



swiss cultural programme
in the western balkans

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS OF CONCEPTS FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION PROJECTS IN THE FIELDS OF ART AND CULTURE

The Swiss Cultural Programme in the Western Balkans (SCP) supports regional cooperation projects in the fields of culture and the arts in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia and Serbia.

The overall goals of the Swiss Cultural Programme are to contribute to the promotion of democracy and freedom of expression, to conflict resolution, to intercultural cooperation and respect for minorities. The programme fosters regional cooperation through capacity building, empowerment and promotion of cultural initiatives and organisations, which offer innovative and diversified cultural services and products. Its thematic priorities include youth, gender equity and the creation of structures for broad cultural participation while taking into account good governance principles - accountability, transparency, non-discrimination, participation, and efficiency.

The Swiss Cultural Programme in the Western Balkans **invites the cultural organisations, initiatives, networks and/or associations** from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia and Serbia, both from the non-governmental and public sectors, for **submission of concepts for Regional Cooperation Projects**.

The submitted Project Concepts should:

- Have a regional orientation by involving organisations from at least two of the above mentioned countries
- Contribute to the development of culture and arts in the field in which they are operating
- Offer innovative approach and diversified services and products
- Aim at improving the situation in the region by strengthening culture and cultural life as an essential element of a participatory, open and dynamic civil society
- Be relevant to the regional context of the Western Balkans
- Promote interethnic collaboration stressing youth and structures for broad cultural participation taking into account good governance principles and equity.

For detailed information about conditions and criteria for this call, please refer to the SCP's regional website www.scp-ba.net, for the guidelines and the template for submitting project concepts. You can also contact the local SCP-office in your country or consult its local website (the links can be found on the afore-mentioned website).

Submission: Concepts for Regional Cooperation Projects are to be submitted according to the template available on the SCP website by electronic mail to rcp@scp-ba.net

Deadline for submission of concepts is **Friday 15th May, 2009**, at 24:00 hours. Applications received after the deadline will not be taken into consideration. Applicants will be notified on receipt by email.

The SCP's Regional Steering Committee will select the concepts to be developed further into project proposals at the beginning of July 2009.

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