

## First Call for Proposal for support from the Slovak - Serbian EU Enlargement Fund

The Pontis Foundation (Slovakia) and the Center for Democracy Foundation (CDF) (Serbia) announce the first Call for Proposal<sup>1</sup> for researchers and organizations from Serbia to undertake research projects on the topic of:

- Financial applications of EU environmental regulations in Serbia: critical issues ahead
- EU pre-accession funds for Serbia: practical lessons from Slovakia
- Slovakia's "catching up" with more advanced Central European countries (H, CZ, PL) in the EU enlargement: example for the Western Balkans countries?
- Serbia as an EU candidate country: the issue of internal coordination

The Fund provides an opportunity that part of the research can be conducted in Bratislava, Slovakia in the form of a study visit. The Pontis Foundation can facilitate logistical arrangements for all interested individuals who opt for this option in terms of providing contact to relevant decision makers and experts involved in the Slovak EU integration process, making hotel reservations, etc.

### Who may apply:

- Individual researchers, who are citizens of Serbia, under 35 years (including M.A. students in the last year of their studies) with excellent knowledge of English
- Journalists who are citizens of Serbia under 35 years
- Organizations registered in Serbia (NGOs, faculties, research institutes, think tanks, media)

### The project outputs should be:

- **a policy paper** - in case the applicant is an individual researcher under 35 or an organization (except media). CDF and Pontis can offer assistance in distributing the policy paper to all relevant Serbian institutions. Additionally, policy papers will be posted on the PONTIS and CDF web sites (the conditions for the size and the length of the policy paper can be found in the project proposal template)
- **media output** (for example 5 articles published in a newspaper, 3 half an hour program broadcasts on TV or radio, etc.) - in the case of journalists or a media institution

The deadline for sending the project proposals is **28 February 2010**. An evaluation committee, including independent experts and representatives of the Serbian Integration Office, will select grant recipients by the end of March 2010. After signing a contract, grantees will have time till June 30<sup>th</sup> 2010 to implement their projects (individual arrangements for the project closing date will be possible for journalists and media

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<sup>1</sup> The Cfp is organized within a framework of project Slovak - Serbian EU Enlargement Fund (Supporting young independent researchers and journalists on the EU Agenda in Serbia) funded by Slovak Aid. More information about the project can be found on [www.pontisfoundation.sk](http://www.pontisfoundation.sk) and [www.centaronline.org](http://www.centaronline.org)

institutions). At the beginning of the research period (April 2010), Pontis Foundation will organize training for all grantees in policy paper writing in Belgrade. In addition, authors of the best *policy papers* will have an opportunity to participate in a study trip to Brussels to present the results of their research projects to the representatives of the EU institutions.

All interested individual researchers/organizations should send to CDF by 28 February (milica@centaronline.org or [info@centaronline.org](mailto:info@centaronline.org)) the following documents:

- CV
- Cover page (model is attached)
- Project proposal (model is attached)
- Budget (model is attached)

**Grant amounts:**

- For individual researchers conducting the research solely in Serbia - 3000 EUR (includes: fee for a researcher, costs of Internet, purchase of publications, local traveling, etc.)
- For individual researchers planning to do a part of the research in Slovakia – 4500 EUR (includes: fee for a researcher and costs of travel and accommodation in Slovakia)
- For organizations – 5000 EUR (includes: fee for a researcher and a possible assistant, costs of communications, etc.)

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