

Partner search

Europe for Citizens 2014-2020

Strand/measure Strand 2: Democratic engagement and civic participation

Deadline 02 march 2015

Organization

Name Center for Peace, Legal Advice and Psychosocial Assistance - Vukovar

Short description

Center for Peace, Legal Advice and Psychosocial Assistance (Center for Peace Vukovar, CFP) was founded in 1996 and is non-governmental, non-political, and non-profit humanitarian organization. CFP is actively involved in the field of promotion and protection of human rights, democracy, rule of law, and improvement of inter-ethnic relations. The Center operates in the whole territory of the Republic of Croatia.

Mission: To build and develop a democratic society and achieve sustainable development through development of human freedoms, protection and development of human rights, building the culture of peace and nonviolence, development of interethnic, inter-religious and inter-cultural tolerance and cooperation.

Vision: A modern democratic society, the rule of law and respect of human rights and values, the society of tolerance and equal opportunities for all its citizens without discrimination and regardless of national/ethnic, religious, cultural, gender, social or other differences.

Objectives, programs and activities: Center for Peace is focused on six interconnected thematic fields: (1) Protection and promotion of human rights with the emphasis on the rights of refugees and displaced persons, and national/ethnic minorities; (2) Economic development; (3) Education and informing; (4) Democratization; (5) Peace activities; and (6) Cooperation.

In the past 20 years Centre for Peace has implemented dozens of various projects and programs individually or in partnership with other organizations focused on the domain of human and minority rights. Basic activities of Center for Peace include provision of free legal advice and aid; activities of analyzing and reporting to the State related to human rights and violations of human rights; informing and technical support to citizens, civic initiatives and economic development initiatives; public campaigns and advocacy; monitoring of the work of courts and bodies of the State Administration; publishing of brochures, bulletins, reports, analysis and publications, etc.

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Project

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| Field(s) | <p>Civil Society Project - the debate on the future of Europe - finding ways for European citizens to reengage with the European project and further enhance democracy in the EU.</p> |
| Description | <p>The project will focus on rural areas and target citizens living in rural areas, to whom the information of the democratic processes in the EU do not reach at all and who fail to see any specific changes in terms of their own participation in the democratic processes. In cooperation with relevant stakeholders – primarily units of the local self-government and the media, the project will include organization of activities that would bring closer the term of democracy and civic participation in creating EU policies and create room for encouraging active participation in debates on the future of Europe to citizens in rural areas.</p> <p>In addition, one of the activities would focus on making brief study/overview on citizens' understanding of the policy making processes and their perception of the civic participation in EU policymaking, participation in public debates and the influence of citizens on the future of Europe and of themselves as equal EU citizens, as well as active and influential bearers of positive change.</p> <p>Work title: Rural areas affecting the creation of EU policy and the future of the EU (pilot)</p> <p>Objective: To encourage active participation of citizens in rural and underdeveloped areas in EU policies decision-making processes; to inform citizens on EU policies; to ensure that the needs and views of EU policies by citizens in rural areas reach the decision-makers / policy creators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To create a space for active participation of citizens in rural and underdeveloped areas in EU policies decision-making processes- To inform citizens on EU policies- To ensure that the needs and views of EU policies by citizens in rural areas reach the decision-makers / policy creators <p>Proposed activities: survey/research, public forums /debates, study visit, TV/radio programs, production of audio-visual materials and the application of new information technologies.</p> |

Partners searched

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| Countries | <p>Slovenia, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Austria, Hungary, Italy, Serbia, Montenegro, Baltic countries</p> |
| Profile | <p>Partners should be organizations whose work focuses on democratization, human rights and involvement of citizens (focus on citizens in rural areas), who can fully contribute to the activities that are including public opinion research, organizing debates and citizen participation events. Partners should have good relations with the local authorities in rural areas.</p> <p>Partners from the 'older' EU member states should be able to demonstrate good practices in involving citizens in rural areas in the debate on the future of Europe in order to share the good practice examples with the 'newer' EU members and accession countries.</p> |