

## **CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS**

The following criteria agreed upon between the EBRD and Regional Environmental Center (REC) will be used for the selection of a limited number of representatives of civil society organisations (CSOs), who will receive financial support to enable their participation in public consultation meetings on EBRD's draft Strategy for the Promotion of Gender Equality. Selected CSO representatives will receive funding for travel and accommodation and small allocation for daily subsistence, to cover any associated expenses incurred, such as visa fees.

Individuals applying for financial support should meet the following criteria:

- Being a citizen of a country in the region/sub-region or a country<sup>1</sup> where EBRD operates while representing an active CSO;
- Having as a scope of work one or more of the following: gender equality and women's rights, human rights, , good governance, environment etc.;
- Being able to travel and participate;
- Being able to justify the need for financial support.
- Being able to contribute to the discussions on the draft EBRD Gender Strategy

Further selection criteria for financial assistance:

- Only one representative per organisation can be supported financially;
- The EBRD seeks a wide range of opinions; thus representatives from as many geographical areas and ethnic diversity as possible in the Bank's region of operations will be selected, taking into account the level of EBRD investment in these regions;

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<sup>1</sup> Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Egypt, Estonia, FYR Macedonia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyz Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan.

- Interest or involvement in EBRD-funded projects will be taken into account;
- Gender balance will be respected;
- Since the primary focus of the public meetings is obtaining feedback on the draft EBRD Strategy for the Promotion of Gender Equality, the majority of support will be provided for CSOs focusing on the given issue;
- Funding will be allocated for six meetings: Amman (Jordan), Rabat (Morocco), Almaty (Kazakhstan), Istanbul (Turkey), Ankara (Turkey), and London (UK);
- Up to 3-4 people will be financially supported per meeting;
- Organisations/individuals that are part of an international or regional network with access to grants will not be eligible for financial support.

Participants should have working knowledge of English, Russian, French, Arabic or Turkish. The draft Strategy will be available in English, Russian, French, Arabic and Turkish.

The registration, consideration of applications, selection of participants, arrangements for travel and accommodation and any associated transfer of funds are the responsibility of the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC). Any questions and communications, including complaints, should be brought to the REC's attention at the earliest convenience.

The REC, being responsible for organising the meetings and selecting funding for participants, reserves the right to reallocate funds if not enough applications are made from a category of interest, country or geographical area to another category for which more applications may have been submitted.

