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**Turkey-Ankara: IPA — Technical assistance for strengthening the public sector for cooperation with CSOs  
2016/S 102-180972**

**Service prior information notice**

**Location — Turkey**

1. **Publication reference:**  
EuropeAid/138096/IH/SER/TR.
2. **Procedure:**  
Restricted.
3. **Programme title:**  
National programme for Turkey 2013 under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance — transition assistance and institution building component.
4. **Financing:**  
IPA budget item 22.02.01 of the general budget of the EU (90 %) and national contribution (10 %).
5. **Contracting authority:**  
Central Finance and Contracts Unit (CFCU), Ankara, TURKEY.
6. **Nature of contract:**  
Fee-based.
7. **Contract description:**  
The overall objective of the project is to strengthen the democratic and policy-making process of public institutions in line with European Union values and pluralism. More specifically, the project will contribute to strengthening the capacity of key public institutions for communicating and collaborating with civil society at both central and local level. In this respect, the contractor will provide services for increasing:  
i) the level of awareness of senior officials of local administrations and CSO representatives about the importance of civil society participation in decision-making mechanisms;  
ii) the understanding of the concept and role of civil society amongst senior public officials; and  
iii) the number of joint projects implemented between CSOs and public institutions; the creation of the 'Knowledge Hub' online platform which will be used by Ministry of Interior (MoI) staff at local and central levels to share knowledge and experience on CSO cooperation.  
The contractor will also improve the institutional capacity of MoI staff, local administrations and other stakeholders through study visits, trainings, workshops, seminars and awareness-raising activities.
8. **Indicative budget:**  
3 000 000 EUR.
9. **Intended timing of publication of the contract notice:**  
July 2016.
10. **Additional information:**  
Not applicable.
11. **Legal basis:**

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17.7.2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) (OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82).

**Remarks:**

There must be a minimum period of 30 calendar days between the publication of this prior information notice and the publication of the corresponding contract notice.

No applications or requests for information should be sent at this stage.