

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

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### 1. General Information

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The Eurasian Harm Reduction Network (EHRN) is a regional network of harm reduction programs and their allies from across 29 countries in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA). Together, we work to advocate for the universal human rights of people who use drugs and to protect their lives and health. In other words, EHRN's mission is to promote humane evidence-based approaches to reduce harms associated with drug use and to maintain and preserve the health and human rights at the level of the individual, community and society.

The Network's geographical focus includes Central and Eastern European and Central Asian countries, which could be divided into 7 sub-regions:

- Baltics countries (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania);
- Central Europe (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia);
- South-Eastern Europe (Albania, Bulgaria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia);
- European Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) (Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine);
- Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia);
- Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan); and
- Russia.

In 2005, EHRN was granted a Special Consultative NGO Status by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC) which allows the Network to participate in the operations of ECOSOC, its many committees and working groups, various human rights mechanisms of the United Nations and special events organized by the President of the UN General Assembly.

## 2. Description of the Tender

Eurasian Harm Reduction Network is a Civil Society Task Force for the UN General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) 2016.

EHRN is calling on all network members and other representatives of civil society from Eastern European and Central Asian countries to actively engage in the national and global UNGASS preparatory processes. EHRN will employ an innovative approach requiring the development of regional and national evidence base which will be used to design effective advocacy messages.

EHRN is willing to provide to the network members and other civil society representatives from the Baltic states (Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia) technical assistance in strengthening the advocacy and achieving consensus regarding the drug policy reform. At the moment, Estonia is the only one of these countries where drug policies are oriented toward public health. Latvia plans to continue its healthcare reform dialogue which evolved during the years when the country was receiving the UN support. In Lithuania, the situation started to change after EHRN submitted its alternative report to the UN human rights bodies and advocated to introduce human rights-based approaches (including the right to health) to drug use and HIV prevention in the country. EHRN effectively liaises with key policy makers and opinion leaders, which will become an important factor in successfully building the consensus regarding the drug policy reform in the Baltic countries and encouraging other countries of the region to follow suit.

EHRN is now announcing a tender to select organizations/individual experts to act as national coordinators for preparation to UNGASS, which will be conducted through building national coalitions and holding country consultations.

### *Cooperation Goals*

To seek regional consensus and showcasing the experience of three Baltic States (Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia) in other Eastern European and Central Asian countries. EHRN will develop a regional consensus paper for upcoming UNGASS 2016, which will present regional principles and frameworks of successful drug policy and provide a vision of how UNGASS 2016 can serve as an opportunity to promote new national drug policies in EECA countries. It is expected that Baltic States will play a leading role at the UNGASS 2016 in using their recent drug policy reform experience to promote this consensus paper.

### *Tasks for the Partners under this ToR:*

- To gather information on national drug policies, their recent reforms and impact on public health and rights of people who use drugs;
- To organize coalitions of national stakeholders, including government and civil society, to develop consensus position on drug policy for UNGASS 2016;
- Coordinate stakeholder information exchange and organize face to face meetings;
- To assist EHRN in negotiating, communicating and engaging national policy makers in regional

and international events within UNGASS 2016;

- To cooperate with EHRN in developing national position on drug policy reform and promote it on national level.

*Deliverables:*

- Report on drug policy situation, reforms, and possible impact on health and rights of people who use drugs;
- Draft of national position paper on drug policy reform;
- Coordination and organization of meetings;
- Assistance in the communication.

**3. Requirements to tender participants:**

Applicants can be NGOs or NGO staff members who must meet the following requirements:

- Have expertise in national drug policy and harm reduction situation;
- Have experience in advocacy, networking and/or international cooperation for public health and legal reform;
- Have English or Russian language proficiency;
- Be able to work in stressful environment and meet deadlines;
- Have experience collecting data, writing analytical reports and preparing recommendations; and
- Have experience in logistics and organizing national level meetings.

Maximum total of 25 working days, between September 1, 2015 and May 1, 2016.

**4. Procedure for submitting bids (quotes)**

The candidates are requested to:

1. Submit their CVs;
2. Present their relevant experience (1 page);
3. Present their vision on how to develop the country position for UNGASS and what issues to include (1 page);
4. Indicate desired daily rate in euros; and
5. For individual applicants: present a letter from their employer confirming no objections to

the employee's participation in the tender.

The above documents are to be submitted by email with a reference **Partner organization for UNGASS consultation** to [alisa@harm-reduction.org](mailto:alisa@harm-reduction.org) by **31 July 2015 24:00 EET**.

**5. Tender results announcement date – 7 August 2015.**

**6. Bid selection and evaluation criteria**

The Tender Committee composed of EHRN Secretariat staff will select the winner of the tender based on their meeting the requirements outlined in section 3 above.

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