

GRANT AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

AND

NANSEN DIALOUGE CENTRE SKOPJE

REGARDING

MAK-16/0003: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONCEPT FOR
INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION

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PART I: SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

This grant agreement (the Agreement) has been entered into between:

- (1) The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), , and
- (2) Nansen Dialogue Centre Skopje (NDC Skopje), a local non-governmental and non-profit organization duly established in Macedonia under registration number 5386861 (the Grant Recipient),

jointly referred to as the Parties.

1 SCOPE AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Grant Recipient has submitted an application to MFA dated 15 May 2016 (the Application) regarding financial support to the project titled "Implementation of the Concept for intercultural education", MAK-16/0003 (the Project). The Application was forwarded from the Secretariat for European Affairs (SEA) to MFA on 11 July 2016. The estimated costs of the Project are indicated in the budget attached as Annex A to this Agreement.
- 1.2 MFA has decided to award a grant to be used exclusively for the implementation of the Project (the Grant). The Parties expect the Project to be implemented during April 2016 to March 2019 (the Support Period).
- 1.3 The Parties have agreed to enter into an Agreement, consisting of this part I; Specific Conditions, part II; General Conditions, and part III; Procurement Provisions, all of which form an integral part of this Agreement. In the event of discrepancies between the Specific Conditions and the General Conditions or Procurement Provisions, the Specific Conditions shall prevail.

2 OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

- 2.1 The expected results of the Project are as follows:

The Project's planned effects on society are: Contributing towards reducing the ethnic based segregation in schools, promotion of interculturalism in the educational system (Impact).

The planned effects for the target group of the Project are: Improvement, acquiring and development of new intercultural knowledge, competences and skills of teachers, students and parents, improved conditions for the schools and better quality of the educational and upbringing process (Outcome).

The planned main products and/or services of the Project are: 1. Practical implemented the Program for intercultural cross-curricular activities in the selected primary and secondary schools. 2. Practical implementation of intercultural extracurricular annual programs and activities in selected primary and secondary schools. 3. Improved competences for intercultural education of educators, researchers, professional associates and principals. 4. Created an intercultural, effective and multifunctional school setting. 5. Improved relationships of educational institutions with the wider community (Outputs).

- 2.2 The full results framework is included as Annex B to this Agreement.

3 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT

- 3.1 The Project shall be implemented in accordance with the Agreement, including all annexes, and the latest approved Application, including implementation plan and budget.
- 3.2 During the implementation of the Project, the Grant Recipient shall exercise the necessary diligence, efficiency and transparency in line with sound financial management and best practise principles.
- 3.3 The Grant Recipient shall identify, assess and mitigate any relevant risks associated with the implementation of the Project, including the risk of corruption and other financial irregularities, and any potential negative effects that the Project may have on the environment and climate, gender equality and human rights.

4 THE GRANT

- 4.1 The Grant shall amount to maximum NOK 10.531.653 (Norwegian Kroner tenmillionfivehundredandthirtyonethousandsixhundredandfiftythree).
- 4.2 Disbursement after the current calendar year is subject to Norwegian Parliamentary appropriations.
- 4.3 The Grant, including accrued interest, shall be used exclusively to finance the actual costs of the implementation of the Project during the Support Period.
- 4.4 The Grant may be used to cover overheads/indirect costs up to a maximum of 7% of MFA's pro rata share of the actual costs of the Project.
- 4.5 The Grant Recipient is responsible for obtaining any additional resources which may be required to duly implement the Project. The proposed level of the contribution by the Grant Recipient's cooperating partner, the Ministry of Education and Science (MoES), shall be reviewed and decided on a yearly basis, prior to release of the second disbursements each year.

5 DISBURSEMENT

- 5.1 The Grant shall be disbursed in advance instalments based on the financial need of the Project for the upcoming period, which shall not exceed six months. The disbursements shall be made upon MFA's receipt of written disbursement requests from the Grant Recipient, describing the financial need for the period in question. The first disbursement shall include approved Project expenses incurred prior to the signing of this Agreement.
- 5.2 Financial need refers to the budgeted expenditure for the upcoming period, less any funds available to the Project from all other sources during the same period.
- 5.3 The financial need shall be documented through an updated financial statement for the Project and a reference to the latest approved implementation plan and budget.

- 5.4 The disbursement requests shall be signed by the authorised representative of the Grant Recipient. A confirmation that the Project is being implemented in accordance with the Agreement shall be included in the disbursement request.
- 5.5 All disbursements are conditional upon the Grant Recipient's continued compliance with the requirements of the Agreement, including the timely fulfilment of reporting obligations. MFA may withhold disbursements in accordance with article 17 of the General Conditions if it finds that the requirements of the Agreement have not been met. Except for the Project's first year, the second disbursement each year is subject to MFA's receipt and approval of the progress report and financial report.
- 5.6 The Grant Recipient shall have a separate bank account exclusively for grants from MFA. All disbursements will be made to the following bank account:
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| Name of the account: | Nansen Dialogue Centre Skopje (NDC Skopje) |
| Account no./IBAN no.: | MK07200001893074011 |
| Name and address of the bank: | Stopanska Banka AD Skopje, 1000 Skopje, Macedonia |
| Swift/BIC code: | STOB MK 2X |
| Currency of the account: | EUR |
- 5.7 The Grant Recipient shall immediately acknowledge receipt of the funds in writing. The amount received shall be stated, as well as the date of receipt and the exchange rate applied.

6 REPORTING AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION

- 6.1 The following shall be submitted by the Grant Recipient to MFA:
- A **progress report** covering the period from April to March shall be submitted to MFA by 1 July each year. The progress report shall include the content specified in article 2 of the General Conditions. MFA's standard reporting format shall be used.
 - A **financial report** covering the period from April to March shall be submitted to MFA by 1 July each year. The financial report shall include the content specified in article 3 of the General Conditions. The final financial report shall cover the entire Support Period and shall be submitted along with the final report referred to in article 6.1 e) of the Specific Conditions.
 - An **audit report** covering the annual financial statements of the Project shall be submitted to MFA by 1 July each year. The audit report shall comply with the requirements set out in article 7 of the Specific Conditions and article 5 of the General Conditions. The management letter (matters for governance attention) shall be attached to the audit report.
 - An updated **implementation plan and budget** covering the period from April to March shall be submitted to MFA by 1 March each year. The implementation plan and budget shall include the content listed in article 1 of the General Conditions.
 - A **final report** for the Support Period shall be submitted to MFA no later than three months after the end of the Support Period. The final report shall include the content listed in article 4 of the General Conditions. MFA's standard reporting format shall be used.

6.2 If the Grant Recipient is unable to meet the deadlines set out above, MFA shall be informed immediately.

6.3 All implementation plans, budgets and reports shall be approved in writing by MFA unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

7 AUDIT

7.1 The annual financial statements of the Project shall be audited in accordance with International Standards of Auditing (ISA) 800 ("Special considerations audits of financial statements prepared in accordance with special purpose frameworks") or ISA 805 ("Special considerations audits of single financial statements and specific elements, accounts or items of a financial statement").

7.2 Additional requirements applicable to the auditor and the audit report are included in article 5 of the General Conditions.

7.3 The Grant Recipient is responsible for submitting the audit report to MFA within the deadline indicated in article 6 of the Specific Conditions.

8 FORMAL MEETINGS

8.1 The Parties shall hold formal meetings if/when requested by MFA. Details regarding agenda and procedures will be agreed upon by the Parties.

9 REVIEWS AND OTHER FOLLOW-UP MEASURES

9.1 If the Grant Recipient or another interested party initiates a review or evaluation of activities wholly or partly funded by the Grant, MFA shall be informed. The Grant Recipient shall forward a copy of the report of any such review or evaluation to MFA without undue delay.

10 PROCUREMENT

10.1 All procurement under the Project shall be completed in accordance with the Procurement Provisions in Part III of this Agreement.

11 REPAYMENT OF INTEREST AND UNUSED FUNDS

11.1 Upon the end of the Support Period or upon termination of this Agreement, any unused funds that total more than NOK 500 shall be repaid to MFA as soon as possible and at the latest within 6 months. The repayment shall include any interest which have not been used for Project purposes, and other financial gain accrued on the Grant.

11.2 Repayments shall be made to the following bank account:

Name of the account:	Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Account no.:	7694 05 12 618
IBAN no.:	NO83 7694 0512 618
Name and address of the bank:	DNB ASA, 0021 Oslo, Norway
Swift/BIC code:	DNBANOKK

- 11.3 The transaction shall be clearly marked: "Unused funds". The name of the Grant Recipient shall be stated, along with MFA's agreement number and agreement title.

12 NOTICES

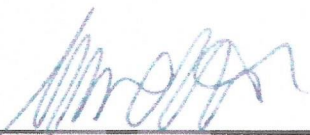
- 12.1 All communication to MFA concerning the Agreement shall be directed to the Section for South East Europe at the following address/e-mail address: Section for South East Europe, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, P.O. Box 8114 Dep., N-0032 Oslo, Norway / Sorosteuropeisk.seksjon@mfa.no
- 12.2 All communication to the Grant Recipient concerning the Agreement shall be directed through the Secretariat for European Affairs (SEA) at the following address/e-mail address: Programme Coordinator, Secretariat for European Affairs, Government of the Republic of Macedonia, Kej Dimitar Vlahov br. 4, MK-1000 Skopje, Macedonia / NorwayBP@sep.gov.mk / Jovan.Despotovski@sep.gov.mk
- 12.3 MFA's agreement number and agreement title shall be stated in all correspondence regarding this Agreement, including disbursement requests and repayment of unused funds.

13 SIGNATURES

- 13.1 By signing part I of the Agreement, the Parties confirm receipt and approval of part II; General Conditions, and part III; Procurement Provisions, which all form an integral part of the Agreement.
- 13.2 This Agreement has been signed in two -2- original copies in the English language. In the event of any discrepancies between this English language version and any later translations, the English language version shall prevail.

Place: Oslo

Date: 14 October 2016



for the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

Annette Bull

Place: Skopje

Date: 17. October, 2016



for Nansen Dialogue Centre Skopje,

Sasho Stojkovski

