**National Call for Supporting Cultural Projects in the Fight Against Corruption**

The EUACI is a collaborative initiative funded by the European Union and the Government of Denmark, with the aim of supporting Ukraine in its efforts to reduce corruption at both national and local levels. The new phase, launched in January 2024, focuses on key strategic objectives: reducing corruption in Ukraine, advancing anticorruption reforms, and implementing reconstruction efforts in war-affected areas with a strong emphasis on transparency, accountability, and integrity.

**The EUACI operates across four intervention areas:**

1. Support to independent state institutions fighting and preventing corruption
2. Transparency and accountability of the reconstruction process
3. Support for cities in war-affected areas to enhance integrity in the reconstruction process
4. Civil society and media engagement in preventing and fighting corruption

**National Call for Supporting Cultural Projects in the Fight Against Corruption** is announced under intervention area 4.

The grant competitions will focus on supporting NGO initiatives in the cultural sector to implement innovative and creative projects that address and fight corruption.

Supporting NGO initiatives in the cultural sector to implement innovative and creative projects addressing corruption is crucial for several reasons:

* Raising Public Awareness: The cultural sector has a unique ability to reach broad and diverse audiences through art and public events.
* Changing perceptions and attitudes.
* Empowering civic participation in fighting corruption.
* Using innovative approaches in fighting corruption.

**The main tasks for supporting CSOs through grant competitions**

The **goal** of the competition is to raise awareness about the nature and negative impacts of corruption, thereby fostering a culture of zero tolerance towards corruption among the women and men of Ukraine within the project's target audience is the main task for the competition.

The specific **tasks** of the competition are as follows:

* To support the cultural initiatives in promoting integrity, and or/preventing and fighting corruption.
* To engage the creative sector in the promotion of integrity and prevention of corruption and fight against corruption.

**Potential Activities:**

* Exhibitions.
* Cultural performances.
* Theater performances.
* Podcasts.
* YouTube programs.
* Public discussions.
* Books or literature, thematic discussion \ reading clubs.
* Art Exhibitions (Visualization of the consequences of corruption).
* Other initiatives aligned with competition goals.

**Budget:** 150 000 EUR. It is expected to support 3-4 grants. The optimum size of the grant is up to 50 000 EUR.

**Grant budget structure**

* Salary and fees for the staff (executive director, deputy executive director, accountant, communication manager, project manager, etc.) and external experts.
* Program activities (conducting events, translation services, communication, printing etc.).
* Administrative services (office rent, bank fees, project audit).

**Selection process.**

**Applicant eligibility criteria**

To be eligible for a grant, the applicant must:

* be a legal entity officially registered according to Ukrainian legislation
* be a nonprofit civil society organization with codes 0032, 0034, 0036, 0038, 0039.
* have proven experience in culture and art.
* have proven organizational capacity to manage and implement grants.

The full proposal with the budget will be evaluated against the following **criteria**:

* compliance with formal selection criteria.
* relevance to the goal and objectives of the call for proposals.
* the level of the thematic expertise of the organization and experience in the anticorruption sphere.
* the level of the sustainability of the organization.
* well-structured and clear project proposal with measurable outcomes and outputs of the proposed project.
* the budget is reasonable and clearly outlines costs; the budget items are explained adequately in the narrative.

The evaluation and selection of grant proposals will be conducted by the Selection Committee in accordance with the specified criteria. The committee comprises external experts with expertise in the fields of anticorruption and culture, and members of the EUACI management team.

**Timelines**

The project must be submitted no later than **February 3, 2025 23:59 Kyiv time**.

The information about the competition result will be published no later than **March 17, 2025.**

The grant agreements are expected to be signed no later than **mid-April 2025.**

The project duration should not exceed 12 months, with all projects required to conclude before **May 2026.**

**How to apply**

The applicants are required to complete the proposal and budget forms in English language (ANNEX 2. Project Proposal and ANNEX 3. Project Budget forms). The proposal with the budget shall be submitted by e-mail to: sofgol@um.dk with the subject: **National Call for Supporting Cultural Projects in the Fight Against Corruption.**

**Note to Applicants**

If you do not receive a confirmation of receipt for your application within 3 working days, please contact EUACI at **sofgol@um.dk**.

Deadline for proposal with the budget submission is **February, 3, 2024 23:59 Kyiv time**. The proposal either received after the deadline or incomplete, without detailed budget will not be considered.

**Competition presentation**. The presentation of the grant call in online and offline format is planned on December, 18 at 2 pm. The online broadcasting will be available at [EUACI YouTube chanel](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=EUACI) and [EUACI Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/EUACI.Ukraine/) The registration link on the event <https://forms.gle/twfTYvqZjufpgYTa7>

Questions in English or Ukrainian for **National Call for Supporting Cultural Projects in the Fight Against Corruption** should be submitted to: sofgol@um.dk no later than January 30, 2025 17:00 Kyiv time, indicating clearly the title of this call for proposals. The EU Anti-Corruption Initiative reserves the right to not provide clarifications to questions received after the deadline. To ensure transparency and fairness of the application process, the EU Anti-Corruption Initiative cannot express any prior opinion on the eligibility of applicants, proposed actions or specific activities.