BORDER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME IN CENTRAL ASIA PHASE 10 (BOMCA 10)

Activity 4.2.8

Boot Camp for Central Asian NGOs on the Project Management Cycle

Samarkand, Uzbekistan

26 – 30 May 2025

Call for Applicants

Background:

The BOMCA 10 Boot Camp, enabled through European Union funding, aims to strengthen the capacities of civil society organisations (CSOs/NGOs) in Central Asia. The programme will equip NGOs with the tools to effectively design and implement projects that benefit vulnerable populations in the region. This 5-day intensive training will guide participants through the entire project cycle—from formulating successful strategies for project award to execution and evaluation.

The goal of the Boot Camp is to empower civil society in Central Asia, enabling organisations, especially those working in Central Asian border regions, to create a tangible impact on local communities. By the end of the Boot Camp, participants will have developed viable project ideas that they can take forward.

Eligibility Criteria:

We invite applications from NGOs in Central Asia working in areas that align with the objectives of the Boot Camp. To be eligible, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. **Geographical Scope:**
   o The applicant organisation must be based in one of the following Central Asian countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, or Uzbekistan, and **work in the border regions of their respective countries.**
2. **Target Group Focus:**
   o The organisation must be focused on working with vulnerable groups within the local population.
3. **Project Relevance:**
   o The organisation should have a demonstrated interest in developing new project ideas or enhancing existing ones to create positive change in the local community.
4. **Experience and Capacity:**
   o The organisation should have some experience in managing and implementing projects but may benefit from enhanced skills in project design, strategy development, and evaluation.

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5. **Commitment:**
   o The organisation must be able to commit to attending the full 5-day Boot Camp and engaging in the activities and workshops.
6. **Fluency in English or Russian:**

   o Since the training will be conducted in both English and Russian, participants must be proficient in at least one of these languages.

Application Process:

Interested organisations should submit the following documents in the English or Russian languages sent by E-mail to BOMCA10grants@icmpd.org.

1. **A completed application form (attached).**
2. **A CV, including, contact details of the person applying on behalf of the organisation.**

Deadline for Applications:

All applications must be submitted by **4 April 2025**.

Selection Process:

Applicants will be selected based on the eligibility criteria, the relevance of their proposed project idea, and their potential to benefit from the Boot Camp. One organisation can submit a **maximum of 2 applications**. Preference will be given to the applicants who have not yet participated in the BOMCA capacity building activities for civil society organizations. **A maximum of one participant per organisation** will be selected.

What Participants Will Gain:

   o Training on effective project design, implementation, and evaluation.
   o Hands-on workshops and mentorship from expert trainers.
   o Opportunity to develop a viable project idea tailored to the needs of their target group.
   o Networking opportunities with other NGOs and potential collaborators.

We look forward to receiving your applications and working together to build stronger civil society organisations in Central Asia!