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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

ProElect - Promote accountability in Electoral processes in EaP through increased participation and capacity of civic actors

Local and national collaborative projects for electoral monitoring and observation activities across the full electoral cycle

BACKGROUND

ERIM is an international NGO based in Lyon, France. We work to strengthen and empower civil society and independent media, to promote human rights and to increase critical thinking.

“ProElect - Promote accountability in Electoral processes in EaP through increased participation and capacity of civic actors” is a regional project run by the Transatlantic Foundation in partnership with IREX Europe (doing business as Equal Rights and Independent Media - ERIM) and funded by the European Union. The project aims to ensure that civil society actors in the Eastern Neighbourhood are engaged, capable and knowledgeable in monitoring elections and promoting democratic accountability mechanisms

The purpose of the call is to enhance the partnership of civic actors such as independent media actors and civil society organizations in the Republic of Moldova through increasing their collaboration with their peers at local and national level and therefore increasing the effectiveness of their electoral monitoring and observation actions.

Electoral monitoring is a comprehensive process that encompasses all stages of an election, from voting procedures to vote counting and post-election verification, while critically examining political behaviors, campaign dynamics, stakeholder involvement, and potential influences from both legitimate civil society groups and potential malign actors.

You can find more information about ERIM’s mission and vision [here](#) and about the project [here](#).

WHO CAN APPLY

The call is open to CSOs and independent media or any civic actor that has the potential to enhance democratic participation and to improve electoral transparency and participation at the local and national level ;

Also, the call is open for CSOs and independent media with a proven track-record on local and national collaborative projects for electoral monitoring and observation activities across the full electoral cycle in Republic of Moldova.



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Important: Only consortiums/ partnerships which include at least 2 CSOs/ media will be considered. Singly applications are not eligible under the current call.

Applications from political or religious organizations will not be considered.

GRANTS AVAILABLE

Maximum Grant Size	up to EUR 8,000
Number of Grants	3-6
Project Duration	Up to 6-9 months
Estimate start date	May 1, 2025
Estimate end range	December 31, 2025

Local collaborative projects for electoral monitoring and observation activities through (but not limited to):

- Create a community of practice that enhances efficiency and effectiveness of electoral monitoring and observation.
- Study/research on the quality of voting based on results of the elections from autumn 2024.
- Online / social media monitoring activities.
- Allow for knowledge transfers between larger civic platforms or networks and local grassroots organizations.
- Electoral monitoring and observation activities (educational electoral campaigns for youth and adults; citizen engagement; disinformation; etc.).
- Enhance the capacity of initiating, organizing and coordinating electoral monitoring activities.

Please note that the action plan of the project could be flexible and potentially revised with you after selection, taking into account the rapid changes in the electoral environment.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Minimum eligibility criteria:

- The consortium should include at least 2 CSO or/and independent media.
- Applicants must be registered in accordance with the Republic of Moldova law; citizen, youth or other forms of informal groups looking to grow as an independent organisation are eligible to apply through an established organisation with whom they have had a relevant history of cooperation
- At least one co-applicant (from the consortium) must have been active for a minimum of the last 2 years
- At least one co-applicant (from the consortium) must have at least 2 full time staff members
- The applicant's current statute and mission are in line with democratic and human rights principles



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Selection criteria:

- Relevance: The consortium intends to implement actions dedicated to ensuring free and credible elections, promoting civic participation, and fighting harmful hate speech and disinformation within the upcoming election cycle for the Republic of Moldova (Parliamentary elections).
- Capacity: The consortium has the capacity to implement the project.
- Activities and Outputs: Project activities contribute to fair and free elections.
- Impact potential beyond proposal - Project includes elements of innovation, sustainability, potential for replication and/or multiplication of results
- Budget: Coherence of the proposal and Cost-efficiency of the proposed budget.

The following are excluded from funding consideration:

- International events/programs/conferences.
- Equipment, unless a strong justification is provided.

HOW TO APPLY

The application forms can be downloaded at the following [LINK](#) or can be requested by e-mail: **proelect.eap@proton.me**. The application forms can be submitted in Romanian or English to the email address: **proelect.eap@proton.me**

Please, state in the subject line “ProElect – Local and national collaborative projects”. The applications should be submitted in word. Proposals must be submitted online **by 18:00 local time, January 20, 2025**.

All questions regarding this call shall be addressed at proelect.eap@proton.me. Questions, comments, and requests for clarification will not be accepted **after January 5**. ERIM is not obliged to provide clarifications to questions received after this date. The answers will be given no later than 5 days before the deadline for the applications submission.

ERIM will organize a Q&A session on December 17, 2024. To participate, please register via this [LINK](#) and submit your questions