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**Turkey-Ankara: IPA — Technical assistance to implementation of civil society support programme
2016/S 103-183478**

Service prior information notice

Location — Turkey

1. **Publication reference:**
EuropeAid/138099/IH/SER/TR.
2. **Procedure:**
Restricted.
3. **Programme title:**
Annual action programme for Turkey for the year 2014 under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II).
4. **Financing:**
IPA budget item 22.02.03.01 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 purpose of the contract is to support the development of civil society through more active democratic participation in policy and decision-making processes and by promoting a culture of fundamental rights and dialogue.
The contractor will provide technical assistance to the Ministry for EU Affairs (MEU) for the implementation of 2 grant schemes (a grant scheme for CSO partnerships and networks on strengthening cooperation between the public sector and CSOs and a grant scheme for grassroots CSOs) by trainings, monitoring visits, etc., ensuring coherence between the various components of the civil society support programme and also conducting promotion and visibility activities of the programme.
8. **Indicative budget:**
600 000 EUR.
9. **Intended timing of publication of the contract notice:**
August 2016.
10. **Additional information:**
Not applicable.
11. **Legal basis:**
Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11.3.2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action and Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11.3.2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II), OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 11.

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.