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Countering Extremism  
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# Expression of Interest (Eoi) for Grants under STRIVE Global Program phase II

## Introduction

The STRIVE Global program phase II (STRIVE II), funded by the European Union, seeks to prevent and counter extremism and violent extremism by supporting civil society organizations (CSOs). STRIVE II builds on the success of the STRIVE Global Program phase I, achieving meaningful results in the field of preventing and countering extremism and violent extremism by providing grants to local actors for research-driven, context-specific initiatives. Additionally, STRIVE II offers direct support to governments through capacity-building training tailored to local needs.

Hedayah invites eligible Civil Society Organizations -CSOs- to express their interest in contributing to STRIVE II's goals by designing and implementing projects that are based on research findings and align with National Action Plans for preventing and countering extremism and violent extremism in their respective countries.

The budget allocated for each project will be a maximum of 100,000 EURO. The project should be implemented within 18 months of signing a grant contract.

## Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for the STRIVE II grants, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- **Nationality:** The Call for Eoi is open for local CSOs legally established and based in one of the following countries: Albania, Iraq, Nigeria.
- **Experience:** There is no minimum requirement for years of experience implementing projects.
- **Subject:** Proposed projects must align with country specific subjects (see section below) and research findings and contribute to the implementation of their government's National Action Plan or Strategy to prevent and/or counter extremism, violent extremism and terrorism.
- **Supporting documents:** Must provide the required documentation, including an organizational profile, past project reports for the last four years, and audited financial statements for the last year.

## Country Specific Subjects

### **ALBANIA**

Projects must be focused on any of the following subjects:

1-Building the capacity of the Local Safety Councils members to ensure an efficient and effective performance of their functions and responsibilities.

2-Building the resilience of youth to online hate speech and extremism and creating a safer digital space.



## IRAQ

Projects must be focused on building youth resilience to radicalization, extremism and violent extremism through art and sport activities. The CSOs and target groups should be from the Governorate of Baghdad.

## NIGERIA

Projects must be focused on Rehabilitation, Reintegration and Resilience building to extremism and violent extremism, particularly in the North East and North West regions of Nigeria. These could include psychosocial support to victims, income generation, and community dialogue activities. The CSOs should be registered under the PAVE (Partnership Against Violent Extremism) to ensure alignment with the implementation of the objectives of the Policy Framework and National Action Plan for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism.

## Guidelines for the 2-Page Project Proposal

Applicants are required to submit a concise 2-page summary of the project proposal. This document should provide a clear and structured overview of the proposed project, including the following elements:

- 1. Problem Statement:** Define context specific problem statement aligned with precise needs within the country and geographic location of the project.
- 2. Target Audience:** Identify the key groups or communities that the project intends to engage or support.
- 3. Program Objectives:** Clearly define the goals of the proposed project, highlighting its relevance to prevent and counter extremism and violent extremism and its alignment with the country's National Action Plan for Countering Extremism and Violent Extremism.
- 4. Key Activities:** Outline the main activities that will be carried out to achieve the project's objectives. Be specific about the methods and approaches that will be used to implement these activities.
- 5. Expected Outcomes and Impact:** Describe the expected short-term and long-term outcomes of the project. Explain how these outcomes will contribute to preventing and countering extremism and violent extremism efforts in the target country.
- 6. Sustainability:** Briefly discuss how the project will continue to create impact beyond the project's lifespan.

The proposal should be concise and informative, providing enough detail to convey the scope, approach, and potential impact of the project. Keep the language clear and avoid overly technical jargon.

## Supporting Documentation

Interested organizations should prepare the following documents for submission:

- Organizational Profile: A summary of the organization, including its mission, vision, main activities, and experience relevant to preventing and countering extremism and violent extremism.
- Past Project Reports: Details of previous 4 years (if applicable) projects, especially those related to preventing and countering extremism and violent extremism, highlighting briefly the outcomes, impact, and lessons learned.
- Financial Statements: Audited financial statements for the last year, providing an overview of the organization's financial health and capacity.

## Evaluation Criteria and Scoring

Submissions will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. *Alignment with STRIVE II Program Goals (40%)*: The extent to which the proposed activities support the objectives of STRIVE II, align with country specific subjects defined in this EoI, with National Action Plans for preventing and countering extremism and violent extremism, and contribute to the evidence base and knowledge sharing within the preventing and countering extremism and violent extremism community.
2. *Organizational Capacity (35%)*: The organization's ability to effectively *engage* with the target groups, government and stakeholders to identify the needs to be addressed while also avoiding any kind of duplication. Demonstrate the organization's ability to implement the proposed activities, including human, financial, and technical resources; previous experience in managing projects of similar scope and nature; and adequate governance and management structures.
3. *Innovation (25%)*: Creativity and originality of the approach to preventing and countering extremism and violent extremism, ability to address unique challenges within the local context, and potential for the program's scalability and replication in other contexts or regions.

Submissions will be scored based on a scale from 1 to 5 for each criterion, with 1 being 'Poor' and 5 being 'Excellent.' Only organizations that meet a minimum threshold score (9) will be invited to submit a full project proposal.

## Application and Submission Process

Interested organizations are requested to submit an EoI, which includes the required documentation and a brief description of the proposed project (maximum 2 pages), containing the six points explained on page 2. **Submission Deadline: 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2024, 11:59 pm Abu Dhabi time.**



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1. EoIs should be submitted electronically to the following STRIVE e-mail address: [strive.admin@hedayah.ae](mailto:strive.admin@hedayah.ae) with the subject: "EoI \_ November 2024 \_ name of the organization".
2. All documents should be submitted in PDF format.

## Selection Process and Next Steps

1. Review and Scoring: EoIs will be reviewed by a selection committee and scored based on the criteria outlined above.
2. Shortlisting: Organizations meeting the minimum threshold score will be shortlisted and contacted to have a meeting and discuss further the project proposal.
3. Invitation for Full Proposals: After finalizing the meeting, the shortlisted organizations will be invited to submit a detailed project proposal for final selection.

**Please note that Hedayah will be involved closely in supporting the CSO in drafting the full proposal. Daily/weekly work together with Hedayah must be expected by the CSO to accomplish the full project design, including the logical framework and budget.**

## Timeline

- EoI Submission Deadline: 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2024.
- Notification of Shortlisting: 20<sup>th</sup> of December 2024.
- Full Proposal Submission and contracting: 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (tentative).

## Contact Information

For any questions regarding this EoI, please contact [strive.admin@hedayah.ae](mailto:strive.admin@hedayah.ae)



## Scoring Matrix for STRIVE II EoI Submissions

Evaluation Criteria	Weight (%)	Score (1-5)	Weighted Score	Comments
<b>1. Alignment with Program Goals</b>	40%			
- Extent of support for STRIVE II objectives and alignment with countries' subjects and national action plans for preventing and countering extremism and violent extremism.				
- Contribution to the evidence base and knowledge sharing in the preventing and countering extremism and violent extremism community.				
<b>2. Organizational Capacity</b>	35%			
-Capacity to identify the needs with target groups in country.				
- Demonstrated ability to implement the proposed activities effectively.				
- Previous experience in managing similar projects.				
- Adequate governance and management structures.				
<b>3. Innovation</b>	25%			
- Creativity and originality of the proposed approach to prevent and counter extremism and violent extremism.				
- Potential for scalability and replication in other contexts.				