



European Union

# COBERM

## Confidence Building Early Response Mechanism

*A joint EU-UNDP initiative*



*Empowered lives.  
Resilient nations.*

## COBERM III – Call for project ideas (Third round)

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COBERM, a joint EU-UNDP initiative is soliciting innovative project ideas from representatives of civil society, including registered local and international non-governmental organizations, foundations and academia that are in line with the following aims:

- 1) Support innovative people-to-people confidence-building opportunities;
- 2) Help create an environment conducive to fostering peace, stability and human security.

### Background

**COBERM** is a grant programme that supports initiatives of local Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in a wide range of areas and activities, including support to improve the lives of people and living conditions of local communities affected by conflict. COBERM was set up in May 2010, and implemented two phases during 2010-2015. Its third phase was launched in January 2016.

COBERM is an apolitical, impartial and flexible Joint EU-UNDP programme that is funded by the EU and implemented by UNDP.

### Purpose of the call

**The purpose of the call is to identify projects that propose increased cooperation, with a demonstrable positive impact on the building of trust, as well as attitudes and behaviours that support conflict transformation.**

Preference will be given to:

- Projects that strengthen relations and communication between experts, professionals, organizations and local communities affected by conflict and propose scaled-up cooperation on pragmatic issues of mutual concern, with an observable impact on peaceful conflict transformation.
- Projects that propose particularly new approaches that respond to the broader spectrum of confidence building and address the challenges of communities living in conflict affected areas.

- Projects envisaging intra-society discussions on peace initiatives, internal crafting of public opinion, change of stereotypes within the society, which positively shape the attitudes and behaviors, broaden the base for peace-building and ensure local ownership of peace initiatives.
- Projects with strong conflict prevention elements that aim to solve conflict triggers within their own communities will also be considered on an exceptional basis.

**COBERM III thematic priorities are flexible as long as the project idea demonstrates strong confidence building potential.**

**IMPORTANT: To ensure diversification of activities and implementers, the maximum requested funding per organization can be no more than 150,000 USD. A funding cap for organizations with less than 3 years of experience will be established on a case by case basis by the Steering Committee. Co-financing or in-kind contribution by the applicant is encouraged.**

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:**

**We are now accepting project ideas until 5 May 2017, 18:00, COB. No applications will be accepted after this deadline.**

**Submission of Project Ideas**

If you have a project idea, which contributes to COBERM objectives, please complete a standard **Project Idea Submission Form** (see attachment 1) and submit it electronically to [coberm@undp.org](mailto:coberm@undp.org)

**Criteria for project ideas' selection:**

- 1) Relevance to the above-described aims of COBERM;
- 2) Extent to which the action addresses the needs of people and local communities affected by conflict and provides tangible impact on improving their lives;
- 3) Do no harm or entail any potential negative effects as a result of project activities;
- 4) Targets interaction among conflict affected groups and communities, with a special focus on women and youth, and/or gender equality and equal opportunities;
- 5) Feasibility of the project – problem identification, soundness of analysis of the identified problems and evidence of ability to contribute to solving it, analysis of external stakeholders, etc.;
- 6) Measurable and realistic long term results/outcomes (objectively verifiable indicators);
- 7) Demonstrated sustainability of proposed efforts;
- 8) Cost-efficiency and sound alignment of resources with expected project results.

**Selection process**

All project ideas will be reviewed by the EU/UNDP Evaluation Committee and the Steering Committee. The EU/UNDP Steering Committee will decide who will be invited to submit a full project proposal, and selected applicants will be notified accordingly.

### **Eligibility criteria for applicants**

- Be registered as non-commercial, non-profit organisation and have a bank account;
- Have sufficient administrative, financial and technical capacity to implement a project;
- Demonstrate good track record of working with donors in the past.

### **IMPORTANT:**

While priority will be given to local NGOs, international NGOs are also welcome to apply; however, particular attention will be given to the cost factor (INGOs are encouraged to search for co-funding) and highlight the positive added value of international status/contribution.

NGO consortiums, as well as newly established organizations or organizations with no experience of working with international donors are also encouraged to submit project ideas, as long as the other criteria mentioned above are met.

Women's and/or women-led organizations as well as youth organizations are strongly encouraged to apply.

Priority will be given to innovative, creative actions and those that propose a clear vision of change, sustainability, multiplier effect, local ownership.

Applicants who have previously submitted project ideas to COBERM but were not selected are welcome to re-apply with a new project idea, if it fully meets eligibility criteria.

Submission of parallel projects is also encouraged.

**DISCLAIMER:** COBERM will acknowledge the receipt of each application within maximum 3 business days. Please contact us if you have not received a confirmation at [coberm@undp.org](mailto:coberm@undp.org)

UNDP is not responsible for any technical problems that might result in delays in the receipt and/or loss of your application(s).