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Regional request for applications – EPIC Project

Internews invites applications for its **Expanding Production of Independent Content** project in Slovenia Media organizations, independent journalists, and content creators with digital operations in Slovenia for more than one year may apply with pitches for **covering stories in Armenia, Georgia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, and Ukraine.**

Applications are welcome in three categories. In *Solo projects,* applicants should propose to cover a story affecting at least one of the above countries with extensive reporting on the ground. *UkraineWorld* projects are very similar, applicants apply with proposals covering stories in Ukraine, but reporting on the ground is not required. They will have the support of journalist organization UkraineWorld while covering their stories. In these two categories, Slovenia-based applicants may receive grants up to USD 10,000.

The third category is *collaborative projects.* Applicants can form partnerships with media in other EPIC countries to cover a story affecting all their countries. Media from at least two countries are necessary for a partnership, but projects covering all seven countries are also eligible. All partners in a project apply for the grant in their own countries, so in terms of the total budget of the project, the grants of the partners add up. Slovenia-based applicants may receive grants up to USD 15,000.

Applicants will have six to eight months to produce and publish their projects.

What are we looking for?

We are looking to support projects that **are innovative in their story approaches and angles, as well as their use of (audio)visual storytelling tools**. Projects should address key issues of common interest in EPIC countries and the human experiences that reflect them. *See the Request for Applications Regional Terms of Reference for more information on formats and themes.*

What do we offer?

Successful applicants will receive cost-reimbursable grants to produce the relevant content and, if needed, expert advice, training and mentoring for content production, distribution, and promotion to strengthen or create necessary capabilities.

Applicants can get matchmaking support for collaborative projects. Please contact the EPIC team at SI-EPIC-Grants-mbx@internews.org..

Who can apply?

Media outlets and independent journalists and content producers who self-identify as independent, are registered in Slovenia and have been regularly publishing Slovenian language content in Slovenia for at least a year that targets a national, local, or regional audience in Slovenia. *See the Request for Applications Regional Terms of Reference for more information eligibility criteria and requirements.*

How to apply?

If you are eligible and have planned your project, please fill out the application form and the budget proposal, and send it to *SI-EPIC-Grants-mbx@internews.org* as detailed in Request for Applications Regional Terms of Reference.

Should you have any questions regarding this Request for Applications or the application process, please also contact the EPIC team at the above address.

Only fully completed applications (one per applicant) submitted on time and in line with the Request for Applications will be considered. The deadline for submission of applications: 23:59 Central European Time (CET) on June 2, 2024.

Successful applicants will be notified within twenty-six (26) working days after the submission deadline. The six (6) to eight (8) month implementation period starts after signing the grant agreements, from August 2024 to March 2025. *See the Request for Applications Regional Terms of Reference for more on the selection process.*

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