

The purpose of the grants will be to support to entities not pertaining to the central government which fulfil the overall objective of this action, i.e. supporting the implementation of the MIP (and the TEI), putting into practice the EU Global Strategy and promoting EU values and positions in Sierra Leone. The following conditions will need to be met:

- Objectives and/ or activities/ mandates of the entity are aligned with the objectives of the MIP and of the EU Global Agenda
- The demonstration by the entity of its operational capacity to deliver, of the transparency and sustainability of its operations

(b) Type of applicants targeted

The possible beneficiaries of grants have not been identified at this stage. They may include:

- Non State Actors
- Universities
- Local authorities

#### 4.3.2 Direct Management (Prize(s))

Purpose of the prize:

a) Prizes will contribute to SO2- To reinforce EU strategic communication and SO3- To strengthen the EU role as a strategic partner for Sierra Leone

b) The type of participants targeted:

Legal entities and natural persons or groupings without legal personality (such as pupils or schools), local authorities, public bodies, international organisations, NGOs (for instance for environmental prizes), economic actors such as SMEs, profit or non-profit organisations (for instance for innovative approaches).

#### 4.3.3 Direct Management (Procurement)

Procurement of services, works and small equipment is considered for the three specific objectives mentioned in section 3.1.

The procurement of services is considered for undertaking studies and assessments, for mobilising technical assistance, for organising events or launching communication campaigns.

The procurement of works or small equipment is considered to support the implementation of initiatives aligned with the objectives of the MIP or EU interests or positions.

#### 4.3.4 Indirect Management with a Member State Organisation and/or an international organisation

A part of this action may be implemented in indirect management with International Organisations, provided the objectives are aligned with these of the MIP and that the agencies have a comparative advantage in the implementation of the initiative.

The International Organisation(s) will be selected by the Commission's services using the following criteria:

1. The demonstration by the entity of proven operational capacity to deliver i.e. prior experience working on past and current EU funded initiatives similar to the activities under this action with a record of satisfactory performance.
2. The entity must have undergone an ex ante assessment of its systems and procedures and there should be no conflict of interest.
3. Value addition of the entity in terms of reach, established physical presence in the activity location and ability to engage with a wide spectrum of notable stakeholders and partners.
4. Value for money, transparency and accountability considerations.

The implementation by these entities entails SO1- To complement the interventions of the MIP.