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**CO-SEED – “Civil Society Acts for Environmentally Sound Socio Economic Development” -** (EuropeAid/150147/DH/ACT/Multi; Grant Contract 2015/371-198)

**INCA announces call for proposals:**

**CO-SEED Grant Program**

Civil Society Capacity Building and Advocacy Grant Program Applications

Tirana - INCA is launching a call for proposals: CO-SEED Grant Program - Civil Society Capacity Building and Advocacy within the project CO-SEED: Civil society acts for environmentally sound socio-economic development.

The project CO-SEED is being implemented in the following countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey. Its Lead implementing partner (coordinator) is WWF Turkey from Turkey. Partners in the project are: INCA - Instituti per Ruajtjen e Natyres ne Shqperi, Albania, Udruga Dinarica, Bosnia and Herzegovina, WWF Adria, Croatia, Zeleni Dom – Green Home, Montenegro and Bird Protection and Study Society of Serbia from Serbia.

The project is funded by the European Union through the European Union’s civil society facility and media programme 2014-2015 - Support to regional thematic networks of Civil Society Organisations.

**CO-SEED Grant Program call for proposal**

The aim of the CO-SEED Grant Program call for proposal is to build capacities, increase knowledge and technical background of CSOs in providing sound comments in the Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs) and Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) public consultations. Furthermore, the aim is to strengthen lobbying capacities of CSOs, which will enable them to constructively participate in public discussions related to EIA/SEA and in overall contribute to reaching project objectives. The beneficiary CSOs will through the implementation of awarded grants form a regional network together with project partners while actively participating in the main project activities.

CO-SEED Grant Program - Civil Society Capacity Building and Advocacy Grant will be awarded in the five countries that participate in the Civil Society Acts for Environmentally Sound Socio-Economic Development project. Eligible organizations may apply alone or form national and/or international partnerships. Each prospective organization will submit their application in the country where they are officially registered. In case of partnerships, a lead organization must be defined and application submitted in the country where the lead organization is registered. Grantees will be responsible to the National Project Officer in the country they are registered in.

In addition to designing own activities, beneficiary CSOs will use these funds to cover expenses to attend two technical trainings and two networking events organized in the participating countries within the framework of the project. Grantees are also strongly encouraged to follow and attend public consultations of EIAs and SEAs (where applicable).

Grants will be awarded to at least a total of 15 organizations, thus each applicant will be evaluated nationally and internationally with their counterparts in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to increase the impact of their actions by way of forming national and/or international partnerships before applying. When equal conditions arise, applications with partnerships will be given priority.

For further information and application materials please visit the following link: CO-SEED Grant Program - Civil Society Capacity Building and Advocacy Grant Program Applications

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