters Programme based in Venice, which inspired the regional Masters Programmes.

## **C3. Micro projects**

Publication: 2005, as part of the campaign and if possible at the same time as the macro call

Closure: 2005 or 2006 according to the timetable established by each delegation

Amount: Total indicative amount for these calls is **€17,7 million**.

The €17,7 million are drawn from budget line 19.04.03.

Number of projects to be supported: 177 - 1770

Micro-projects are small projects involving a minimum EC contribution of €10.000 and a maximum contribution of €100.000, managed by EC Delegations.

Activities should normally take place in the country where the call is launched. The eligibility criteria for applicants will be the same as those for international calls for proposals, except that the general rule is that only organisations with their headquarters in the countries concerned will be eligible to apply. Exception from the general rule, notably as regards the nature of applicant organisations and the location of their headquarters, may be granted by the sub-authorising officer in exceptional cases based on a request from the Delegation concerned and in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Regulation.

If delegations are unable to utilise these funds, or seek adjustments in the amount of their allocation, the amounts may be re-allocated. The aim will be to keep the same overall amount in a region, but if that is not feasible, the allocations can be transferred to other countries that have indicated a willingness to manage a greater allocation.

Micro-projects will be open in identified countries with specific allocations within the framework of campaign 2 according to ANNEX 2.

#### **C4. For information**

##### Grants awarded without a call for proposals

Campaign 2 includes grants awarded without a call for proposals. The financing decision for these projects will be taken in the form of ad hoc individual decisions.

Indicative amount: **€3 million**

The €3 million are drawn from budget line 19.04.03.

#### **D. Campaign 3: Promoting the Democratic Process**

##### **D1. Macro project call for proposals:**

Publication: July 2005, subject to constraints in implementation

Decision: 2006

Amount: Total indicative amount is **€10,7 million**

The €10,7 million are drawn from the budget line 19.04.03.

The Commission reserves the right not to award all available funds.

Input indicators:

- at least two projects at the global level involving all regions selected for regional support;
- at least three regional projects;
- at least ten individual country projects;
- at least three projects funded which aim to address pre- or post-election concerns;
- at least ten countries eligible for individual support have received support for projects addressing the same issue at the global, regional and country level.

Output, outcome and impact indicators will be defined in the guidelines for the call for proposals.

The campaign will promote the development of participatory democracy as well as foster an informed pluralistic discourse within civil society on democratisation and fundamental

rights, including through the development of the freedom of association and the freedom of expression.

This call for proposals will focus on the 3 following issues:

- Underpinning and developing the democratic electoral processes (**lot 1**)
- Strengthening the basis for civil society dialogue and democratic discourse: freedom of association (**lot 2**)
- Strengthening the basis for civil society dialogue and democratic discourse: freedom of expression (**lot 3**)

Indicative amounts per lot will be defined jointly by DG RELEX and EuropeAid in the guidelines for each call for proposals.

### **Lot 1: Underpinning and developing the democratic electoral processes**

Campaign 3 will support civic and voter education, public awareness raising programmes, capacity building for domestic observers and for the media in their reporting about electoral processes, as well as enhancing the capacity of regional organisations for electoral observation. In the post-election period EU/EOM recommended support funded under EIDHR may include, exceptionally, projects with National Election Commissions and Parliaments.

### **Lot 2: Strengthening the basis for civil society dialogue and democratic discourse: Freedom of association**

The campaign will promote key fundamental rights which are an essential feature of any genuine democracy. It will promote **freedom of association**, including the free formation of professional associations, and raise public awareness about the role of this freedom in the democratic process. Support will be provided to activities aimed at bringing legislation into line with international human rights and labour standards, raising awareness among decision-makers, and establishing networks of information.

### **Lot 3: Strengthening the basis for civil society dialogue and democratic discourse: Freedom of expression**

Campaign 3 will also promote **freedom of expression** with particular emphasis on the rapidly developing media environment. This will include support for activities to foster **independent press and broadcasting** including through the elimination of legal and technical obstacles to the freedom of the press, notably undue censorship, awareness-raising among journalists, efforts to “professionalize” the media to render them more independent, the promotion of adequate communication/media legislation as well as unimpeded access to the **internet**. Activities may aim at the establishment of viable community media which reach local people and enable marginalised sections of society to gain a voice. There is also a need to assist and encourage independent media organisations which are committed to raising professional standards and to developing professional skills in a self-regulating environment.

The Commission also looks to promote more generally efforts to enhance the ability of civil society actors to engage in democratic governance and policy dialogue. In particular, equal participation of women in political processes and decision-making will be supported.

### **Geographic scope of call<sup>13</sup>:**

Regional projects are eligible in the following regions:

Eastern Europe and Southern Caucasus  
Mediterranean and Middle East  
Central Asia  
Sub-Saharan Africa

Country specific projects are eligible in the following countries:

Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, Russia, Algeria, Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia, West Bank and the Gaza Strip, Yemen, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Angola, Burundi, DRC, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ivory Coast, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Zimbabwe, Cuba, Guatemala, Haiti.

## **D2. Micro projects**

Publication: 2005, as part of the campaign and if possible at the same time as the macro call  
Closure: 2005 or 2006 according to the timetable established by each delegation  
Amount: Total indicative amount for these calls is **€11,8 million**.

The 11,8 million are drawn from budget line 19.04.03.

Number of projects to be supported: 118 - 1180

Micro-projects are small projects involving a minimum EC contribution of €10.000 and a maximum contribution of €100.000, managed by EC Delegations.

Activities should normally take place in the country where the call is launched. The eligibility criteria for applicants will be the same as those for international calls for proposals, except that the general rule is that only organisations with their headquarters in the countries concerned will be eligible to apply. Exception from the general rule, notably as regards the nature of applicant organisations and the location of their headquarters, may be granted by the sub-authorising officer in exceptional cases based on a request from the Delegation concerned and in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Regulation. If delegations are unable to utilise these funds, or seek adjustments in the amount of their allocation, the amounts may be re-allocated. The aim will be to keep the same overall amount in a region, but if that is not feasible, the allocations can be transferred to other countries that have indicated a willingness to manage a greater allocation.

Micro-projects will be open in identified countries with specific allocations within the framework of campaign 3 according to ANNEX 2.

## **D3. For information**

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<sup>13</sup> Precise information on countries, regions and definition of global projects will be provided in the guidelines for each call.

### Election Observation Missions

Campaign 3 includes the EU Election Observation Missions. The financing decision for these missions will be taken in the form of ad hoc individual decisions.

Indicative amount: **€13,13 million**

The €13,13 million is drawn from budget line 19.04.03.

### Grants awarded without a call for proposals

Campaign 3 includes grants awarded without a call for proposals. The financing decision for these projects will be taken in the form of ad hoc individual decisions.

Indicative amount: **€5 million**

The €5 million is drawn from budget line 19.04.03.

## **E. Campaign 4: Advancing Equality, Tolerance and Peace**

### **E1. Macro call for proposals:**

Publication: July 2005, subject to constraints in implementation

Decision: 2006

Amount: Total indicative amount is **€6,5 million**

The €6,5 million are drawn from budget line 19.04.03.

The Commission reserves the right not to award all available funds.

Input indicators:

- at least two projects at the global level;
- at least three regional projects;
- at least ten individual country projects;
- at least ten countries eligible for individual support have been involved in projects at the global, regional or country level.

Output, outcome and impact indicators will be defined in the guidelines for the call for proposals.

Focusing on political, civil and cultural rights, this Call for proposals will embrace the two following issues:

- Racial discrimination and xenophobia, the rights of minorities (**lot 1**).
- The rights of indigenous peoples (**lot 2**).

For both issues, the guidelines will emphasize the critical influence of these issues in the field of conflict prevention and post-conflict reconciliation.

Indicative amounts per lot will be defined jointly by DG RELEX and EuropeAid in the guidelines for each call for proposals.

## **Lot 1: Fighting against racial discrimination and xenophobia and promoting the rights of minorities**

The Action Plan of the Durban World Conference against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance set out a wide range of initiatives to promote tolerance and fight discrimination and xenophobia at the national and international levels. Drawing on the Durban Plan of Action, Campaign 4 will support awareness-raising and advocacy to realise the rights of persons and minorities facing discrimination on grounds of or racial, ethnic or caste background. The campaign will encourage the adoption of anti-discrimination legislation and policies at the national level and the removal of discrimination with respect to access to employment, education and other rights. It will promote fair representation and participation of all ethnic groups at all levels of decision-making. The campaign will also develop the capacity of anti-discriminatory bodies and support projects to promote inter-cultural and inter-ethnic understanding, including by encouraging the development of community groups and positive media engagement. By addressing discrimination and inter-ethnic tensions, the campaign will make a particular contribution to the EU's efforts in the sphere of conflict prevention and resolution; this might also include civilian crisis management training.

## **Lot 2: the rights of indigenous peoples**

The campaign's support to **indigenous peoples** shall focus on activities aimed at raising public awareness of the situation and living conditions of indigenous peoples, and promoting knowledge and understanding of their rights, in particular the right to live on their own land. Projects of capacity building shall be encouraged, including enhancing information flows, provision for specialised workshops and supporting network building of indigenous peoples' organisations at national and regional level. Support will also be provided for the preparation and activities of indigenous peoples' representations participating in relevant international *fora* as well as for cooperation with international organisations.

### **Geographic scope of call<sup>14</sup>**

Regional projects are eligible in the following regions:

Western Balkans and Candidates Countries

Asia

Sub-Saharan Africa

Latin America, Caribbean

Country specific projects are eligible in the following countries:

Bosnia and Herzegovina, FYROM, Turkey, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador, Guatemala, Peru.

## **E2. Micro projects**

Publication: 2005, as part of the campaign and if possible at the same time as the macro call

Closure: 2005 or 2006 according to the timetable established by each delegation

Amount: Total indicative amount for these calls is **€6 million.**

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<sup>14</sup> Precise information on countries, regions and definition of global projects will be provided in the guidelines for each call.

The €6 million are drawn from budget line 19.04.03.

Number of projects to be supported: 60 - 600

Micro-projects are small projects involving a minimum EC contribution of €10.000 and a maximum contribution of €100.000, managed by EC Delegations.

Activities should normally take place in the country where the call is launched. The eligibility criteria for applicants will be the same as those for international calls for proposals, except that the general rule is that only organisations with their headquarters in the countries concerned will be eligible to apply. Exception from the general rule, notably as regards the nature of applicant organisations and the location of their headquarters, may be granted by the sub-authorising officer in exceptional cases based on a request from the Delegation concerned and in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Regulation. If delegations are unable to utilise these funds, or seek adjustments in the amount of their allocation, the amounts may be re-allocated. The aim will be to keep the same overall amount in a region, but if that is not feasible, the allocations can be transferred to other countries that have indicated a willingness to manage a greater allocation.

Micro-projects will be open in identified countries within the framework of campaign 4 according to ANNEX 2.

### **E3. For information:**

#### Grants awarded without a call for proposals

Campaign 4 includes grants awarded without a call for proposals. The financing decision for these projects will be taken in the form of ad hoc individual decisions.

Indicative amount: **€3 million**

The €3 million are drawn from budget line 19.04.03.

### **F. For information: Contingencies**

A total amount of €7 million under EIDHR 2005 is set aside as a contingency. The objectives and instrument of implementation will be defined in individual ad hoc financing decisions according to the criteria established by the programming document<sup>15</sup>.

### **12. c) Publication of calls for proposals for macro and micro-projects**

The announcement notice, guidelines and application form for international calls for proposals managed by the Commission in Brussels will be published on the Europa website: ([http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/tender/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/tender/index_en.htm) - click "Go directly to tender opportunities and calls for proposals").

The announcement notice, guidelines and application form for local calls for proposals for micro-projects managed by Commission Delegations will be published on the web-sites of the relevant EC Delegations. These can be found at the following address: [http://europa.eu.int/comm/external\\_relations/delegations/intro/web.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/external_relations/delegations/intro/web.htm). In some countries,

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<sup>15</sup> COM(2004) 4475, EIDHR 2005-2006 programming document, p. 29.

Delegations may also publish announcements in the local media. In addition, these calls are also announced on the Europe web-site (see above).

**13. Community sources of information and the address of the web-site where this programme is presented:**

Information on the macro calls for proposals will be published in the Official Journal, and on the websites indicated in 13 (b) above. This Work Programme will be published on the following website:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/projects/eidhr/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/projects/eidhr/index_en.htm)

**14. Community contact points:**

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**15. National sources of information and contact points  
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N/A