DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROJECT CONCEPT NO 9

"SUPPORT FOR CIVIL SOCIETY"

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT	
1. Partner country (-ies)	Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Armenia*
2. Area(s) of cooperation	Democracy and civil society
3. Project description	
3.1. Project aim	Empowering civil society organizations to develop activities aimed at significant and long-term changes in the country.
3.2. Project objectives	 Strengthening civil society organizations: Developing the ability to effectively engage in shaping and implementing public policies; Enhancing the quality, transparency, and accountability to members and society; Promoting civil society networking. Increasing the role of civil society in achieving important changes for the state and society: Encouraging sustainable collaboration with the public sector in implementing state strategic goals; Providing expertise to state institutions; Readiness to participate in the state crisis management structure.
3.3. Target group(s)	Civil society organizations of partner country(-ies).
4. Estimated duration of project implementation	Up to 24 months
5. Additional information Where available, indicate additional evaluation criteria** for project applications to be drawn up according to this project concept, or other information important to applicants.	- Experience in implementing similar projects with civil society organizations in EU Eastern Partnership countries.

^{*} Please select one or multiple countries listed.

^{**}According to Paragraph 35 of the Description of the Procedure for the Implementation of Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid Activities by State and Municipal Institutions and Agencies approved by Resolution No 278 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania dated 26 March 2014, an application can be assigned additional scores for compliance with the additional project application evaluation criteria indicated in the institution's call. The additional criteria may be provided for if a specific development cooperation activity is planned in the call or if specific abilities or experience are expected from the applicants.