

Proposal Evaluation Form

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Call: REC-RRAC-HATE-AG-2018
Type of action: REC-AG
Proposal number: 847643
Proposal acronym: HC
Duration (months): 24
Proposal title: Developing a comprehensive strategy against racism, intolerance and hate crime
Activity: REC-RRAC-HATE-AG-2018

N.	Proposer name	Country	Total Cost	%	Grant Requested	%
1	MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, TRANSPARENCY AND HUMAN RIGHTS	EL	156,446.84	65.99%	125,157.47	65.99%
2	HELLENIC PARLIAMENT	EL	26,750	11.28%	21,400	11.28%
3	PANTEIO PANEPISTIMIO KOINONIKON KAIPOLITIKON EPISTIMON	EL	53,863.8	22.72%	43,091.04	22.72%
Total:			237,060.64		189,648.51	

Abstract:

Objectives

- To form a comprehensive strategy against racism, intolerance and hate speech
- To improve reporting of hate crimes by disseminating hate crime victims' rights
- To raise public awareness
- To promote capacity building for prosecutors, public officers and MPs, as well as targeted communities
- To induce trust building of targeted communities towards the judiciary and law-enforcement authorities
- To effectively prosecute hate crimes

Activities

- Elaboration of a National Action Plan against Racism and Intolerance
- Publicity actions through a media plan, an awareness campaign against racism and intolerance and creation of a Web page for the National Council against Racism and Xenophobia
- Activities of capacity and trust building
- Edition of an Evaluation Report and a Report for the European added value of the project by Centre for Political Research of Panteion University

Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

- 40 public prosecutors
- members of all targeted communities and potential victims of hate crimes
- members of the Hellenic Parliament
- public officers involved in combatting racism, intolerance and hate crimes
- the entire population

Expected results

- To develop a comprehensive strategy against racism, intolerance and hate crimes
- To foster awareness raising
- To promote human rights perspective and equal citizenship for all humans,
- To increase capacity of all stakeholders (targeted communities, public authorities, the judiciary and members of the parliament),
- To reinforce access to justice for victims of hate crimes
- To increase hate crime reporting
- To produce transferable best practices and results at European level

Type and number of deliverables to be produced

- 11 capacity and trust building outputs
- 2 national training outputs
- 1 national policy deliverable (Action Plan)
- 3 public awareness deliverables
- 2 reports

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Evaluation Result

Total score: 88.00 (Threshold: 70)

Form information

Proposals are to be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

For detailed description of each criterion, please refer to the call for proposals.

Operational Capacity

Status: **Yes**

The following criteria will be the basis for evaluating the capacity of the partnership to complete the action proposed in the application: Associated with document Ref: Ares(2019)0007114 4/03/2019

A. Does the applicant have the appropriate capacity, experience and expertise to implement the proposed action and to maintain its activities during the period of implementation? (This is established from the applicant's annual activity report and other documents.)

Yes

B. Do the key staff involved in the project (applicant and partners) have the necessary education, skills, experience and capacity to carry the tasks assigned to them? (This is established from the experience as outlined in the CV's)

Yes

Justification:

The consortium has presented evidence including CVs that demonstrate their capacity to complete the proposed action.

(a) Relevance to the priorities of the call for proposals

Score: **22.00** (Threshold: 18/25.00 , Weight: -)

Relevance of the action and its objectives to the priorities of the call for proposals, as described under the topic notice on the Participant Portal, relevance of the issues addressed by the project, contribution of the proposal to the priorities, and complementarity with other Union activities, avoiding duplication with projects funded by other Union programmes. Every proposed action has to be based on a reliable needs assessment.

Evaluator's comments:

The project corresponds to a current need that is fully aligned with the priorities of the call, especially in its promise to deliver a national strategy to deliver a National Action Plan against Racism and Intolerance for Greece, proposing a strong partnership composition that is in position to fulfil this aim. A claim is made that the Action Plan will contribute to the implementation of Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA, which further aligns the project to the call. Other elements of the project also make it relevant to the call, in particular the training for prosecutors, the guide with the rights of the victim and the efforts to build trust between risk communities and public authorities.

The project makes a comprehensive needs analysis, justifying the different actions in the call for proposal with the specific situation in Greece in terms of raising hate crime, policy development and political situation. While in some respects this could have been done in more detail, the overall analysis justifies the needs of this particular action.

The analysis also justifies Greece an appropriate Member State for the action, considering its situation as an arrival destination for asylum seekers and immigrants, as well as political developments. Data from national and European sources are clearly presented.

The target groups of the action are clearly formulated and include communities in risk, members of parliament and prosecutors.

The current project is building on the results of a project, funded by the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme and promoted by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. This is well referenced by the applicants, which show how synergy will be built throughout the application form.

The novel aspect of the project could be seen in the first action plan in Greece against racism and intolerance, as well as in some of the project activities (especially meetings for building trust between prosecutors and communities at risk of hate crimes), although this has been not explicitly explored by the applicants.

(b) Quality of the proposed action

Score: **26.50** (Threshold: 0/30.00 , Weight: -)

Quality shall be assessed in terms of the proposed methodology for implementing the activities; the organisation of work, the allocation of resources and the time schedule; the appropriateness of the envisaged activities.

The evaluation of the project's quality will also assess the strategy for monitoring the project implementation and the identification of risks and the measures to mitigate them; the proposed evaluation, including measures to assess the success of the activities and the indicators to be used; the identification of ethical issues and the proposed action to address them.

Evaluator's comments:

The methodology of the project is clear, logical and includes a number of appropriate activities. Most of the project activities are assessed as especially relevant (training for prosecutors, guide for the rights of victims, trust building events, conference with members of parliament). Some activities could have benefitted of more details: e.g. the process of creating the action plan remains vague and it is not clear if it will be built in a participative way and in consultations with civil society and affected communities; the scope and the information channels of the awareness raising campaign in workpackage 2 is also unclear (although the message for 'zero tolerance' towards racism and hate crime is a strong point in this workpackage). The horizontal management work package is detailed enough to ensure that the remaining work packages are effective. Overall, the proposed individual activities are appropriate to achieve the objective of the project.

Furthermore, the proposal uses the partners' individual expertise to allocate tasks and the leadership of the various workshops. A good timeline is proposed with achievable milestones.

There is a basic ethical assessment and further detail is needed particularly in relation to the proposed awareness campaign as well as the carrying out of events and actions with members of Parliament given the nature of this closed environment and the implications that EU funded actions might have. Ethical issues in terms of data storage and processing are considered. Relevant gender mainstreaming aspects are taken

into consideration, the most important of which being the commitment that gender perspective will be reflected in the National action plan against racism and intolerance. Specifics on dealing with cases where children are victims of hate crimes are also mentioned, which is welcomed.

Some of the risks associated with this project have been identified but further information is needed especially in relation to the recruitment and retainment of 40 public prosecutors for the capacity building actions of the project. For example, there is not adequate information as to how the risk of them declining to take part will be mitigated. The same applies in relation to the participation of members of parliament.

A comprehensive evaluation plan is provided, taking into consideration evaluation methods, participants and some qualitative indicators. The importance the partners put on evaluation is also shown by dedicating a workpackage to it and planning it for the whole period. The monitoring and evaluation of the project is detailed and a number of key deliverables are clearly listed in the proposal. It is however not clear how some elements of the project will be evaluated, in particular the success of the public awareness campaign.

(c) European added value of the action

Score: **14.00** (Threshold: 0/15.00 , Weight: -)

The European added value of the project shall be assessed in the light of criteria such as its contribution to the consistent and coherent implementation of Union law and policies and to wide public awareness about the rights deriving from it, its potential to develop mutual trust among Member States and to improve cross-border cooperation, its transnational impact, its contribution to the elaboration and dissemination of best practices or its potential to create practical tools and solutions that address cross-border or Union-wide challenges.

Evaluator's comments:

The project is likely to have a strong European added value. The National action plan to be developed and delivered is promised to bring the implementation of Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA, which is among the key European strategic documents in fighting hate crime. Other activities could contribute to the implementation of the Victims Rights Directive (although not specifically mentioned) and the guiding principles of the EU High Level Group on combating racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance.

Although this is a project that will primarily generate results of national interest, there is a good plan to ensure that they are communicated at a European level. For example, the elaboration of the Guide for the Rights of Hate Crime Victims translated in nine (9) languages is a strength. Similarly, the proposed conferences and workshops as well as dissemination of the final evaluation report are good indicators.

The consortium includes a non-public sector organisation and therefore the potential of showcasing how cross sector partnerships can be formed to combat hate crime are good. Furthermore, the proposed website will ensure that the results and collection of best practices are disseminated and made available outside the participating country. Greece could be thus given as an example (although this would depend on the level of standards the action plan will set) and encourage other countries to follow. If the action plan indeed sets high standards in fighting racism, intolerance and hate crime, it could be also considered a good practice for other countries. The European added value report in workpackage 5 will ease possible transfer, as well as the expected international presence at the conference in the Greek Parliament (workpackage 4).

(d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact

Score: **16.50** (Threshold: 0/20.00 , Weight: -)

How appropriate are the expected results to achieve the objectives of the action? Is there a long-term impact of these results on the target groups and/or the general public? A clear, targeted and appropriate dissemination strategy, which will ensure that the results and/or lessons learnt will reach the target groups and/or the general public? Is sustainability of the activities after the EU funding ensured?

Evaluator's comments:

The proposal puts forward a clear dissemination and communication strategy that takes into consideration both the national and European ambitions of the project. The target groups are clearly identified and the planned mediums for reaching them are well thought. Further detail is needed in understanding how members of parliament will be selected for the capacity building and more information is needed in relation to the identification of the 40 public prosecutors.

A strength of the proposal is the combination of both online and face to face events to reach its audiences as well as the production of a final report that will collate all data and learnings from the project. This will ensure that key findings are captured and disseminate at both national and international levels.

The project has a strong sustainability element in its policy deliverables, particularly the national action plan (it would have been a benefit if the timeframe of the plan was already planned in advance). It could be expected that some project activities (e.g. trainings, trust building meetings) will be included in the action plan and will thus be scaled up to policy, although this has not been explicitly said in the application form. The applicants mention training prosecutors as trainers on hate crime, and while this is a good sustainability measure, it is not included in the project plan. For this reason a weakness of the proposal is the lack of detail in relation to the sustainability and impact of the proposed National Action Plan. Further information is needed to understand how this will be used after the project is finished to enhance and support public authorities and other national and European institutions to achieve the short and long term objectives of the Call. Finally, the information on the sustainability of the capacity building workshops for public authorities is not detailed enough.

(e) Cost-effectiveness

Score: **9.00** (Threshold: 0/10.00 , Weight: -)

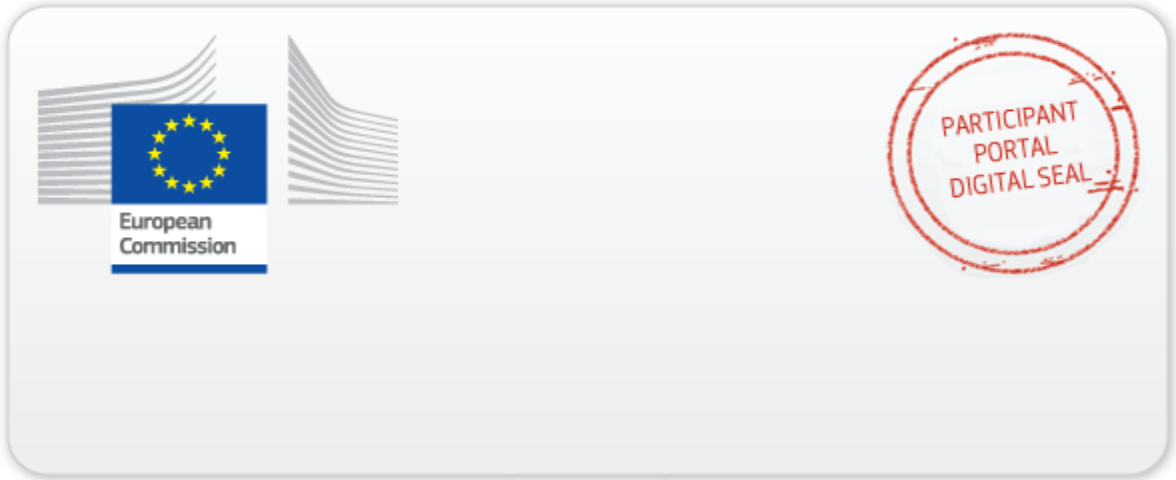
Financial feasibility of the proposed activities by means of a realistic and reasonable budget. Appropriateness of the amount requested in relation to the scale and type of the activities, to the expected results and to the size of the partnership.

Evaluator's comments:

The proposed project is financially feasible and the overall budget is proportionate given the size and scale of the consortium. Each individual work package has been allocated adequate resources that will allow the consortium to perform their individual tasks. The category on sub-contracting seems high, but the partners have included there also implementation contracts (printing). All in all, the budget seems to provide good value for money, considering the type and scope of activities, the policy dimension of the project and its potential for sustainability.

Evaluator's general comments on the budget:

Not provided



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