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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

TO DEVELOP A CURRICULUM FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME

Purpose of the Call

EU-funded “BRIDGE for CSOs” project implemented by the Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU) in partnership with Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF) launches this call to identify and select a local institution of higher education to design a Curriculum for Certificate Studies Programme in International Development.

The proposed curriculum and tracks should be of interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary character with a special emphasis on learning outcomes aimed to address a wider spectrum of social problems, including social inclusion issues, minority and gender related problems. As such, the curriculum and the expected learning outcomes should reflect the local and regional dimensions and priorities of development (needs), specifically ones, that concern the Eurasian region/post-Soviet space. Inclusion of the regional perspective will be welcomed. The Certificate program curriculum ought to combine theory and practice and to provide students with both - academic rigour and policy relevance.

Curriculum for Certificate Studies Programme in International Development

There are limited opportunities in Armenia to receive professional or academic training in International Development. To address this gap BRIDGE for CSOs will start with the development of a curriculum for Certificate Studies Programme in International Development. The assumption is that in the future it will result in the development of International Development Certified Program in Armenia, which will provide an interdisciplinary approach to the study of developing countries, with the aim of preparing students for careers in development. It will make a possible for students to receive rigorous academic training that helps them better conceptualize the development process in its economic, political and social dimensions.

The curriculum should be a basis for designing a Programme in International Development which will present a knowledge on a global development, a wide-ranging area of study used to face some of the most pressing issues of our time. It will help students, leaders and NGO administrators tackle challenges related to human rights, poverty, international aid, socio economic development, and international relations. The programme should also give an opportunity to students to gain skills for supporting economic development on much smaller scales as well, including local economic development, community development, and sustainable development in societies of all sizes around the world. Because of its potential for broad impact, international development studies should prepare learners for positions in numerous fields.



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The purpose of setting-up such a curriculum for International Development Certified Program in Armenia, in a local institution of higher education is twofold. First, we expect that the programme which will be developed based on the mentioned curriculum will become self-sustainable and part of the regular educational programmes of the university. Existing university structure is already an asset in itself for self-sustainability of the programme in terms of teaching staff, administrative resources, access to pedagogical resources, and facilities. Secondly, the long-term objective of this initiative is to develop it into a Master's Degree programme (independent or as part of another degree). Therefore, this call is targeting institutions that can provide academic degree programs.

Eligibility Criteria

The call is only open to institutions of higher education registered and operating in Armenia. We welcome joint applications from Armenia-based universities or from partnerships of universities based in Armenia and universities from a Member State of the European Union or of the European Economic Area¹, or applications with the involvement of international experts. However, the contract will be signed with, and the Certificate programme curriculum should be developed by an institution of higher education currently registered and operating in Armenia.

Preference will be given to the applicants who had previous experience of developing and implementing inter and multi-disciplinary MA level programs/curriculum with a sustainability track record (5 to 10 years).

Terms of Reference (Programme Design)

The curriculum should be designed in Armenian and English languages.

Learning and teaching methods stipulated in the curriculum should include robust training in research methods, understanding of key issues such as global and macro-regional governance and development, sustainable growth and sustainability, conflict over limited resources, new emerging powers and social movements.

The curriculum should be designed in a way that the programme developed on its basis is attractive for mid-career professionals and also open to students planning to enter the field of international development, for individuals who are currently working for, or are seeking to enter, organizations such as the United Nations, international funding institutions, diplomatic services, country-specific aid agencies, military organizations, local and global NGOs, and academic programs that focus on supporting communities and governments in developing countries.

BRIDGE for CSOs project expects to finalise the selection of implementing partner and start the curriculum design immediately, with the objective of delivering the product/curriculum as

¹ The EU Member States, Iceland, Lichtenstein and Norway





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soon as its possible. In your proposal, please mention expected start and end dates of the programme.

Program Deliverables

1. Curriculum for Certificate Studies Programme in International Development. Presenting the required courses and the objective of each course, indicating what will be done, who will do it and when, as well as the methodology. The curriculum should contain information on the knowledge and skills that a student needs to master in order to move to the required level.

Application

The application package (**English only**) should be comprised of the following four components:

1. **A proposal** describing:
 - a. the relevant experience of your institution;
 - b. proposed methodology for the development of a curriculum;
 - c. justification of your institution's competitive advantage;
 - d. explanation of how your proposal meets market demand.
2. **Brief bios** of the key personnel who will be working on the design and delivery of the programme;
3. Proposed **budget** with a narrative description and assumptions;
4. **Work plan** showing activities and implementation timeline.

Assessment Criteria

Assessment of applications will be based on the following criteria:

1. Experience of the institution to design and deliver curriculums for professional programmes (20%).
2. Relevance of the proposed methodology to the needs of the market in Armenia (20%).
3. Proposed personnel to design and deliver the program (20%).
4. Cost effectiveness of the budget (40%).

Questions about the Call

All questions about the call should be submitted by email to bridge@agbu.am before **October 7, 2019**.

Submission of Application

Please e-mail your application package to bridge@agbu.am before **October 8, 2019**. You will receive a written confirmation of the receipt.



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About BRIDGE for CSOs Project

BRIDGE for CSOs (Bringing Real Impact with Diaspora and Global Engagement) is a three-year project launched in December 2016. It aims to strengthen capacities of Armenian CSOs to better serve their constituents. A unique characteristic of BRIDGE is utilization of the Diaspora capacity for improving thematic expertise of CSOs and helping content drivers to design and deliver better services for their beneficiaries. More information about the program is available from [here](#).



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