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2023 Civil Society Fellowships
How To Make Your Application

Webinar Agenda:

- 2 types of Fellowships - which one for me?
- Success factors for a Fellow
- The Application process
- Q & A

EASTERN PARTNERSHIP
CIVIL SOCIETY FACILITY
PROJECT

#EaPCivilSociety

Eastern Partnership Civil Society Facility in a Nutshell

Objective: to strengthen the role and increase the capacity of CSOs and activists in the EaP region to:

- engage in policy making processes and policy dialogue,
- promote reforms and public accountability,
- foster local democracy, local development and engage citizens in public debate.

Implemented by a consortium led by GDSI Limited (Ireland)

Budget: MEUR 3.69

Timeline: June 2021 – December 2024

Website: http://eapcivilsociety.eu/

01 Capacity building activities
Courses, trainings, webinars, coaching and mentoring for civil society

02 Civil society fellowships
Community engagement fellowships and civic digital fellowships

03 Civil society hackathons and civic tech activities
Annual ideathons and hackathons, development of digital solutions

04 Civil society networking and ad-hoc support
Regional networking, relevant regional and international events and helpdesk for EU grantees

05 Country specific communication campaigns
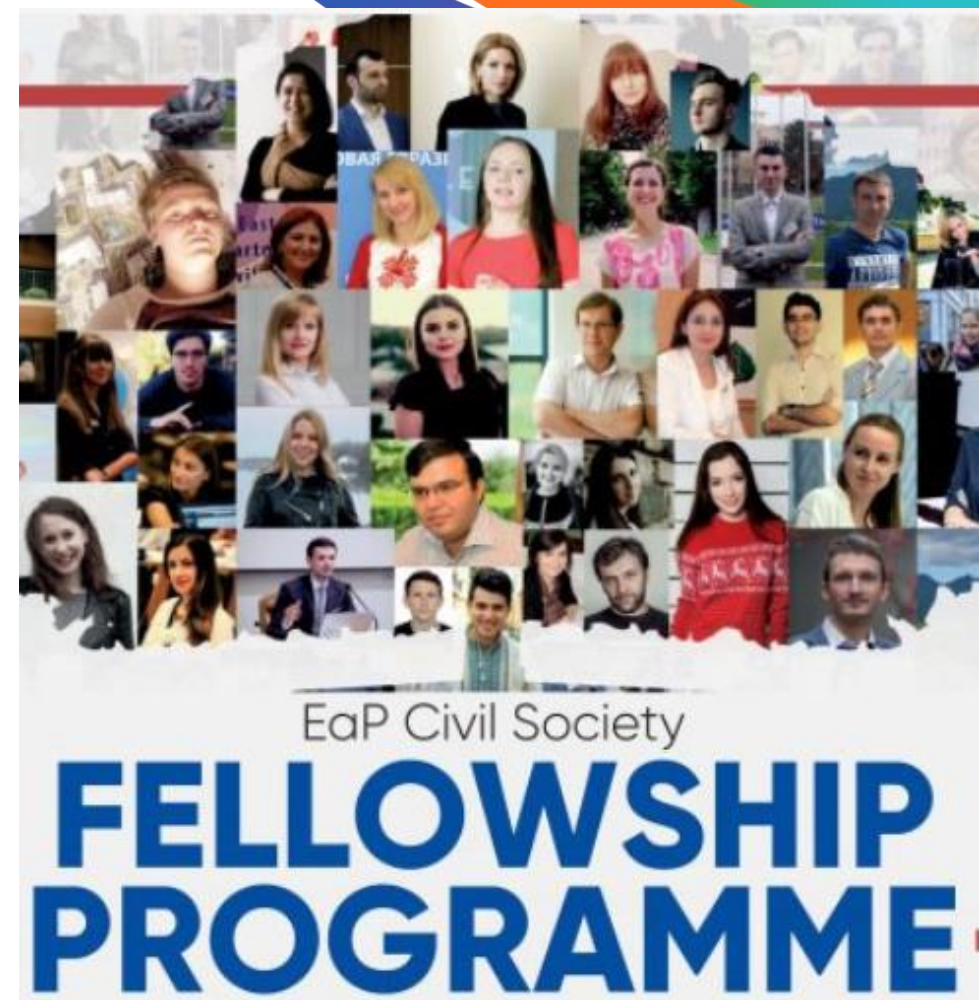Communication campaigns to improve the public image of civil society

06 Mappings, analyses, studies and research
To contribute to the EU's better understanding of CS

Two Types of Fellowship, But One Set of Benefits

Every selected Fellow will benefit from:

- Financial support – approx. 5,000 euros

- Training & coaching

- Networking opportunities

- Joining the Fellowship alumni

EaP Civil Society
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

Community Engagement Fellowships

We're looking for activists who can demonstrate a deep commitment to leading positive social change in their communities and who have plans to contribute to that change through:

- **Involvement in policy-making (national or local)**

- **Collecting local evidence**

- **Involvement in monitoring public administration**

- **Capacity development**

- **Improvement of CSO accountability and link to constituencies**

- **Strengthening cooperation between CSOs**

Civic Digital Fellowships

We are looking for civically minded individuals who want to use their expertise to contribute to, develop or further promote and raise awareness about **technological solutions for community needs.**

The Fellowships are designed to support Fellows engaging in:

01

Advocacy campaigns

Open data, data quality, e-services for citizens, budgetary transparency,..

02

Data and its quality

Making existing data machine-readable, generating & publishing new data,..

03

Developing new civic tech solutions

Community needs, governments' accountability, improvement of public services,..
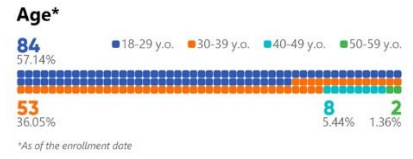
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Promoting & expanding existing civic tech solutions

and building the relevant skills of the potential users

Eastern Partnership Civil Society Fellowships 2017-2022

Supporting Civil Society Activists in the Eastern Partnership Countries

840 applications received

147 FELLOWS SELECTED

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
33 / 20	71 / 20	145 / 20	140 / 20	224 / 26	227 / 41

Armenia 15

Azerbaijan 14

Belarus 10

Georgia 27

Moldova 14

Ukraine 67

Gender
/ 94 Women (63.95%) / 51 Men (34.69%) / 2 Prefer not to say (1.36%)

Age*
84 — 57.14% — 18-29 y.o.
53 — 36.05% — 30-39 y.o.
8 — 5.44% — 40-49 y.o.
2 — 1.36% — 50-59 y.o.

*As of the enrollment date

Background information: The EaP Civil Society Fellowship Programme is funded by the European Union and administered by its 'Eastern Partnership Civil Society Facility' Project (https://eapcivilsociety.eu). The Fellowship Programme is aimed at supporting civil society activists and civically minded people in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine. To-date (since 2017) the Fellowship alumni has a total of 147 Fellows from across the six countries of the EaP. Check Fellows' profiles at https://fellows.eapcivilsociety.eu

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Key Themes of the Fellows' Actions

Youth Empowerment	Support to Local Actors to Provide Services	Democratic Participation	Human Rights	Support to IDPs and Vulnerable Groups
30	24	23	14	13
20.41%	16.33%	15.65%	9.52%	8.84%

Transparency and accountability	Gender Issues	Culture & Media	Environmental Resilience	Economic Development
12	10	10	7	4
8.16%	6.80%	6.80%	4.76%	2.72%

Key Functions of the Fellows' Actions*

60	57	39	20	14	9
40.82%	38.78%	26.53%	13.61%	9.52%	6.12%
Awareness raising	Capacity development	Advocacy	Community mobilization	Watchdog	Service Provision

*Some actions fulfill more than one function

https://fellows.eapcivilsociety.eu/

GDSI Delivering Sustainable Solutions

Are You A Potential Fellow?

❑ Citizen of an EaP country

❑ Good English

❑ 18+ years old

❑ Not previously an EaP Fellow

❑ Proven track record and

❑ **A great idea for how your Fellowship will contribute to change**

Fellowship Success Stories

Cristina BERLINSCHI

Moldova

Olena YATSKIVSKA

Ukraine

Fellowship Success Stories

Mahammad KEKALOV

Azerbaijan

Teona TOMASHVILI

Georgia

Fellowship Success Stories

Grigor YERITSYAN

Armenia

The Application Process

Only selected Concepts move to step 4 & 5

01 — Read the **Guidelines**

02 — Prepare a Concept Note

03 — Submit Your Concept Online

04 — Use the Incubation Period to Develop Your Full Application

05 — Submit Full Application & Supporting Documents

Three sections:

1. Tell Us About Yourself

2. What's Your Experience and Motivation

3. What's the Purpose of Your Fellowship

Once you make the submission, you cannot change your Concept Note. But, before submission, you can log-in as many times as you like to work on your application

The Online Concept Note Form

Preparing a Winning Concept Note

- Eligibility & Relevance
- The Evaluation Grid
- Lessons Learnt

Is Your Fellowship Concept Really A Good Idea???

Make sure the purpose of your Fellowship fits the priority themes and types of action

**Is your proposed Fellowship needed?
What difference will it make?
Who will benefit?
How will they benefit?**

NB. For this 'Call', applications may attract additional evaluation scoring for contributing to the **improvement of CSO accountability and linkage to constituencies**

Is Your Concept Eligible???

Do you meet all the eligibility requirements? Have you uploaded your CV? Is the proposed purpose of your fellowship broadly in line with your experience and stated motivations

Have you completed every section of the Form in full? And completed all in English??

Evaluation of Concept Notes

Experience & Motivation of Applicant	Score
Experience contributing to civil society, or relevant technical experience for Civic Digital Fellowships, and demonstrated leadership (max.3 points)	
Purpose and Beneficiaries of Proposed Fellowship	
Purpose of the Proposed Fellowship (max.3 points)	
Area of Fellowship is relevant to applicant's experience (max.3 points)	
Outcome is clear, achievable, and Fellowship justified (max.3 points)	
Beneficiaries are relevant for the Fellowship (max.3 points)	
The Fellowship responds to the annual theme of the EaP Civil Society Facility and/or the specific emphasis for the Summer-Autumn 'call' relating to improvement of CSO accountability. (Yes= 2 point; Partially=1 point No= 0 points)	
Total Score	/17

Common Reasons for Failure

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1. Non-Eligibility

2. Unclear or unrealistic purpose

3. Applicant demonstrates little or no experience related to the proposed purpose

4. Proposed beneficiaries are too vague or general

From the last 'call' 196 Concept Notes were submitted, but only 46 selected for Full Application stage

From Concept Note To Full Application

1. Successful Concept Note applicants will be informed of their selection by email and **provided with an online link** to open a Full Application

2. During the **Incubation Period** (August-Oct 2023) you will be working on your Full Application including:

   - Designing a set of **activities** which will achieve your Fellowship **objective** and include a list of concrete outputs, along with a proposed **budget**

   - Uploading all supporting documents (passport, nomination and/or other reference letters, EN proof)!

*Use the **Incubation Period** to develop your Fellowship project*

Timeline

17 July	• 2nd Call for 2023 Fellowships Open
26 July	• 'Live' Info Session Webinar
4 September	• Closure for 2023 Concept Notes

Incubation Phase: August-October

9 October	• Closure for 2023 Full Applications under 1st Call
November	• Fellowships Awarded

Implementation Phase: December 2023 - July 2024

Questions about eligibility

- Is there an age limit?

- Which countries are targeted?

- Can I apply for both types of Fellowship?

- Can I apply through my organisation?

Questions about the application process

- Can I complete a Concept Note form 'offline' and submit?

- How long should my responses on the Concept Note be?

- Do I need to submit supporting documents with my Concept Note?

- What happens after the Concept Note?

- If my Concept Note is not selected, can I delete my registration and start again?

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Check the Frequently Asked Questions on the Project website

Don't forget to check out the

top tips

and **FAQs**

on the web site:

www.eapcivilsociety.eu

Any questions?

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Best wishes for your application!

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