**Call for Proposals**

**Slovak and Balkan Public Policy Fund**

Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN) and the Pontis Foundation announce the second Call for Proposals for researchers and organizations from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia to develop policy proposals dealing with one of the following priority themes:

1. **Democracy and the rule of law**
2. **Non-majority communities**

With regard to *Democracy and Rule of Law*, focus shall be put on analyzing (one or several if they are linked) the following issues: **policy-making and policy implementation/enforcement, corruption, media, access to public information, administration capacity and transparency of public institutions.**

Within the second priority theme, *Non-majority communities*, special attention shall be given to: **respect and protection of non-majority, social groups and groups in position of other forms of disrimination and people with disabilities**.

The list of issues is illustrative and non-exaustive.

Priority will be given to those research proposals which will involve CSOs and which will strenghten the cooperation with the sector.

**Who may apply:**

* CSOs registered in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro or Serbia. Priority will be given to those organisations which have not been recipients of EU funding acting as lead organisations;
* Individual researchers, citizens of these 6 countries, under 35 years old (including M.A. students in the last year of their studies).

**The project outputs should be:**

* Policy document - BCSDN and Pontis Foundation can offer assistance in distributing the policy products to all relevant institutions. Additionally, policy papers will be posted on the BCSDN and Pontis web sites (the conditions for the size and the length of the policy paper can be found in the project proposal template);
* Policy event – one national event for discussion and promotion with stakeholders.

The deadline for sending the project proposals is **10 September 2013.**

An evaluation committee will select grant recipients by mid-October 2013. After signing a contract, grantees will have time till end of March 2014 to implement their projects. At the beginning of the research period (November 2013), BCSDN and Pontis Foundation will organize a training for all grantees in policy paper writing. In addition, authors of the best policy papers will have an opportunity to participate in a study visit in Brussels to present the results of their research projects to the representatives of the EU institutions and other stakeholders.

All interested individual organizations/researchers should send to the following documents by 10 September, 2013 to [fund@balkancsd.net](mailto:fund@balkancsd.net):

- CV (in English language)

- Project proposal (model attached)

- Budget (model attached)

**Grant amounts:**

* For organizations – max. 5000 EUR

(Eligible costs: researcher/staff salary and salary for an eventual assistant, communication costs, purchase of publications, traveling, organization of national stakeholder event etc.)

* For individual researchers – max. 3000 EUR

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Contact person for additional information is: Deniza Bundalevska, SBPPF Coordinator ([dbn@balkancsd.net](mailto:dbn@balkancsd.net)).

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