

Minority Rights in Practice Permanent Open Call

In addition to strategic grants, the the King Baudouin Foundation occasionally supports proposals for advocacy and policy initiatives to be implemented at the regional and European level (public awareness campaigns, conferences, policy events, cross-border projects…). In 2006, three projects have been approved with grants totalling € 35,000. The MRP in SEE Small Grants scheme supports projects submitted by NGO’s from Southeast Europe or international NGO’s active in South Eastern Europe that

- provide a forum for the exchange of views and experience at cross-border regional and European level to voice issues and promote good practice in relation to minority rights in SEE;
- increase public understanding of minority rights and inclusion at SEE regional and European levels;
- provide for engaging collaboration between various actors and creating a broader base for civic dialogue on minority rights implementation.

It is a permanent open call. A letter of enquiry, including a brief description of the project and the range of needed funding, is acceptable for initial contact. An application form is sent to applicants of shortlisted project ideas in case of approval. Three projects have been supported in 2006 for a total of 35,000€;:

- Journalist educational seminars on minority issues (STINA agency, Split, Croatia)
- Documentary on Decentralisation: a solution for Kosovo minorities? (Southeast Europe TV Exchanges, Brussels-Belgrade)
- Minorities in transition: a force forward rather than backward (The International Centre for Democratic Transition, Budapest, Hungary)

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