

Request for Formative Evaluation of the European Network for Nonviolence and Dialogue Programme

1. Background of the organisation

PDCS' mission is to help create and strengthen democratic culture, and spread participation approaches and mechanisms for dialogue and conflict prevention. We have provided the help in international development programs and arranged dialogue among various interest groups. We fulfil our mission by working with civil society organizations, public administration institutions and cross-sector partnerships.

2. Background of the programme

Our programme has officially started in August 2016 and will continue till end of June 2018. The aim of the programme is to initiate discussion among civic actors in Europe about cultural and value based conflicts and interventions to these conflicts from the perspective and position of citizen actors. It focuses on conflicts that currently attract attention of European media and public. The project should contribute to constructive solutions to these conflicts and seek non-violent and non-destructive approaches, to promote public debate on related controversial issues. We are in the process of creating a functional network that becomes a counterbalance to the diverging direction of Central and Eastern Europe from the ideals and values that frame the project of united Europe, network of civil society organizations and individuals active in intervening to value conflicts and de-radicalisation with the purpose of learning from each other, collecting tested conflict intervention approaches, supporting each other's interventions, and organizing public campaigns promoting common goals and values.

The main activities include:

- Mapping study of social value based conflicts in 7 countries, with detailed description of selected most innovative approaches in relations to specific issues/topics of value based conflict.
- Formulation of value based statement (Manifesto) of the network,
- International exchanges of good practices (face to face networking events),
- Two International conferences (2017, 2018)
- Creation of functional network (with internal online communication platform)
- External online platform for exchange and promotion of information and public campaign,

More detailed framework with expected results and indicators will be shared with the evaluator after the selection process.

3. The Purpose and Scope of the Evaluation

The purpose of this evaluation is to critically assess the most relevant parts of the programme as described below and assess the overall framing and vision of the programme with an aim to create set of recommendations for future programme development. We strive to learn whether the European Network for Nonviolence and Dialogue is a unique and relevant approach to mobilise the civil society across the region, if it is complementing rather than duplicating other networks in the region, how understandable and clear is the

framing of value based conflicts and that of the good practices and what should be the other necessary steps and activities to ensure efficiency and long term relevance of the network.

Evaluation questions:

- Our programme is communicated through two main ideas: 1) that the major conflicts polarising our societies with heightened risks of radicalisation and eruption of violence in the CEE region are value based and 2) that adequate response from the civil society should come in form of various non-violent approaches and approaches enabling constructive conflict transformation, approaches that are reducing the dividing lines in the society. Is the framing of the value based conflicts in our societies useful for activities of CSOs? Are these concepts clear enough? Do we communicate them well (to our partners and for the targeted public/ civic actors)? Are they understandable (for our partners and for the targeted public/ civic actors)?
- Is ENND unique or does it significantly overlap with other existing initiatives /networks? What is unique about the ENND initiative? What are the possibilities for the future developments?
- What type of cooperation activities should be reinforced among ENND partners in order to enhance impact?
- Are our programme activities effective in order to reach the objectives and vision of the programme? Which activities are crucial to continue in and which are not?
- Is our online platform an effective tool for external and internal communication? What should be improved in both?
- Evaluation questions will be modified and added during the clarifications between contractor and evaluator.

4. Methodology

The evaluator should use a mix of techniques to answer the above mentioned questions. PDCS will provide evaluator with all the project materials, documents and reports, and contacts on beneficiaries and other stakeholders and if needed he/she might be assisted in organising meetings/calls with beneficiaries and other stakeholders. The evaluator is expected to present preliminary findings in the form of face to face presentation.

The evaluation should also include:

- At least 2 interviews with partners from each of the participating countries (Bulgaria, Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia). Can be conducted online.
- Interviews with representatives of other similar networks (such as RAN, United) to evaluate similarities and differences,
- Observation and presence on few selected events that are part of the programme: 27-28th of March, exchange of good practices in Belgrade, 26-27th of April International conference of Civic actors in Conflict IV: Face to Face in Bratislava, ENND awareness campaign, ENND online platform.

Other methods can be proposed by the evaluator if found relevant and effective to provide necessary inputs.

5. Timeframe

The evaluator will conduct the formative evaluation according to the following work plan and time schedule:

February 15	Deadline for receiving applications
February 16 – February 28	Selection process, contracting
March 1 – June 15, 2018:	Evaluation period
March - May 2018:	Interviews and orientation at PDCS, interviews with partners, collecting input from key stakeholders
March 27-28	Exchange visit in Belgrade
April 25-26th, 2018	Interviews with partners during Conference
May 2018	Analysis and data interpretation, formulation of findings, preparation of recommendations, additional interviews
May 30th	Draft evaluation report (in the form of presentation), Evaluation seminar in Bratislava, Slovakia
June 15, 2018	Final evaluation report

6. The Report structure

The contents of the report will be at minimum:

- Executive summary
- Background information
- Scope and Methodology
- Findings with clear evidence
- Overall conclusions and recommendations

The expected lengths of the report is app 15- pages of the main content (findings with recommendations) and app 50 pages including attachments. It will be delivered in English.

7. Evaluator or evaluation team

The contract will be awarded to the tender offering best price / quality ratio in accordance with the principles of transparency and fair competition and taking care to avoid any conflict of interest. The evaluation will be carried out by the evaluator who has a wide experience in conducting formative evaluations with strong knowledge of the European civil society.

Knowledge or a basic orientation in following areas will be an advantage: Value based conflicts and conflict transformation, civil society environment in the CEE region.

8. Terms and conditions

The applicant must include a financial offer together with all other requested documents, as part of his/hers application, taking into consideration the objectives of the assignment, the tasks to be performed and deliverables requested. Please note that the financial offer must include all costs related to the field visits mentioned in Section 3 with the maximum limit of 7.500,-€.

9. Selection process

The application/selection procedure consists of two stages:

- 1) Initial selection Interested candidates must send the following application documents by e-mail to: **lukas@pdcs.sk, until the 15th of February 2018, 5:00 PM CET:**
 - CV – in the case of the team CV of the team members with the list of evaluation experiences – (including name of assignment, client contact information, and budget),
 - Two relevant evaluation samples (one preferably on a subject related to civil society or value based conflicts) – to be used only for the selection process,
 - Evaluation plan including proposed methodology and schedule of activities).
 - Proposed financial offer for the assignment.

Candidates accepted for the interview stage will be announced the results on the **16th of February 2018.**

- 2) The interviews will take place between **20th to 24th of February 2018**, with the possibility of organising the interviews via skype.