

## **Terms of Reference – Small grants to support advocacy activities that address human right violations during Covid-19 in CEECA region**

Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (EHRA) would like to inform initiative groups and organizations of the community of people who use psychoactive substances, as well as organizations working in drug policy and harm reduction field in CEECA region, about the possibility of receiving resource assistance/funding for the activities, related to the advocacy activities that address human right violations during Covid-19 in CEECA region.

The assistance is provided by the Secretariat of EHRA as part of the project “We Will Not End AIDS Until We Adopt Harm Reduction and End the War on Drugs” of the International Harm Reduction Consortium, which now involves eight international and regional networks of people who use drugs and harm reduction and drug policy organizations, such as International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC), European Network of People who Use Drugs (EuroNPUD), Eurasian Drug Users Network (ENPUD), Youth RISE, Harm Reduction International (HRI), Middle East and North Africa Harm Reduction Association (MENAHR), Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (EHRA), and Women and Harm Reduction International Network (WHRIN). The Harm Reduction Consortium exists to challenge the global war on drugs (the critical factor affecting the rights of people who use drugs), to scale-up access to HIV-related harm reduction services, and to advocate for greater resources for harm reduction.

In 2020, every country of the world has been faced with the Covid-2019 pandemic, which posed unprecedented challenges, creating new vulnerabilities, and exacerbating existing ones. Covid-2019 exacerbated an already difficult situation of human rights of people who use drugs. People who use drugs became even more vulnerable due to criminalisation and stigma (street-level policing, and criminal justice involvement), experienced barriers to access treatment and other health services, including harm reduction services, lack of access to preventive hygiene, higher rates of poverty, unemployment and homelessness, as well as a lack of access to vital resources – putting them at greater risk of infection.

Thus, Eurasian Harm Reduction Association would like to offer its assistance by providing small grants and technical assistance, related to advocacy activities that address human right violations during Covid-19 in CEECA region.

### **THEMATIC PRIORITIES**

Applicant should select one of the topics of interest:

- Human rights violations of PWUD related with street policing (criminalization of PWUD) during Covid-2019;
- Human rights violations of PWUD related with barriers to access treatment and other health services, including harm reduction services during Covid-2019;
- Human rights violations of PWUD related with poverty, unemployment and homelessness of PWUD during Covid-2019;
- Human rights violations of women who use drugs during Covid-2019

**LIST OF POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES (These are just examples. You can suggest you own activities as well):**

- Documentation of human rights violation cases;
- Submission of human right violation cases to human rights bodies;
- Training, seminar on documentation of human rights violation cases;
- National advocacy activities that address human right violations (roundtable discussion, seminar, conference)
- Awareness raising campaign;
- Etc.

**IMPLEMENTATION TIME:** March – September, 2021

**LANGUAGES:** Russian and English

**REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS:**

- Be registered in one of the [29 countries](#) of the Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia region; in case of initiative group it should have a financial agent registered in one of the countries of CEECA;
- Only NGOs, non-for-profit organizations can apply. Initiative groups also can apply, but their financial agent should be NGO or non-for-profit organization.
- Work with/represent/provide services/advocate for the needs of key populations on the national level;
- Describe the problem statement for advocacy of chosen thematic priority;
- Identify the goal, objective and key activities of the small grant.

The total budget for sub-grants is \$18 000. 4 groups/organizations will be selected to receive the funding in the amount of 4,500 USD each for a period up to 7 months.

**Deadline for submitting applications:** 24th February, 2021, 11:59 p.m. CET

**HOW TO APPLY FOR A SMALL GRANT?**

To apply, please send to [eliza@harmreductioneurasia.org](mailto:eliza@harmreductioneurasia.org) till 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, 11:59 P.M. CET the following documents:

- 1) Filled application form, signed with the organization director or responsible representative;
- 2) Annex I – Organizational registration document.

Applicants who will submit not full package of application documents, won't be considered as tender participants!

## **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

The submitted applications will be evaluated by the selection committee comprised on EHRA Secretariat members. The following criteria will be used to evaluate the bids (the maximum possible number of points is 100):

- Work experience with key populations and human rights violations of KPs (20);
- Problem statement (20);
- Clear and achievable goal and objectives of the small grant (20);
- Realistic and clear activities of the small grant (20);
- Realistic and justified budget (20).