

# Grant Application Form

## Summary

Title of the joint Action and acronym	<b>Strengthening capacities of the National Platforms (NP) of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum (EaP CSF)</b>
Locations of the joint Action	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine - Countries of the Eastern Partnership and EU countries
Name and country of the Applicant	<b>Regional Environmental Centre Moldova (REC Moldova)</b>
Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Office for Democratic Belarus, Belgium;</li><li>• Centre for Economic and Social Development (CESD), Azerbaijan;</li><li>• Open Society Georgia Foundation (OSGF), Georgia;</li><li>• Agency for Legislative Initiatives, Ukraine;</li><li>• Assembly of Pro-Democratic NGOs of Belarus, Belarusian organization registered in Lithuania;</li><li>• Yerevan Press Club (YPC), Armenia</li></ul>
Total duration of the joint Action	30 months
Objectives of the joint Action	<p><b>Overall objective</b> is to strengthen and promote civil society organisations' role in reforms and democratic changes taking place in the EaP partner countries, through increased participation and monitoring in the fulfillment of EaP objectives.</p> <p><b>Specific objectives</b> of the action are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• capacity building of National Platforms of the EaP CSF</li><li>• to foster active social dialogue between social partners as well as civil dialogue between private, public and civil society stakeholders</li><li>• to monitor developments in implementation of EaP goals</li><li>• to monitor developments in EU relations with the Partner countries</li></ul>
Target groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NGOs and other CSOs;</li><li>• Government institutions;</li><li>• Local communities and community based organisations;</li><li>• Social partners;</li><li>• Local authorities.</li></ul>

<p>Estimated results</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stronger and more effective CSF National Platforms (NP), increased policy capacity and ability to provide well-timed, constructive contributions to the EaP intergovernmental platforms and expert panels;</li> <li>• Organised monitoring process of the EU engagements undertaken by EaP governments on issues related to human rights, justice, economic integration, environment and other;</li> <li>• Promotion of the Eastern Partnership initiative in six participating countries through information campaigns, organisations of public debates and discussions with participation of broader groups of EaP societies.</li> </ul>
<p>Main activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Activities involving all 6 National Platform (or few of them) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Media independence in EaP countries;</li> <li>▪ Monitoring of implementation of commitments undertaken by EaP country governments through EaP processes (both bilateral, as well on a multilateral level);</li> <li>▪ Policy dialogues and Consultations;</li> <li>▪ Increasing awareness on EaP and European integration and promoting social dialogue;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Country Specific activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Republic of Moldova: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Capacity building of Civil society groups affiliated with National Platform;</li> <li>- Tripartite meetings between Government, National Platform and EU;</li> <li>- Capacity Building and Awareness Campaigns on EU Moldova DCFTA negotiations;</li> <li>- Strengthening cooperation between CSOs and social partners;</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Azerbaijan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Capacity Building and Awareness Campaigns to Acceleration of Azerbaijan Accession to the WTO;</li> <li>- Promoting policy convergence in priority areas in Azerbaijan to support European Integration within the EU Eastern Partnership Initiative;</li> <li>- Holding of Online portal to promote information sharing;</li> <li>- Open CSO Trainings;</li> <li>- Support web site <a href="http://www.eap-csf.az">www.eap-csf.az</a>;</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Georgia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Informational Campaign for public awareness raising in Georgia;</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- Capacity building of Civil society groups affiliated with National Platform;
- Cultural Heritage;
- Ukraine
  - Capacity building of National Platforms of the EaP CSF;
  - Capacity building of NGOs - participants of National platform: conduct of “Eastern Partnership School of European Integration”;
  - Rising awareness of society on the public involvement into EaP;
  - Dialogue for the implementation of EaP roadmap;
- Belarus
  - Special web-page of the Belarus’ CSF National Platform will be launched;
  - National Conferences of the Belarus’ CSF National Platform;
  - Raising Awareness activities;
  - Expert meetings on the EaP/ Dialogue on Modernization development for Belarus;
  - Working Groups activities;
- Armenia
  - Meetings of working groups;
  - Annual conference of the National Platform;
  - Awareness campaign;
- Management and coordination of the action
  - Organisation of project team meetings;
  - Organisation of Steering Committee meetings;
  - Preparation of Interim and Final Reports;
  - Participation in the seminar in Brussels for the purposes of training, exchange of experience and networking;