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# COBERM

## A Joint EU-UNDP Initiative



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### What is COBERM?

COBERM is a joint EU-UNDP initiative that promotes involvement of local Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in a wide range of areas and activities, including support to immediate and concrete initiatives, seeking to have a demonstrable impact on building confidence among communities affected by conflict. COBERM has been set up in May 2010. In the following five years (2010-2015), it had successfully implemented 137 sub projects and building on this success, a third phase of COBERM was launched in January 2016.

COBERM is an apolitical, impartial and flexible mechanism.

The main aims of COBERM are the following:

- 1) Support innovative people-to-people confidence-building opportunities;
- 2) Help create an environment conducive to fostering peace, stability and human security.

### COBERM III Round II Call for Project Proposals

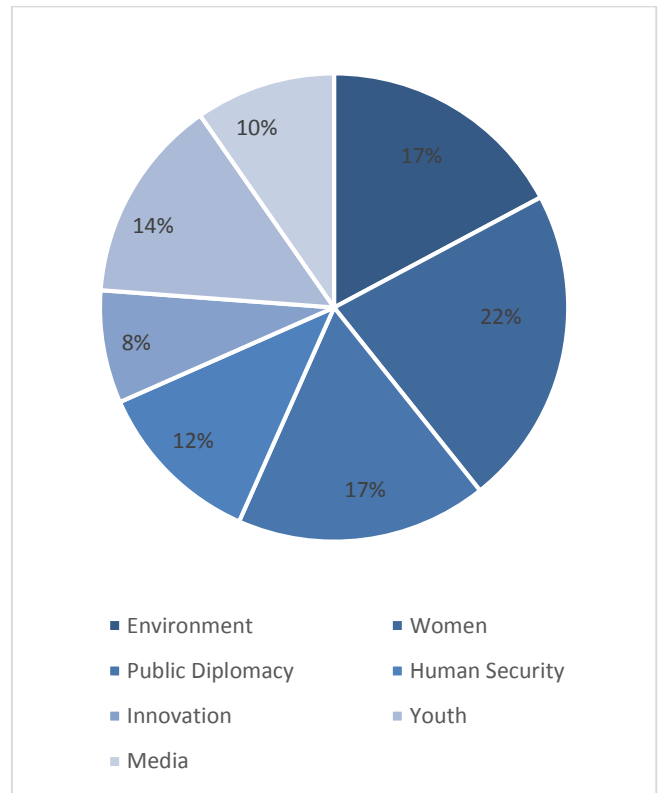
Following a first Call for Proposals in February 2016, under which 21 projects were selected for funding, second Call was launched in August 2016. Total of 136 project ideas were received from 128 local and 8 international CSOs. Criteria for evaluation of project ideas included: impact on confidence building, conflict sensitivity, sustainability, feasibility and cost efficiency. As a result of a thorough selection process, 24 organizations were invited to submit full project proposals. The full project proposals were further assessed against the above mentioned criteria and, as a result, 9 projects were selected for funding.

Table 1. Round I and Round II Financial Overview

Total amount of projects funded in Round I and Round II	USD	2,395,584
Total amount of projects funded in Round II	USD	628,301
Romanian Government contribution	USD	10,903
Capacity building trainings held in 2016	USD	46,996

Table 2. COBERM III Round II Thematic Analysis

Theme	USD	Number of projects
Women	138,747	2
Youth	88,788	1
Environment	108,087	2
Media	60,872	1
Public Diplomacy	109,105	1
Human Security	73,730	1
Innovation	48,972	1



### Strengthening Civil Society Capacity Component

A Peacebuilding Programme Development workshop with specific focus on strengthening skills and capacities of CSOs in conflict-sensitive programming, increasing knowledge of confidence building concepts and peace-building strategies, as well as international best practices in this field was held in September 2016 for 24 CSOs. Other capacity building activities included over 50 online PCM consultations for CSOs with an international PCM expert, as well as two trainings on grant management guidelines. All these capacity building activities included a networking component. A total of 50 CSOs benefitted from the aforementioned activities that enhanced their skills as a result.

### COBERM III Round III information

A third call for project ideas will be announced in Spring/Summer 2017.

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## Projects funded under Round II

#	Project title	Brief description	Budget
1	Strengthening Confidence-Building through Coordinated Activities in the Environmental Field (parallel initiative)	The project aims at supporting activities for saving Colchian Box Tree and contributing to confidence building among expert communities by sharing expertise/experience in addressing urgent environmental problems	60,587 USD
2	Contribution to the Revival of Colchian Box Tree (parallel initiative)	The project aims to develop effective Box Tree ecosystem recovery mechanisms through implementation of appropriate agricultural interventions, including rehabilitation of damaged areas with involvement of local communities and relevant experts	47,500 USD
3	#PeaceVR: Fostering Reconciliation Through Virtual Reality, Arts and Technologies	The project aims to support interaction of talented youth and provide new learning opportunities by using innovative technologies, such as a Virtual Reality tool. The envisaged confidence building results will be based on realization of outputs reflecting common interests of the young generation and new professional development opportunities	48,972 USD
4	Informed Societies for Peaceful and Inclusive Development	The project aims to produce a focused and sustained analytical coverage of confidence building initiatives as well as conflict transformation related activities implemented by local and international CSOs as well as other relevant development actors	60,872 USD
5	Prevention of Gender Based Violence and Building Confidence among Professionals (parallel initiative)	The project aims to contribute to confidence building through bringing together CSOs representatives and relevant experts to jointly address the issue of gender-based violence and promote gender equality	73,155 USD
6	Mainstreaming Gender Based Violence Eradication Measures (parallel initiative)	The project aims to raise public awareness on gender based violence issues, as well as create conditions for a multi-sectoral response to its eradication	65,592 USD
7	Sports Games "Children of the Caucasus"	The project aims to contribute to confidence building through using sports as a common space for connecting young people	88,788 USD
8	Promoting Discourse Rationalization for the Dialogue	The project aims to increase cooperation and communication to stimulate rational discourse on peaceful conflict transformation and rethinking of dominant conflict settlement approaches	109,105 USD
9	Piloting Socio-Economic Projects in Support to Inter-Community Partnership and Cooperation across Abkhazia	The project aims to contribute to building confidence through enhanced mutual engagement and improved cooperation practices among multi-ethnic communities through provision of a multifaceted support to entrepreneurs engaged in small/medium-sized businesses	73,730 USD