

Global Britain Fund, f/y 2018-19

Taken forward to the Board 8 May 2018

Climate Security section (8 bids)

Policy outcome intended: Climate security: As per our Russia Country Business Plan (CBP) objectives, and consistent with the Russia Open Futures plan, we aim to achieve measurable progress on:

- (a) Advancing rule of law on climate change, including by Russia joining the rules based international order through ratification of the Paris Agreement and including by Russia delivering on its commitment to a model of carbon regulation for industry. Such regulation is needed to facilitate structural economic reform on low carbon growth where UK and Russian priorities overlap
- (b) Strengthening civil society by for example building capacity with journalists to improve media reporting on environmental issues, and by co-operating with environmental business organisations that have a collaborative relationship with relevant Russian Ministries. This includes advancing corporate transparency and accountability as requested by major institutional investors, and supporting transparent green building standards, to catalyse growth in sustainable construction
- (c) Nurturing future leaders in the field of sustainability, through targeted training support to competitively selected graduate professionals and high school students. We also aim to nurture people to people collaboration between UK & Russian academics / experts on climate science, targeting areas of mutual interest (e.g. health impacts of climate change)

Indicators for measurement: Russia ratifies the Paris agreement on climate change within the framework of the UNFCCC

Russia publicly clarifies and strengthens its climate target, to deliver at least 30% emissions reductions by 2030 against 1990 levels, within the context of the UNFCCC 'ambition review'

Russia decides on and commits to delivering a model of carbon regulation for industry, to facilitate structural economic reform on low carbon growth
Russia does not block delivery of the international UN ICAO agreement to address and offset aviation's CO2 emissions, with ICAO remaining publicly committed to delivering carbon neutral growth from 2020

A growing leadership group of Russian businesses report voluntarily to the global investor backed Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), and the Russian Government publishes in FY2018/19 its approach to company regulation on GHG emissions reporting

A growing number of articles by specialist environmental journalists

A growing number of Russian cities and companies publicly commit to using transparent green buildings standards

A growing alumni network of graduate professionals focused on leadership for sustainability

UK Russia co-operation involving academics / experts on climate science, with support from the relevant Russian Ministry

Anticipated activity: We will build on earlier work by collaborating with environmental business organisations and environmental journalists, growing an alumni group of ‘future sustainability leaders’, and, for example, leveraging investors to drive modernisation of Russian corporate behaviour on climate change, and sharing lessons learned from the experience of carbon regulation, to support necessary low carbon structural economic reform

N	Project title	Implementer	Main Contact	Budget	Ranking
13 C	Catalysing growth for sustainable communities through UK-Russian collaboration in green building by creating graduate training courses, implementing a replicable community pilot project and business delegation exchanges to support leadership on climate change.	Planet 2030	Guy Eames	£74,195	1
6 C	Delivering the Paris Agreement through TCFD-aligned corporate climate action leadership in the Russian Federation	CDP and EIC	Catalina Buciu	£74,503	2
11 C	UK support to the development of MRV and carbon offsetting systems in Russia for aviation and industry.	Verco Advisory Services Limited, Ernst and Young (CIS) B.V., Moscow branch and the National Carbon Sequestration Foundation	Dave Worthington, Adam Smith	£98,630	3
8 C	Russian Future Leaders for Sustainable Development	Forum for the Future	Laura Winn	£52,365	4
4 C	Highlight the risks of climate change for Russia and develop recommendations for adaptation in 4 key high-risk sectors	Vsemirnyi fond prirody (WWF)	Alexey Kokorin	6,245,000 RUR £78,000	5

	(healthcare, nature, forestry and fisheries), facilitating Paris Agreement principles				
14 C St.P.	Growing business leadership on climate change in Russia	Carbon Trust and an organization in St.P. St.P.	James Wilde, Alexander Farsan, Maxim Titov	£21,680	6
12 C	Developing and testing energy efficiency (EE) instruments and promoting corporate climate leadership in selected Russian industrial sectors	Ricardo	Mark Johnson	£87,610	7
7 C	Building journalistic capacity for reporting on climate change, to support delivery of Russia's commitment to ratify the Paris Agreement	Book Institute (COLTA.RU Project)	Olga Dobrovidova	3,599,636 RUR £44,995	8

Consular section (1 bid)

Policy outcome intended: Rule of law. Improvements in the rule of law in Russia, especially in strengthening the independence of the judiciary, increasing understanding on international treaties and improving prison conditions. Conduct of elections in line with international standards.

Indicators for measurement: Evidence of limited use of legislation targeting civil society; (where applicable) UK observers play integral part to OSCE observer mission to elections. Guidelines for Russian custody and welfare officials involved in the Hague cases available and under consideration to be endorsed by the Ministry of Education by the end of the project. We will use a range of data to assess progress in tackling corruption in Russia, including Transparency International's indices. We will use assessments by international organisations (Council of Europe) and local NGOs and project partners to assess progress on rule of law.

Anticipated activity: We will work through the Council of Europe whose programme is agreed with the Russian government and targets systemic rule of law issues. We will support funding for effective prison monitoring committees in Russian prisons. In cooperation with the Russian Ministry of Education and Science, we will fund a series of outreach workshops on the Hague Conventions 1980 and 1996 provisions and develop recommendations to Russian authorities on alignment of national procedures to the international standards. We will fund the participation of LTOs and STOs to election observation missions.

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1 Consular	Procedural guidelines (manual) for the Russian youth authorities on participation in disputes about children involving foreign citizens in Russian courts	Private Entrepreneur Elga Syukiyaynen	Elga Syukiyaynen	6,222,874 RUR £77,786	1

SIN section (11 bids)

Policy outcome intended: Science and Innovation: One of the key objectives of both HMG's high level Russia engagement strategy and the Russia Network Country Business Plan is to support people-to-people links, including with the next generation of leaders and influencers, to build trust and mutual understanding. Increasing engagement between scientists and researchers is a key part of this objective as science is one of only two areas (the other being culture) where Russia remains keen to engage with the UK at a practitioner-to-practitioner level. Science co-operation can also further our CBP Open Futures theme of strengthening civil society as in many areas the scientific community helps underpin Russia's civil society.

In addition to building trust and understanding, stronger people-to-people links would support HMG's influence on Russian positions on key UK global security issues such as climate security and antimicrobial resistance (AMR). Following the EU referendum, increasing links would also contribute to HMG's objective of promoting Global Britain and establishing new opportunities for UK science, research and innovation outside of the EU.

Indicators for measurement: Promote the UK as partner for Russian science against global competition and help UK science access Russian scientific excellence, establish 5 new research collaborations per year.

Build relations with the Russian Ministry of Education and Science and strengthen collaboration between education and research institutions in the UK and Russia to build 5 new university partnerships per year.

Increase Russian support and action on key UK global security issues to ensure Russia maintains momentum and increases engagement on climate security and global health issues.

Promote the UK as a preferred partner to next generation of Russian researchers by developing in the next two year over 400 contacts between prominent next generation UK and Russian scientists, researchers and science policy makers.

British businesses access Russian scientific excellence and build their business in Russia, resulting in at least 1 new innovation collaboration per year.

Demonstrate to the wider population the UK's readiness to engage with Russia through science and over two years connect 9 million young people through science and education

Anticipated activity: We will continue to work with existing partners and where necessary issue a call for bids to identify projects that support our six key indicators of success.

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2 SIN Ekat	Science in the Urals	CG in Ekaterinburg Ekat	Matthew Osborne, Elena Chesnokova	£12,140	1

3 SIN	New catalysts for clean energy innovation	Cardiff Catalysis Institute	Graham Hutchings	£99,997	11
4 SIN	Building a large scale northern infrastructure to identify, quantify, understand and predict environmental change in the pan_Arctic Region and its wider impacts: interfacing SecNet, T-MOSAIC, INTERACT and NEFI.	Tomsk State University and Sheffield University	Terry Callaghan	£12,500	4
5 SIN	Distributed UK-Russia Centre of Excellence in Clean Technologies (CleanTech)	Novosibirsk State University, Research and Education Centre "Molecular Design and Ecologically Safe Technologies" (REC-008)	Elena Boldyreva	3,992,800 RUR £49,910	5
7 SIN	UK-Russia Young Medics Association	I.M. Sechenov First Moscow State Medical University (Sechenov University)	Denis Butnaru	3,120,000 RUR £39,000	7
8 SIN	Training the next generation environmental scientists in Siberia and the Russian Far East for collaborative research initiatives.	Newcastle University	Maarten van Hardenbroek	£31,000	10
10 SIN St.P.	UK-Russia Early Career Academic Mobility Program for Researchers	ITMO University St.P.	Daria Zhukova	1,200,000 RUR £15,000	6
12 SIN	Strengthening Russian-UK links in Arctic ecological remote sensing	Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge	Gareth Rees	£37,910	2

13 SIN	UK-Russia University Strategic Partnership Building	Coventry University	Stephanie Sandford	£36,000	8
15 SIN St.P.	The UK Polar Network and APECS Russia: seeking and strengthening the next generation of Arctic scientists	UK Polar Network (UKPN) Department of Geography, University of Sheffield St.P.	Archana Dayal	£34,615	3
22 SIN	Bone regeneration using novel mineralized hydrogels inspired by cryotechnology and food science	Engineering Department, Lancaster University and Tomsk State University	Timothy Douglas, Irina Kurzina	£10,000	9

DIT and Economic sections (7 bids)

DIT Policy outcome intended: Trade and investment - Our aim is to increase UK exports to the Russian market and increase Russian investment into the UK in non-sanctioned sectors. We have an interest in building the capacity of arms-length bodies, particularly The Russo-British Chamber of Commerce (RBCC) to help deliver commercial outcomes in a challenging political environment. The task is made more urgent by restrictions of other sources of funding for DIT in Russia, the difficult business climate in Russia, the impact of sanctions and the risk aversion of some UK companies new to the Russia market.

(a) Advancing rule of law by developing our existing work with the UK Law Society to increase regional outreach still further, and to improve Russian law firms' knowledge of the UK legal system more broadly than at present.

(b) Nurturing future leaders in the fields of entrepreneurship and business through targeted mentoring programmes for viable start ups that demonstrate growth potential both within and potentially outside Russia by ultimately investing in the UK. We also aim to encourage people to people collaboration between UK & Russian venture capitalists and business schools to grow Russian talent within the start-up business community.

Indicators for measurement: Undertake at least 3 workshops in Russian regions previously unvisited by the UK Law Society.

Link programme to existing incubator conferences to identify potential candidates that have potential to attract Venture Capital funding, and ultimately develop as a viable business. Utilise existing partners in both Russia and the UK to take our engagement to the next level, and to secure deliverable results over a sustained period.

Anticipated activity: We will arrange a targeted series of workshops and training programmes.

Economic section: Policy outcome intended: Nurturing future leaders - in line with the EECAD Open Futures strategy - The overall policy objective is to ensure Russia's next generation is in contact with UK institutions, culture and values, and equipped to make reforms, which in turn support UK prosperity and security objectives. We aim to connect existing and emerging cultural leaders in Russia with the UK to help the cultural sector in Russia develop new ideas and knowledge, skills and networks and engage with UK ideas and values. We aim to strengthen and broaden the community of public and civic leaders capable to promote and proactively support democratic changes across Russia. We aim to build a community of future economic leaders in Russia who have positive associations with the UK, want to engage with the UK on economic reform and binding Russia into the rules based international system world, and who will promote positive incremental change of the Russian economy.

Indicators for measurement: Audience surveys show growing appreciation of English language, and UK culture and values. UK institutions establish successful partnerships with Russian equivalents. Programme activities reach large audiences across Russia in several sectors. Universities and cultural institutions are plugged into UK and global networks. Scientists and economists are able to promote reforms.

We will support Russian reforms in education and culture through (multi-year) University and Cultural Leadership programmes. We will fund partnerships between Russian and UK universities to expose students to latest thinking in economic and administration reform. We develop outreach to young scientists

and women scientists, connecting them to institutions in the UK. We will promote the learning of English and UK values through culture. We will continue to work with the British Council and School for Civic Education.

Anticipated activity: We will support Russian reforms in education and culture through (multi-year) University and Cultural Leadership programmes. We will fund partnerships between Russian and UK universities to expose students to latest thinking in economic and administration reform. We develop outreach to young scientists and women scientists, connecting them to institutions in the UK. We will promote the learning of English and UK values through culture. We will continue to work with the British Council and School for Civic Education.

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1 DIT and E St.P.	UK-Russian Technical, Economic and Educational Collaboration in Raw Materials	The Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining And Saint-Petersburg Mining University St.P.	Ian Bowbrick and Vyacheslav Zyrin	£73,700	
2 DIT and E	Russian-British innovative educational program for startups and entrepreneurs for sustainable development	“The Fund for Innovation and Business Incubation” (FIBI) Founder: MGIMO-University Henley Business School, University of Reading	Olga Khotyashева and Yelena Kalyuzhnova	7,259,200 RUR £90,740	High
3 DIT and E	Wilton Park and RBCC meeting: innovation and productivity in the digital age	Wilton Park and RBCC	Thomas Hoare	£84,600	
4 DIT and E	Supporting development of the Russian gas exchange trading and gas market reform by developing policy recommendations using	Energy Center, SKOLKOVO Business School	Tatiana Mitrova, Marina Dedenko	6,002,400 RUR £75,030	High

	international experience and creating a platform for workshops between key Russian public and private institutions to promote gas market development.				
5 DIT and E St.P. Ekat	English Legal Seminars in the regions	BCGs Ekaterinburg and St. Petersburg St. P. and Ekat	Svetlana Bystritskaya	£5,000	High
7 DIT and E	To Establish a UK-Russia Corporate Governance Working Group	TheCityUK	Steve Bourne, Markus Scott	£99,850	Proposal not complete
8 DIT and E	Development and translation into Russian of an equivalent Certificate in Finance, Accounting and Business (CFAB) Accounting module, including the learning materials and examination paper.	Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales (ICAEW)	Mark Campbell, Anna Bourne	£94,640	Proposal not complete

Political Section (8 bids)

Policy outcome intended: Track II engagement aims to understand and influence Russian security and defence thinking, including on NATO, EU and OSCE to protect UK interests in the region; as well as in the wider political and economic context.

Impacts for measurement: In the shifting context post US election and UK referendum, and given continuing strained bilateral relations, UK keeps open track II channels on important security issues on which the UK and Russia need to engage for national security interests.

Anticipated activity: We will fund the development of new or continuation of existing track II dialogues in areas of shared concern, consistent with the updated Russia Strategy.

Policy outcome intended: Internationally recognised human rights of vulnerable groups, including women and LGBT people are protected and promoted in the Russian Federation. There is an increased awareness and capacity to fight modern slavery within the Russian Federation. Independent media and investigative journalism are strengthened.

Impacts for measurement: Civil society organisations and human rights defenders are able to operate despite pressure from the authorities. Russia is also a focus of the FCO's human rights report. We will reference International NGOs such as Human Rights Watch and Reporters without Borders which report on the state of civil society and free media in Russia. We will draw on human rights assessments of internationally respected organisations, eg Amnesty, Memorial. Positive feedback of HMG contribution from human rights experts.

Policy outcome intended: We will provide training in media ethics and investigative journalism, and work with leading (and vulnerable) bloggers and journalists. We will make an invitation to provide bids in support of our combating modern slavery objective. We will look to build on our existing work with women's and LGBT groups.

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5.	UK-Russia Security Dialogue	Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)	raffaellop@rusi.org	£99,997	1.	
7.	Capacity-building for the LGBTQI (+) Community across Russia	Charitable Foundation for Legal and Social Support "Sphere" acting on behalf of the Russian LGBT Network St. Pete	Veronika Lapina, Fundraising Officer	£100,000	1.	

1	Towards safer, more stable NATO-Russia Relations	European Leadership Network	Shata Shetty, Deputy Director	£94,066	2.	
9.	RESPONSIVENESS: an interregional partnership of NGOs for free labour and prevention of any manifestations of various forms of modern slavery in relation to external and internal migrants in Russia	Non Government Public Organization Ural House (Co-Partner 1: Nongovernmental Partnership "Interethnic Informational Center") Ekat	Leonid Grishin	£ 89,089	2.	
2.	Dialogue on cyber policy with Russian agencies involved in developing its information security doctrine	Chatham House (The Royal Institute of International Affairs)	Keir Giles, Senior Consulting Fellow	£TBC	3.	Supporting reduced bid, waiting on a revised financial bid (Monday 7 May)
6.	Challenging the misuse of anti-extremism legislation to restrict freedom of expression in Russia	Article 19 and Sova Centre		£93,810	3.	
8.	Strengthening the work with the most vulnerable groups and continuing the work on acknowledgement of discrimination and human rights violation of LGBT community in Sverdlovsk region	Autonomous nonprofit organization «Accent» Ekat	Anna Plyusnina, Head	£28,195	4.	
4.	A global strategic environment in flux: Russian perspectives and long-term policy goals	Carnegie Moscow Centre	Natalia Firsova	\$124 492 (appx. £91,000)	4.	TBC if taken to the Board

GBF Objectives – Refreshed for 2019-20: approved 22 Jan 2019

Policy Outcome	Indicators for Measurement	Anticipated Activity	Funds requested
<p>People to People. Connections between the UK and Russian peoples are developed and sustained in a wide range of areas of common interest.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. of creatives, professionals, young people, the general public and policy makers and government officials across Russia participating in our projects • No. of individual collaborations, professional networks and institutional partnerships, including number of joint publications, research and grant applications, resulting from GBF-funded programmes. • Positive feedback questionnaires from individuals and institutions involved in GBF people-to-people programmes. • No. of Russian students in higher education, language schools and secondary education in the UK. • No. of people from Russia visiting the UK as tourists. 	<p>HMG will continue to promote strong people to people links through our ongoing contracts in 2019/20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Culture programme (£300k) where HMG will aim to connect Russia's future cultural leaders with the UK. • Future Science programme (£460k) which will connect early career researchers in Russia and the UK. <p>Through expected approval of a new 1-year project to support delivery of the 2019/20 UK-Russia Year of Music project (£500k, led by Cultural Team in Embassy), HMG will further develop UK-Russia cultural links.</p> <p>The remainder of funding will be allocated via a call for bids. This will invite for consideration projects across a range of sectors that promote strong people to people links, including professionals and students. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science and Innovation projects that enhance UK scientists' collaboration with Russia's leading scientists; facilitating access to Russia's science excellence and research infrastructure whilst sharing UK expertise. • UK-Russia partnerships on climate change, involving leading climate scientists and experts. • Promoting the UK as a tourist destination 	<p>£2,240,000 (after other commitments and staffing, £830,000)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level of positive in-country media coverage of GBF people-to-people programmes 		
<p>Support civil society and promote human rights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. of orgs worked with (directly or indirectly). • No. of projects funded. • No. of Russian people directly helped by UK-funded projects, both in work (e.g. NGO workers) or quality of life (e.g. LGBT). • No. of orgs who would say UK assistance has helped strengthen their capacity as civil society actors, or has helped strengthen their work. • No. of orgs who would say UK assistance has been critical to them staying afloat. • No. of capacity-building events held. • No. of UK people helped by projects (e.g. through pairing schemes). • No. of new relationships formed between UK and Russian civil society/human rights professionals. • Social media reach (where appropriate). • Surveys to evidence whether UK funding has (or hasn't) been helpful overall. • Informal independent assessments of effectiveness of UK activity on improving the situation for civil society, human rights and media 	<p>We will support the Charities Aid Foundation in providing grants to a range of NGOs involved in capacity building of organisations promoting social rights.</p> <p>We will provide funding to the European Endowment for Democracy to enable it to disburse grants in support of democracy, freedom of expression, LGBT rights and human rights in Russia.</p> <p>We will fund the School of Civic Education to educate current and future public and civic leaders who are capable of promoting and supporting democracy and human rights.</p> <p>The remainder of funding will be allocated via a call for bids. This will invite for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects that support one or more of the FCO human rights priorities: media freedom; LGBT rights; freedom of expression and association; democracy, civil society and the rule of law; freedom of religion or belief, and modern slavery. • Projects to help build the capacity and resilience of Russian civil society and media organisations, including training, conferences and peer exchanges. <p>While all project funding should align with one or more of these categories, it is not necessary for funding to be divided equally between them, or for them all to receive funding.</p>	<p>£4,150,000 ((after other commitments and staffing £2,035,000))</p>

	freedom (e.g. Human Rights Watch and Reports Without Borders).		
Sustained Dialogue on Common Challenges	<p>Our ambition through pillar 3 is to initiate and sustain discrete policy dialogues with Russian interlocutors on a range of topics where we have a shared interest. Possible indicators for measurement include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of dialogues under way; • The number of (quality) attendees participating in these dialogues from (a) UK and (b) Russia; <p>Qualitative feedback from participants about the value and format of these dialogues.</p>	<p>We will fund the development of new or continuation of existing policy dialogues in areas of shared concern and/or interest, such as defence and security, science or climate policy.</p> <p>Bids should articulate how their project will be relevant and interesting to both UK and Russian policy audiences.</p>	£590,000 ((after other commitments and staffing £550,000)
Trade: Support sanctions compliant trade and investment in Russia that promotes prosperity (Leads: John Lindfield – Moscow, and John Kennedy, London)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. of specific business wins and opportunities created as a direct result of UK engagement • Russia's Doing Business ranking 	<p>We will work with existing implementers where relevant, to design further projects that deliver HMG priorities. In addition, we will open a call for bids for projects focusing on Russia's business environment, trade barriers, entrepreneurship, competition policy and economic diversification.</p>	£200,000 ((after other commitments and staffing £190,000)

Proposed for funding for April	Rank	Proposal Number	Pillar	Implementer	Project	Purpose	Cost 19/20	Cost 20/21	Possible cost	Co-funding?	Previous partner? Y/N	Theme	Duration	Comment
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JUSTIFICATION PILLAR 1

We considered proposals against the following criteria -

- Strategic fit - how they contribute to building people to people links
- Quality of partnership between Russian and UK institutions
- Credibility of proposals including impact and sustainability, including how narrative matches budget and whether comments at concept stage have been taken on board
- Value for money
- Synergy with other pillars within Keep Open

Our aim is to create and sustain people to people links in areas of common interest. We have given priority to projects where the potential for this is clearly envisaged and where there are clear baselines and metrics for evaluating impact. Those recommended either demonstrate potential to create sustainable people to people links or have identified an area where they can open the door to fruitful relationships between people and institutions in Russia and the UK.

Proposals that reached this stage did not cover a wide range of subject areas, and in future a broader mix may deliver more under Keep Open and we may prioritise projects that can create links in new areas.

Some implementers have been asked to amend their proposals and/or to reduce their costs. We may amend our recommendations in the light of responses still to be received. Responses received to date have been satisfactory, and this has been key to our assessment of value for money.

Y	Priority 1	1_10	1	Sechenov University	UK-Russia Young Medics Association	To propel bilateral research and educational exchanges between undergraduate medical students, early career researchers and junior doctors by building on the existing links between the two countries' medical schools and establishing strong partnerships with businesses and intergovernmental organisations to tackle common health issues.	£97,786	N/A		Contribution to costs from Russian medical schools	Yes - GBF funding in 2018-19	SIN Life Sciences and Healthcare	1 year	Costs slightly reduced after concept stage, but asked to reduce further. Credible proposal for sustainable links at both individual and institution level.
Y	Priority 2	1_6	1	Kola Science Centre	UK Polar Network and APECS Russia: Bridging the gap for the next generation of polar experts	To continue strengthening expertise and fostering links between the next generation of Arctic Scientists and stakeholders via successful networking.	£84,378	N/A		Limited co-funding from International Arctic Science Committee; APECS International; Yuga State University	Yes - GBF funding in 2018-19	SIN - Arctic and Clean energy	1 year	Clearly building on work already done and demonstrable impact - more about opening UK to links with Russia than Russia to the UK, but potential impact is similar.
Y	Priority 3	1_11	1	Scott Polar Research Institute	Expanding Moscow-Cambridge links in Arctic ecological science and outreach	To enhance long-term research links between academic institutions in Moscow, Russia, and Cambridge, UK, foster new links and ideas, train young scientists and provide science outreach activities for the wider scientific audience and general public in both countries.	£92,625	N/A		EU funding from INTERACT	Yes - GBF funding in 2018-19	SIN - Arctic and Clean energy	1 year	Strong proposal for UK-Russia links in an important subject area.
Y	Priority 4	1_13	1	European Leadership Network (ELN)	Fostering younger generation Russia-West (and UK) bridge building - the Younger Generation Leaders Network (YGLN)	To expand a Russia-West network of young professionals on civil society, security, economics and the rule of law.	£39,000	£39,000		US-Russia Foundation; the Nuclear Threat Initiative; the Friedrich Ebert and Heinrich Boell Foundations; EU Mission Moscow; German Foreign Ministry; Norwegian and Finnish government; the Robert Bosch and Bertelsman Foundations; PMG; East-West Institute.	Yes - FCO funding for research and roundtables	Future Leaders	2 years	Exploit link to Keep Open and evident understanding of importance of people to people links, with potential future leaders, on a range of topics. Clear about how UK-Russia links can be created and made sustainable. Some overlap with pillar 3 (strategic dialogue).
Y	Priority 6	1_14	1	Visit Britain	Welcome Tourism Campaign	Improve perceptions of Welcome in the UK amongst Russian travellers	£50,000	£50,000		VisitBritain	No - limited previous funding	Tourism and Sport	2 years	Aims to shape and improve Russians' perceptions of the UK and encourage tourism to increase exposure to the UK and reinforce positive perceptions.
Y	Priority 6	1_2	1	University of Reading	Training network for preparing for climate change in Russia	To create a network of experts in climate science and education between the UK and Russia who will co-develop professional training/curricula for dissemination of best practice in adaptation and mitigation of climate change	£131,937	£51,704		None	No - new project	Climate	2 years	Concerns about costs to be addressed. Training people in the wider region less valuable from GBF Russia perspective - no objection to materials being made available but it shouldn't be considered part of impact of project for evaluation purposes.

Y	Priority 7	1_9	1	Forum for the Future	Learning and Action Network for Russian Leaders for Sustainable Development	The project will build on three successful years of collaboration between Forum for the Future (UK) and Moscow School of Management SKOLKOVO (Russia) developing a community of future leaders for sustainable development in Russia; this year we will be focusing on establishing a strong multistakeholder learning and action network to bring the sustainability community into collaboration and action in Russia with the system change approach, increase the scope of impact of our learning offers and invest in capacity building for an independent operational model for following years.	£85,000	N/A		Contributions from partners and participants	Yes - but no previous project funding	Climate	1 year	Limited links to the UK.
Y	Priority 8	1_1	1	British Consulate General Ekaterinburg	Science Diplomacy in Russian Regions	To promote UK expertise in science and education in Russian regions, further strengthen people-to-people links and support engagement with the next generation of young leaders in science and education.	£13,540	N/A		None	Yes - since 2012	SIN Life Sciences and Healthcare	1 year	This project has been running for a considerable period and we have yet to see sufficient evidence of impact and the proposal does not set out clearly how this will be achieved.
Y	Priority 9	1_8	1	University of Southampton	Expanding UK-Russia scientific relations for junior and senior scientists	Introduce UK environmental scientists to Russian counterparts	£16,316	£37,870		NERC	Yes - two grants from SIN in 2018-19 + funding through Future Science for Researcher Links workshop in 2019-20	SIN - Arctic and Clean energy	2 years	Successful track record and demonstration of impact in an important area. Clear links to UK.

Proposed for funding for April board	Rank	Implementer	Project (Description)	Purpose	Cost 19/20	Cost 20/21	Co-funding?	Previous partner? Y/N	Theme	Duration	Comment
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JUSTIFICATION PILLAR 2

From 89 responses to the Call for Bids, we selected 31 projects to consider at full proposal stage. 29 submitted full proposals. CAF will be funding two of these directly. From the remaining proposals, we selected 17 that we deem to be of highest quality (of which we recommend that three be kept in reserve at this stage). EED may fund three (to be confirmed) and CAF will be the contracting partner for a further three. This leaves up to 11-14 projects to be managed by BE Moscow.

We selected a mix of projects that cover the spread of priorities outlined in our call for bids including civil society (capacity building), rule of law, freedom of expression, equality and non-discrimination, media freedom and modern slavery. We did not receive high-quality bids from the two remaining priority areas: environment and freedom of religion or belief.

We aimed to strike a balance between continuing funding existing implementers (where we were confident in their ability to deliver, in the alignment of their projects with our goals, and in their sustainability and non-reliance on UK funding) and funding new implementers (where we felt they could provide new avenues for achieving our Keep Open goals and had high confidence that they would deliver results). 10 of the 17 selected projects are with new implementing partners. 10 of our selected projects are multi-year. Value for money was a key focus – we worked with several implementers to reduce costs.

Y	Priority 1	LGBT Network	LGBT	Demonstrating the UKs support for LGBT rights and practically support an element of civil society that is under increasing pressure from the Russian government. The main objective of this bid is to enhance and improve existing systems of support for LGBTI individuals in Russia, paying specific attention to regional development and capacity building around crises and emergency response.	£105,000	£125,000	No	Yes	LGBT	1	Recommend Embassy Funding
Y	Priority 2	Memorial	Human Rights; North Caucasus	Raising awareness of gross human rights abuses in Chechnya and Northern Caucasus, through investigation, monitoring and litigation.	£130,000	£190,000	£45,000.00	Yes	Human Rights	2	Recommend Embassy Funding
Y	Priority 3	Agora	Freedom of Expression	Promoting freedom of expression and providing legal support for people charged for expressing their opinion on important social and political issues both online and offline.	£73,395	£0	No	No	Freedom of Expression	1	Possibly EED Funding; otherwise Embassy Funding
Y	Priority 4	Terence Higgins Trust	LGBT/Healthcare (HIV/AIDS)	Creating links between UK-Russian CS/HR groups on a shared, global problem: HIV/AIDS which is growing in Russia. Training and upskilling of Russian CS/HR groups and healthcare providers. Providing support to the LGBT community.	£102,662	£65,379	No	No	LGBT; HIV/AIDS	2	Recommend Embassy Funding
Y	Priority 5	Anna Centre	Gender Equality	Raising awareness of gender equality, empowering civil society to promote gender equality and increase visibility of gender-based human rights violations across Russia.	£75,000	£0	No	No	Gender Equality	1	Recommend Embassy Funding
Y	Priority 6	Safehouse	Modern Slavery	Providing support to victims of human trafficking/modern slavery, training regional social workers to identify victims and raising awareness of the problem.	£107,755	£140,064	No	Yes	Modern Slavery	2	Recommend Embassy Funding, through CAF
Y	Priority 7	Equal Rights Trust	Rule of Law	Increasing legal protection for victims of discrimination, helping lawyers to provide legal services to victims, facilitating networking and knowledge-sharing amongst lawyers, highlighting gaps in the Russian courts' jurisprudence on the right to non-discrimination, and targeting them using strategic litigation.	£78,482	£0	No	No	Rule of law	1	Recommend Embassy Funding
Y	Priority 8	CAF UK	Civil Society capacity	Developing links between UK and Russian civil society and human rights groups - sharing best practice.	£101,887	£101,887	No	Yes	Civil society capacity	2	Recommend Embassy Funding

Y	Priority 9	LLC Ludi (Committee Against Torture)	Torture Prevention	Raising awareness of torture in Russia, monitoring and investigating abuses.	£80,000	£0	No	No	Torture Prevention	1	Recommend Embassy Funding
Y	Priority 10	CWI	Rule of Law	Improving professional standards of Russian legal practitioners through training and sharing UK best practice.	£84,860	£78,820	£13,340.00	Yes	Rule of law	2	Recommend Embassy Funding
Y	Priority 11	Nasilyu.net	Domestic Violence	Raising awareness of domestic violence and providing support to victims and counselling for abusers. Training for lawyers and social workers.	£53,855	£0	No	No	Domestic Violence	1	Recommend Embassy Funding, through CAF
Y	Priority 12	URU Connect/Ekaterina	Domestic Violence	Raising awareness of domestic violence in the Ural Region, reducing domestic violence by supporting victims and working with perpetrators and training officials.	£46,080	£46,080	No	No/Yes	Domestic Violence	2	Recommend Embassy Funding, through CAF
Y	Priority 13	NGO Lab	Civil Society capacity	Improving the legal and institutional capacity and skills in non-profit sector to improve the resilience and sustainability of citizen's groups, socially-oriented	£33,900	£34,900	No	Yes	Capacity building	2	Recommend Embassy Funding
Y	Priority 14	Nuzhna Pomosch	Civil Society capacity	To provide information about actual condition and development trends of various social issues in Russia and promote data-driven decisions.	£50,000	£50,000	£50,000.00	No/Yes	Civil society capacity	2	Recommend Embassy Funding; 1 year
N	Priority 15	Sakharov Centre	Civil Society capacity	The objective of the project is to strengthen capacity and experience of regional human rights and civic organisations, activists and independent media experts (through learning by doing) in their digital presentation in the Russian media sphere and to contribute the promotion of human rights and civic issues on social media.	£72,500	£68,411	£23,551.00	No	Capacity building	2	Possibly EED Funding; otherwise reserve project
N	Priority 16	A19/Roskomsvoboda/Sova Centre	Freedom of Expression	To protect freedom of expression (FoE) online by exposing and challenging the misuse of anti-extremism legislation in Russia and other violations to rights online	£87,871	£0	No	Yes	Freedom of Expression	1	Reserve project
N	Priority 17	Mass Media Defence Centre	Freedom of Expression	To raise legal awareness of media professionals/bloggers/media, reduce the number of unlawful court decisions against the media, and train bloggers/journalists on how to write and not be sued.	£81,987	£0	£33,035.00	No	Freedom of Expression	1	Possibly EED Funding; otherwise reserve

Proposed for funding for April board	Rank (Climate change and Track 2 projects ranked separately)	Implementer	Project (Description)	Purpose	Cost 19/20	Cost 20/21	Possible cost	Co-funding?	Previous partner? Y/N	Theme	Duration	Comment
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JUSTIFICATION PILLAR 3

Strategic Dialogue: We propose three Track 2 projects and three climate projects for consideration by the Board. On Track 2, we have favoured the most receptive to Embassy feedback on improving the scope, budget and UK-Russia engagement of their projects. Projects with more nebulous outputs, with poor value for money, that lack obvious sources of co-funding or which fail to add sufficient value to previous projects have not been shortlisted. All the implementers and some of the formats are familiar to us. However all the proposals are tackling new themes identified by FCO stakeholders as being UK priorities. On climate change, we have decided to list these projects separately as the proposals are structured differently to Track 2 proposals. The three projects bring UK climate experts into contact with Russian industry and policy experts. We have strengthened value for money by asking implementers to expand commercial opportunities for UK companies in the climate technology sector. This overlap with trade pillar 4 has been endorsed by the pillar lead. We also believe that these projects deliver UK climate objectives, including influencing key Russian stakeholders to support Russia's ratification of the Paris Climate Treaty. Finally, we do not propose to earmark any of the other Track 2 projects (marked in yellow) for funding if more resources become available. Any additional funds can be assigned to existing pillar 3 projects, our 4th climate change project (WWF) or assigned to other pillars.

Y	Track 2 Priority 1	ELN	Can London and Moscow find a way forward on the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty?	To explore unofficially Russia-UK common ground in the approach to the NPT 2020 Review Conference.	£85,700	£0		Carnegie Corporation, MacArthur Foundation; Nuclear Threat Initiative; Friedrich Ebert Stiftung; German, Dutch, Swiss and Norwegian governments	Y	Security	2 years	This is the strongest Track 2 proposal, tackling a key area of policy dialogue between the UK and Russia: namely preparing for the May 2020 Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference. The UK will be PS chairman 2019-20 and the dialogue will seek to deepen HMG knowledge of Russia's positions on the NPT. This is a new programme, working with Moscow-based think tank PIR Centre. We are confident that ELN has the capability to deliver this project.
Y	Track 2 Priority 2	RUSH-RIAC	UK-Russia Bilateral Security Dialogue	The UK-Russia bilateral format co-hosted by RUSI and RIAC offers a forum in which UK and Russian experts can discuss crucial and sensitive security questions in an open manner, increase understanding in our respective capitals of each other's views, offer ideas for potential avenues for engagement at a government to government level and deepen institutional links between the UK and Russia.	£115,000	£0			Y	Common interests	1 year	This proposal has improved since the concept stage. RUSI has been receptive to FCO requests to alter the subjects considered. The current list is Private Military Companies (PMCs), Africa, maritime security and rules on the information space (including the 'sovereign internet'). We are confident from previous projects that Russia partner RIAC will ensure the project has good links into the Russian policy community.
Y	Track 2 Priority 3	Carnegie Moscow Center	Managing Europe's Changing Strategic Environment: the Transformative Impact of Russia's Deepening Security and Economic Partnership with China	To analyze the implications for the United Kingdom and the European Union of major changes in Europe's geopolitical and geo-economic environment as a result of Russia's growing partnership with China.	£50,314	£62,510			Y	Russia-China relations	2 years	After initial concerns at the scope and expense of the project, Carnegie has adjusted the project in several key areas: 1) cutting out excessive travel beyond China, UK and Russia 2) limiting the amount of staff expenditure on management 3) provided greater detail for plans to engage the UK policy community. Research Analysts in the FCO have assessed that this research is of great interest to HMG / UK policy makers.
Y	Climate Priority 1	Carbon Trust	Build knowledge and leadership on climate disclosures in Russia	This project will support Russian consultancies and influential businesses to build knowledge for the benefits and implementation of climate disclosures (G20 TCFD reporting Initiative), demonstrating leadership and engaging the broader Russian business community.	£99,921*				Y	Climate	1 year	Budget reduced from £112,000 to £99,921. A strong proposal for engagement with Russian business on climate issues, including organisations sceptical of Russian ratification of the Paris Climate agreement (an HMG/Climate priority). Proposal has been adjusted to avoid reputational risk through focus on sectors rather than individual companies.

Y	Climate Priority 2	Federal State Autonomous Body "Research Institute "Environmental Industrial Policy centre"	Assessing the Potential and Building Capacity in the Field of Energy Efficiency (EE) and Best Available Techniques (BAT) with Regard to Greenhouse Gases (GHG) Emissions Reduction in Russian Energy and Carbon Intensive Industry Sectors	Developing recommendations for setting energy efficiency and GHG emissions reduction targets for Russian energy and carbon Intensive Industries/sectors and building capacity within these sectors to implement the targets. The project will feed into the development and implementation of the evolving carbon legislation (The Federal Law 'On regulating emissions of greenhouse gases), through assessing the potential for GHG emissions reduction by three energy intensive industrial sectors (cement, fertilisers and glass).	€95,000		25000 (In-kind) : EIPC and Ministry of Industry and Trade -Providing venues and equipment for site visits (such as thermal imager) as well as for working meetings, workshops conducted in Moscow, Saint- Petersburg and in the Moscow region; Publishing project materials -In-kind contribution of experts	Y	Climate	1 year	A strong proposal to link UK climate expertise to Russian business. Plans emerged from NMA meeting in Yakaterinburg. EIPC has also agreed to help promote UK business in the climate sector, including at the 3rd Moscow Climate Forum.
Y	Climate Priority 3	Centre for Energy Efficiency	Tracking low-carbon technologies deployment in Russia: opportunities for acceleration and risks of delay	The project will track Russia's position in the development and deployment of basic low carbon technologies and assess the risks associated with lagging behind many leading nations in the transition to low-carbon development to motivate the Russian government into accelerating low carbon trade and investment so as to mitigate the country's technological backwardness that blocks new drivers of economic growth.	€75,000			Y	Energy / Economy	1 year	Pillar lead proposes to support this project to develop low carbon strategies, a topic with Russian Ministry of Energy support. Involvement from UK partner (Bartlett School). Climate team in Embassy are confident in Russian partners involved and believe the project will also help identify opportunities to promote UK climate technology in Russia.
N	Climate Priority 4	WWF	Climate change vulnerability and adaptation planning in Altai- Sayan Ecoregion (Russian part)	Using climate change prognosis to define main risks and impacts in Altai-Sayan high mountains and develop practical recommendations on adaptation and disaster risk reduction as a step to implementation of the Paris Agreement in Russia in practice.	€98,000	€98,000	€20,000 (WWF- Russia)	Y	Climate	2 years	The current judgement of the pillar lead is not/not to fund whilst investigations into WWF torture by anti-poachers are ongoing, following information provided by colleagues in London. The pillar lead would prepare to fund other projects rather than risk this project falling due diligence checks, resulting in an underallocation of funds.
N	Track 2 Priority 4	ELN	Deepening Russia-NATO stabilisation 2019-21	To equip project funders with practical engagement of Russia's security community on reducing NATO-Russia risks, building on the ELN's successful 2018-19 programme	€105,971	€120,491	Carnegie Corporation, MacArthur Foundation, Nuclear Threat / Initiative, the Finnish and Norwegian MFAs, the German Federal Foreign Ministry, NATO's Public Diplomacy Division; In-kind: RIAC, the PIR Center, and the Latvian Institute of International Affairs (LIA)	Y	Security	2 years	This ELN project is ranked lower owing to specific concerns about how much value this will add to the results of last year's ELN-RIAC project on Russia-NATO dialogue, reinforced by feedback from FCO NATO and UKDEL NATO teams. The current judgement of the pillar lead is that any results from this project do not justify the considerably higher costs when compared to last year's project.

Proposed for funding for April	Rank	Implementer	Project (Description)	Purpose	Cost 19/20	Cost 20/21	Possible cost	Co-funding?	Previous partner? Y/N	Theme	Duration	Comments
<p>JUSTIFICATION PILLAR 4</p> <p>We considered proposals based on the number of business wins and opportunities created as a direct result of UK engagement. These are DIT specific measurement criteria that contributes to DIT's overall targets for Russia. However, given this is a very direct measurement tool, we looked beyond this to see how the proposed projects fit into the wider strategic objectives through maintaining high level dialogues across a range of issues and developing the longer term people to people links. So whilst these are deemed to be trade specific projects with DIT measurables, they also contribute to both pillars 1 and pillars 3 so add some real value. The trade/business environment is a valuable contributor to the Keep Open strand of our overall work so by sustaining and growing the business to business links (with considerable government involvement), these projects will continue to support and hopefully rebuild some of our wider contacts.</p>												
Y	Priority 1	DIT Russia / Visit Britain	Scotland – promotion of trade and tourism opportunities in Russia.	The project will create a platform to promote Scotland as an attractive region for trade and tourism, including establishment of new business links for Scottish consumer goods and educational institutions. This is a joint bid with Visit Britain, so a good example of cross-Embassy working. We would anticipate an increased number of business wins which will be measured on the DIT system. Visit Britain are keen to increase the number of Russian visitors to Scotland, with a good chance they will also go to other parts of the UK, boosting Russian spending in all parts of the UK. On this basis it will also boost people to people links as more Russians are exposed to the UK and our way of life. Diageo have agreed to a yet to be determined level of sponsorship, using this as a vehicle to boost Scottish brands. There is a further opportunity to connect this programme events with the Year of Music, profiling	£75,000				Y	Trade	1 year	Strong internal bid so I'm confident we can manage it and get the desired outcomes – trade benefits for Scottish companies and greater visit potential from Russians into Scotland. Also very keen, assuming we get green light, to merge in Russia V Scotland football match in October. Diageo on board as potential sponsor
Y	Priority 2	UK Russia Corporate Governance Working Group (TheyCityUK)	To deliver the 2nd stage objectives of the newly-established UK-Russia Corporate Governance Working Group	To assist the Central Bank of Russia (BoR) and the Moscow International Financial Centre (MIFC) to promote good corporate governance, as developed via cooperation to date with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and TheCityUK, and to directly progress jointly agreed and prioritised corporate governance objectives. This builds on an existing programme of activity based on the CityUK's MOU with the MIFC. So we are confident we have good Russian partners, including a Russian request to involve the Deputy Chief of the Government Staff. This year's programme will seek to focus on legal services and dispute resolution. On legal services we anticipate some business wins through the contribution of UK law firms and experts. This is also an important area for removing trade barriers, a key DIT objective around the world. There are clearly people to people opportunities here and at a high level. Moreover, we know the CityUK can deliver based on earlier programmes but they are reluctant to reduce the funding from their original £110,000 bid, although there is no	£85,000				Y	Trade	1 year	Discussed with CityUK today and have asked them to reduce their bid from planned £110,000 down to something in the region of £65,000. A good overall bid building on existing work to maintain momentum. This is the priority for the CityUK of the three bids. Will begin to merge legal services (a key UK ask and key to removing some non-tariff barriers) into this. Very strong local support and high profile panels/participants. Strong bid with hopefully reduced budget and realistic goals.

N	Track 2 Priority 5 (equal)	European Council on Foreign Affairs	Building bridges to a younger Russia, via its civil society	Hedge against current storms in the political relationship with a view to build better links and mutual understanding in the future between Russia, the UK and the EU.	£189,516	£186,200			Y	Common interests	2 years	The pillar lead does not propose to fund this ECFR project given the considerable overlap with a stronger ELM project (listed in people to people), the failure to secure co-funding from European countries notwithstanding the participation of European delegates, the poor value for money given the small number of Russian and UK citizens involved and feedback from Western Balkans department that similar ECFR projects have not delivered significant results in terms of policy insights.
N	Track 2 Priority 5 (equal)	John Smith Trust	Returning Russian Fellows	To build networks between Russian parliamentarians and UK Individuals and organisations	£40,233	0					1 year	The pillar does not propose to fund this project given the poor value for money and limited impact of the proposal. This is a pilot project for John Smith Trust. In addition, the considerable costs involved in selecting a small number of Russian participants (£7250) is concerning.

Y	Priority 3	RBCC	Shaping the 21 century economy and society: a UK-Russia dialogue	Part of an ongoing series of conferences between the RBCC and the Skolkovo Foundation. This would be the third in the series with the first held at Wilton Park, the second due to be held in Moscow in November to be followed by this one in the New Year. The RBCC want this one to be held at the Mansion House to start to bring in the more commercial elements provided by their members, with a focus on smart cities/urbanisation and digital healthcare, particularly for aging populations. This also helps to raise the RBCC's profile as DIT's key partner in sharing messaging about the importance of the Russian market and the opportunities it offers. RBCC's membership has dropped in recent years but by supporting them to put on high profile events with key and senior Russian participation we will be supporting the rebuilding of their brand, which is an important multiplier for DIT. RBCC recognise that they don't have the existing capacity to organise such an event themselves so will outsource this to a professional delivery partner. They have reduced the budget to a much more realistic figure and should be able to put on a high profile event. This touches on both people to people and strategic pillars, but given that RBCC are a crucial trade pillar partner it sits comfortably in this area.	£38,000				Y	Trade	1 year	Again discussed with the organisers – Alf Torrents in this case. Alf agreed with me to work on the budget to get this down to one single dialogue event to be held at the Mansion House in London – the Lord Mayor's official residence. So will get support from both the CityUK and suitably senior Russian participation to give this the high value impact we would want. I'm hopeful we can get the budget down to a more realistic £35,000-£40,000 with possibly some corporate (financial services or legal sectors) funding to support. You'll recall we agreed to a deadline extension to give the RBCC a chance to submit this bid. So whilst there's still more work to do, it's one I'm keen to support as the RBCC are a key business partner and multiplier of our messaging on doing business in Russia.
Y	Priority 4	IOM3	UK-Russian Technical, Economic and Educational Collaboration in Raw Materials.	Our focus remains very much to build on the existing links between IOM3 and the University of Mining in St Petersburg (which allows us to take some of the trade work outside of Moscow). Discussions will be technical in nature and under a round table format. There is also a UNESCO angle to add an international dimension. We have worked closely with IOM3 to make sure there is a clearer commercial/DIT benefit, by insisting upon the contribution of not just UK experts (important though that is) but also UK companies capable of promoting not just their skills and knowledge, but also the equipment they manufacture which allows them to put their acumen to good use in the industry. This should contribute both business wins and significant assists (DIT measurement). We know IOM3 to be a good partner in this field and the Mining University, and Russian industry federations, are very keen to develop this relationship, building in the people to people links which will be so important.	£35,000					Trade	1 year	Again, back to the organisers to look at the budget. Current proposal is OK, but lacks the clear commercial opportunities that we are keen to develop in this sector. So more work needed on both the budget and content. We're keen to get the operational/organisational side of the budget down, in order to free up some space to add in the commercial elements and bring that business focus to the table. We have good partners in the Mining University and keen to support as this would be the one purely commercial programme that takes us outside of
N	Priority 5	CityUK	Dialogue on FinTech	We are waiting for a revised bid from CityUK for this work. They have made it clear to us that the Corporate Governance project at Priority 2 above is their main target. But FinTech remains a priority for them and should more funding become available then we are confident the FinTech dialogue, directly including UK experts and companies is one that could be added at relatively short notice.								



PROJECT CONCEPT FORM P1.093 [late submission]

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Project Title	Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law
Objective <i>This must be NO MORE than one sentence.</i>	To expand on legal and policy reform by conducting legal research on the latest trends and legislative developments and the implications for journalists and the media in Russia, in tandem with a programme of engagement with journalists to improve reporting standards in Russia.
Lead Implementing Organisation <i>Name(s) of lead organisational contact(s); Address; Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website</i>	Thomson Reuters Foundation www.trust.org
Other Implementing Organisation(s) <i>Name(s) of other organisational contact(s); Address(es); Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website(s)</i>	
To which International Programme goal will this project contribute the most? <i>Choose <u>one</u> of the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustaining links between UK and Russian peoples on a wide range of subjects, promoting collaboration and fostering mutual respect. • Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law. • Addressing global and local challenges through policy dialogue and exchange of expertise. • Increasing opportunities for doing business. 	Addressing global and local challenges through policy dialogue and exchange of expertise
To what other International Programme	Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law; Sustaining links between UK and Russian

<p>goals will the project contribute? <i>Indicate if any of the other goals listed above will be advanced by the project.</i></p>	<p>peoples on a wide range of subjects, promoting collaboration and fostering mutual respect.</p>
<p>What change will this project deliver? <i>In no more than 200 words, explain why this project is important and describe its anticipated long-term impact.</i></p>	<p>TRF will deliver a programme of activities to enhance discourse around democracy, human rights and the rule of law. TRF will deliver this programme through a range of activities including press tours for journalists, roundtables, seminars, and research. These activities will focus on UK policy priorities and values, whilst also seeking to resonate with and impact audiences in Russia.</p> <p>TRF's TrustLaw team will hold a dialogue with local non-profit organisations and media organisations to understand what new legal tools or training are needed to help support journalists and improve media freedom. Legal reports/guides/advice are the outcomes of this dialogue. These reports can be used as tools in trainings to ensure that journalists have the knowledge needed to conduct their work safely and to understand how to conduct their activities legally.</p> <p>TRF can also engage with key stakeholders in business by deploying our new Inclusive Economies team to scope capacity building activities for young business leaders and dialogues/expertise exchange.</p> <p>This programme of engagement will cut across legal organisations, businesses and the media, to ensure a holistic approach is taken to the efforts of championing democracy and human rights, incorporating shared priority areas of focus such as climate change and sustainability.</p>
<p>How will the project deliver this change? <i>In no more than 200 words, outline the strategy/approach of the project and describe the key activities and outputs</i></p>	<p>TRF has a track record in delivering successful press tours for journalists and multi-year programmes across Eastern Europe in the media development space. TRF will build on this experience to create and deliver a more innovative and coherent programme of activities, expanding into the legal and business</p>

(on an annual basis if pitching a multi-year project).

space.

Our network of law firms can perform comparative cross-border legal research or develop legal “know-your-rights” guides on human rights or other social issues, such as media freedom. Our published research reports and guides are powerful advocacy tools that enable our NGO and social enterprise members to achieve ground-breaking legal and policy reforms and strengthen the rule of law. TrustLaw scopes, designs and facilitates the research which allows civil society to have a more overarching understanding of the current legal landscape and its impact on the media, with a view to more efficiently promoting independent journalism.

The change that this project will deliver includes: identification of long-term legal solutions which could lead to legislative and policy change; accountability and improved protection for journalists, increased capacity and dialogue between legal organisations and business between UK and Russia.

Risks

Provide brief details of any serious risks to the success of the project and how these will be mitigated.

Risk area	Specific risk	Risk management
Programme delivery risk	Programme will fail to recruit sufficient numbers of legal and NGO participants	We will develop suitable publicity, and use Thomson Reuters' networks, to reach out to relevant local expert participants. We will use our Media, TrustLaw, other NGO networks, and other appropriate means, to reach out to relevant NGOs.
Outcome risk	Consensus on recommendations and ways forward does not emerge	The activities will be designed to provide the best platform for discussion and will be moderated by experts experienced in facilitation and consensus building. TRF will use its experience in delivery in Russia and neighbouring countries to ensure best approach.
Political risk	The government may be hostile to aspects of the project and put pressure on partners not to engage.	A do no harm approach will be adopted by all partners to adapt activities in order to respond to changing political conditions.
Reputational Risk	Negative publicity about the project affects prospective members' or partners' willingness to engage.	We will regularly engage with our consultation partners and the FCO to ensure we are monitoring and where appropriate, responding to publicity. We will be in regular communication with partners and members to ensure they are well-informed about the progress of the project.

Cost per fiscal year (FY) (April – March)

*What is the **TOTAL** cost of the Project and in what currency?*

	Co-funder(s) (if applicable):	Co-funding (if applicable):	Cost to the FCO	Total:
FY20/21			£500,000	£400,000

<p><i>Please note:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project does not need to be multi-year. • VAT should not be added to the cost of implementing project activities. • In all but exceptional cases, project funds are paid quarterly, in arrears. • Payment will be made in the currency of your organisation's bank account. 	<p>FY21/22 <i>(if applicable)</i></p>			£500,000	£400,000
	<p>FY22/23 <i>(if applicable)</i></p>			£500,000	£400,000
	<p>All years</p>			£1,500,000	£1,500,000
<p>Timing</p> <p><i>Please note:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To allow sufficient time for contracting, project activities should not commence before 1 May 2020. • To allow sufficient time for end-of-year reports, project activities should end by 8 March. 	Planned start date: 1/5/2020		Planned completion date: 8/3/2023		

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Post Comments

Include which fund or business plan objective this project will help deliver.

Should this Concept now be worked into a Full Proposal?

For either Yes or No please provide a rationale.

Yes/No

Date

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law. • Addressing global and local challenges through policy dialogue and exchange of expertise. • Increasing opportunities for doing business. 	
<p>To what other International Programme goals will the project contribute? <i>Indicate if any of the other goals listed above will be advanced by the project.</i></p>	<p>Addressing global and local challenges through policy dialogue and exchange of expertise.</p>
<p>What change will this project deliver? <i>In no more than 200 words, explain why this project is important and describe its anticipated long-term impact.</i></p>	<p>“Takie dela” - the main informational portal in Russia which focuses on social problems. We are an independent media which facilitates the development of non-governmental sector. Journalists bring public attention to silenced problems, promote volunteerism, raise awareness about topical issues and violations of human rights.</p> <p>“Takie dela” tells the stories of marginalized or socially disadvantaged people through written and video materials. It works towards destigmatization by allowing underrepresented people to make their voices heard.</p> <p>Moreover, “Takie dela” directly impacts the social sector by publishing fundraising articles. For instance, we raise donations for Consortium of Women’s Non-Governmental Associations, which provides women with free lawyers.</p> <p>Altogether “Takie dela” systematically helps 206 verified NGOs in Russia. In the last 5 years it helped to raise 561275162 rubles for NGOs focusing on diverse fields: poverty, homelessness, women’s rights, rights of violence survivors, victims of human trafficking, prisoners, people from the LGBT+ community, people with disabilities, animal rights, HIV, the environment and others.</p> <p>Our goal is to reach out wider audience. Our anticipated impact is an increased public awareness of existing social problems, as well as an increase in the amount of people involved in usage of non-governmental mechanisms for solving them.</p>



PROJECT CONCEPT FORM P2.041

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Project Title	Strategic development of socially focused media “Takie dela”
Objective <i>This must be NO MORE than one sentence.</i>	Our main objective is the development of the independent socially focused media “Takie dela”, which increases public awareness of existing social problems and provides people in Russia with non-governmental mechanisms for solving these problems.
Lead Implementing Organisation <i>Name(s) of lead organisational contact(s); Address; Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website</i>	Autonomous Not-for-Profit Organization for promotion of charity and volunteerism “Informational Portal “Takie dela” Address: Nab. Luzhneckaya, Dom 2/4, Korp. Stroenie 16, Moscow, Russia, 119270 Email: mne@nuzhnapomosh.ru Telephone Number: +7 495 641 02 86 Website: takiedela.ru
Other Implementing Organisation(s) <i>Name(s) of other organisational contact(s); Address(es); Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website(s)</i>	
To which International Programme goal will this project contribute the most? <i>Choose <u>one</u> of the following:</i> • Sustaining links between UK and Russian peoples on a wide range of subjects, promoting collaboration and fostering mutual respect.	Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

<p>How will the project deliver this change? <i>In no more than 200 words, outline the strategy/approach of the project and describe the key activities and outputs (on an annual basis if pitching a multi-year project).</i></p>	<p>Our strategic goal is to increase our audience and the number of active supporters.</p> <p>Thus, we plan to proceed with the following strategic steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Launch new formats of communication with the audience 2. Increase our coverage and presence in regions of Russia <p>The key activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annually participate in international experience exchange to learn best practices 2. Create a “Takie dela” YouTube channel to attract a wider audience. — FY 20/21 3. Film and release documentary series “Inside out”, which deals with the problem of Russia being the country with the third highest rate of HIV growth in the world. — FY 21/22. 4. Launch monthly magazine “Takie dela” in print. — FY 22/23 5. Establish “Takie dela” regional offices in different areas of Russia (by 2023). 6. Collaborate with new information aggregators and regional media distributing our articles. — FYs 2020-2023 7. Produce editorial and fundraising materials. — FYs 2020-2023. 8. Establish email communication with patrons. — FYs 2020-2023 <p>We anticipate a rise in the number of audience views of our articles — by 20% annually on the website, by 20% annually on social media networks. We aim to increase the number of fundraising cases for NGO projects by 10% annually.</p>
<p>Risks <i>Provide brief details of any serious risks to the success of the project and how these will be mitigated.</i></p>	<p>Provide brief details of any serious risks to the success of the project and how these will be mitigated.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When faced with a constantly changing social and economic environment, as well as potential changes in laws (for instance, the law against domestic violence), it is hard to strategically plan the organization’s agenda and its allocation of resources. Thus, we preserve for ourselves a flexibility in the process of content planning. However, this flexibility is not going to become a risk if balanced with a core planned process. We have developed our main strategic steps to follow in the next 3 years to avoid this risk. For short-term and long-term planning, we use such programs as PlanFix, Nutcall, Onthe.io.

Feedly, Amplifr.

2. According to recent numbers there is a rise of poor population (people with income below minimal survival level). Today this share substitutes 19.2 million people, 13.1% of the population of Russia.

Thus, due to the challenging economic decline, we might face a risk of decrease in the amount of private donations. Although today we rely solely on our private donations as the source for co-financing, we are in the process of developing our commercial strategy, which will include sales of commercial advertisements on our portal.

Furthermore, according to our statistics only 8% of Internet users have donated to the portal in 2019. By enriching our audience, we plan to ensure the stability of our co-funding share in rising private donations. Even though the amount of donated money by person might fall, we are going to balance this decrease by rising the number of our patrons.

3. Among other risks there is a possibility of negative reaction of Internet users on the documentary series “Inside out”, which opens the discussion about rapid growth of HIV infection. The possible negative reaction might be caused by the extent of stigmatization of the problem and HIV-positive people, which grew due to the background of 1990s: association of HIV with heroin consumption. The negative reaction on the series might result in slight decline in the number of current supporters of the portal.

Being aware of this risk, we consciously decide to take it, because the vitality of the problem for Russian and global population cannot be silenced. As Russia is the third country in speed of HIV expansion in the world and the first in growth of mortality caused by AIDS, we aim to tackle this global issue. The documentary series is called to destigmatize HIV-positive people and raise awareness about the problem.

Even though we might lose some of our supporters, our experience has shown that special

projects attract new supporters and new audience. Moreover, according to the survey made by our partners in 2017, 76 % of people aged 16-23 express compassion with HIV-positive people, thus, we predict attracting more support from young people.

It should be noted that all video-materials produced by the department of special projects of “Takie dela” deal with complex problems in society and regularly attract negative comments. However, our brand analytics shows that each material opens a place for discussion: the number of references to a problem in the Internet grows rapidly as a result of our coverage of that issue. Moreover, even though our special projects sometimes cause controversial reaction, they have already received such awards as “Best digital news story” in the “Visa Pour l’Image” International Festival of Photojournalism in 2017, “Best drama” in Webfest Berlin in 2018 and others. Therefore, a negative reaction on the series will not result in reputational risks.

4. Our plans on annually participation in international conferences and meetings for experience exchange might be challenged due to territorial distance and visa barriers. However, we plan to attend the most important international events for our sector and wish to invite high specialist to give master classes to our team. For example, we hope to have an opportunity to organize a visit for Mark Rice-Oxley (the Guardian's head of special projects) to give a tutorial about mechanisms for creation the sense community through a media. — FY 20/21

Cost per fiscal year (FY) (April – March)		<i>Co-funder(s) (if applicable):</i>	<i>Co-funding (if applicable):</i>	Cost to the FCO	Total:
<i>What is the TOTAL cost of the Project and in what currency?</i>	FY20/21	Private donations for “Takie dela”	27 480 336	39 000 000	66 480 336
<i>Please note:</i>	FY21/22 <i>(if applicable)</i>	Private donations for “Takie dela”	33 019 272	33 462 000	66 481 272
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The project does not need to be multi-year.</i> • <i>VAT should not be added to the cost of implementing project activities.</i> • <i>In all but exceptional cases, project funds are</i> 	FY22/23 <i>(if applicable)</i>	Private donations for “Takie dela”	41 124 798	27 416 532	68 541 330

<p><i>paid quarterly, in arrears.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Payment will be made in the currency of your organisation's bank account.</i> 	<p>All years</p>	<p>Private donations for "Takie dela"</p>	<p>101 624 406</p>	<p>99 878 532</p>	<p>201 502 938</p>
<p>Timing <i>Please note:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>To allow sufficient time for contracting, project activities should not commence before 1 May 2020.</i> <i>To allow sufficient time for end-of-year reports, project activities should end by 8 March.</i> 	<p>Planned start date: <i>6 May 2020</i></p>		<p>Planned completion date: <i>6 March 2023</i></p>		
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PROJECT CONCEPT FORM – P2.018

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Project Title	Strengthening the Bar Independence in Russia
Objective <i>This must be NO MORE than one sentence.</i>	"To strengthen the independence of Russia's Bar Association and provide its members with better protection from political persecution and undue restrictions on their professional duties."
Lead Implementing Organisation <i>Name(s) of lead organisational contact(s); Address; Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website</i>	Společnost svobody informace, z.s. (Freedom of Information Society) Naardenska 666/7, Liboc, 162 00 Praha 6, Czech Republic spolekinfo@gmail.com +420777410030 The Bar's Voice golosadvokata.ru The Prague Club prague-club.ru
Other Implementing Organisation(s) <i>Name(s) of other organisational contact(s); Address(es); Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website(s)</i>	
To which International Programme goal will this project contribute the most? <i>Choose <u>one</u> of the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustaining links between UK and Russian peoples on a wide range of subjects, promoting collaboration and fostering mutual respect.• Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law.• Addressing global and local challenges through policy dialogue and exchange of expertise.	Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing opportunities for doing business. 	
<p>To what other International Programme goals will the project contribute? <i>Indicate if any of the other goals listed above will be advanced by the project.</i></p>	<p>Sustaining links between UK and Russian peoples on a wide range of subjects, promoting collaboration and fostering mutual respect.</p>
<p>What change will this project deliver? <i>In no more than 200 words, explain why this project is important and describe its anticipated long-term impact.</i></p>	<p>The Russian government has been increasingly utilising criminal persecution as a key tool of repression. This trend, as highlighted by the 2019 'Moscow Cases', has placed greater importance on lawyers as the 'last hope' for defence. However, this role is undermined by the <u>significant pressure</u> applied to the legal profession itself by the authorities, including through the infiltration of the Bar association by members of the security services. This pressure has been intensifying dynamically with leading figures within the Bar community openly taking illiberal positions and directly intimidating attorneys. The regional and hierarchical nature of the Bar association makes challenging this pressure difficult for those individual members affected, who often lack solidarity and practical support.</p> <p>This project would strengthen the independence of the Russian Bar association and provide greater protection to its members, reducing the challenges faced when defending their clients. It has been developed based on up-to-date analysis of the situation for the average member of the Bar community, their issues and needs, identified through feedback from two successful initiatives run by our team since 2016: the Voice of the Bar (golosadvokata.ru), which hosts offline events and online surveys, and the Prague Club (prague-club.ru), an informal association of lawyers.</p>
<p>How will the project deliver this change? <i>In no more than 200 words, outline the strategy/approach of the project and describe the key activities and outputs (on an annual basis if pitching a multi-year project).</i></p>	<p>Change would be delivered by a) developing sustainable channels for Bar members to engage in 'horizontal communication' (i.e. across the formal structures); b) creating censorship-free public discussions about the problems experienced by bars; and, c) spearheading, for the first time in Russia, an evidence-based approach to propose solutions for the development of bar community. <u>Activities will include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication of an evidence-based policy paper with proposals to increase the Bar's independence, conducted together with the Higher School of Economics and the Institute for the Application of Problems. An advocacy strategy to promote the adoption of recommendations would be developed through partner regional bar chambers (1 Policy Paper, a minimum of 20 publications in federal media). • Development of 'Advokatskaya Street' (advstreet.ru) a newly established online platform (Nov 2019) providing a censorship-free space for professional exchange and support. This platform would also be key for the development and promotion of the policy paper and other project activities. • A series of offline events across Russia with discussions on "hot topic" (15 regional events, 1700 participants) with invited bars from the UK • Legal support for lawyers who have their professional rights violated, tied to initiatives rallying community support (minimum 20 cases).

Risks
 Provide brief details of any serious risks to the success of the project and how these will be mitigated.

There is always a potential risk that intended beneficiaries or other key stakeholders may not buy into the project. However, since 2016, 1 in 60 (1,215 lawyers) from 77 regions have taken part in our initiatives, including the creation of 90 practical documents (guidelines, practice reviews, draft acts) 10 of which were adopted into regional Bar chambers. This forms an excellent foundation for realistic engagement with the target audience and the successful delivery of the above listed activities.

There may be a risk of an information attack - such as a smear campaign - on project activities due to the negative reaction from conservative attorneys within the Bar community. This would be mitigated by the fact that we will implement the project through utilising several independent initiatives ('Advokatskaya Street' for media, the 'Voice of the Bar' for events, as well as partnering with authoritative research institutes for the development of policy paper).

Managerial risks that are traditional for non-profit projects of this type would be mitigated by the experienced and well-coordinated team of the applicant organization, which has been implementing specific initiatives in the field of strengthening the independence of the Bar in Russia since 2016.

Risks related to financial stability would be minimized by confirmed co-financing from the US-Russia Foundation and the US Department of State Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor until March 31, 2021.

Cost per fiscal year (FY) (April – March) What is the TOTAL cost of the Project and in what currency?		<i>Co-funder(s) (if applicable):</i>	<i>Co-funding (if applicable):</i>	Cost to the FCO	Total:
Please note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project does not need to be multi-year. VAT should not be added to the cost of implementing project activities. In all but exceptional cases, project funds are paid quarterly, in arrears. Payment will be made in the currency of your organisation's bank account. 	FY20/21	U.S. Department of State US Russia Foundation (confirmed)	275,000 USD	175,000 USD	450,000 USD
	FY21/22 (if applicable)	U.S. Department of State US Russia Foundation (under negotiation)	325,000 USD	175,000 USD	500,000 USD
	FY22/23 (if applicable)	U.S. Department of State US Russia Foundation (under negotiation)	325,000 USD	150,000 USD	475,000 USD
	All years		925,000 USD	500,000 USD	1425000 USD

Timing
 Please note:

- To allow sufficient time for contracting, project activities should not commence before 1 May 2020.
- To allow sufficient time for end-of-year reports, project activities should end by 8 March.

Planned start date:
1 May 2020

Planned completion date:
1 March 2023

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Yes/No

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PROJECT CONCEPT FORM P2.036

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Project Title	The right to live and work: promoting and protecting the basic human rights of migrants in Russia
Objective <i>This must be NO MORE than one sentence.</i>	Guided by the norms of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, using the potential of ethnic and religious communities and international cooperation of NGOs, to ensure migrants in vulnerable situations, including situations of forced labor or human trafficking, information, social, legal assistance, as well as to update the issue of the need to comply with human rights legislation for businessmen who use the labor of foreign citizens.
Lead Implementing Organisation <i>Name(s) of lead organisational contact(s); Address; Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website</i>	Nongovernmental Partnership "Interethnic Informational Center". 238 - 182, Belinskogo Str., Ekaterinburg, 620014 +7343 3722070, ethnik-center@mail.ru , www.ethnoinfo.ru
Other Implementing Organisation(s) <i>Name(s) of other organisational contact(s); Address(es); Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website(s)</i>	Non Government Public Organization "Ural House" 6-32, 9 Maya Str., Zarechnyi, Sverdlovskaya oblast, 624250, Russia +792260 65550, uralhouse@mail.ru

<p>To which International Programme goal will this project contribute the most? <i>Choose one of the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustaining links between UK and Russian peoples on a wide range of subjects, promoting collaboration and fostering mutual respect. • Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law. • Addressing global and local challenges through policy dialogue and exchange of expertise. • Increasing opportunities for doing business. 	<p>Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law.</p>
<p>To what other International Programme goals will the project contribute? <i>Indicate if any of the other goals listed above will be advanced by the project.</i></p>	<p>Increasing opportunities for doing business. Sustaining links between UK and Russian peoples on a wide range of subjects, promoting collaboration and fostering mutual respect.</p>

What change will this project deliver?

In no more than 200 words, explain why this project is important and describe its anticipated long-term impact.

In 2019, more than 17 million foreign citizens entered Russia. Two-thirds of them came to work. One third of them are women. According to the monitoring of violations of migrants' rights conducted by the applicant organization, a fifth of all violations related to non-payment of wages, while the relationship between the employer and the employee was not officially registered. In addition, most claims of violation of labor rights had signs of forced labor. Also, migrants are constantly experiencing difficulties in accessing medicine, legal housing rentals, etc.

However, it is most dangerous when foreign citizens enter Russia legally (visa-free), but in a situation of human trafficking. Migrants themselves are poorly informed about the specifics of working in Russia, do not speak the language of their place of residence, trust only their fellow countrymen, who, in some cases (from the practice of the applicant organization), are recruiters and attracting their compatriots to work, know in advance the amount of their profit from each recruited person and what awaits them instead of the promised high-paid work.

The implementation of the project is necessary, as it will help to form the practice of legal and social protection of migrants in vulnerable situations, including situations of forced labor or human trafficking, through the use of the potential of ethnic and religious communities, the functioning of international cooperation of NGOs in the framework of assistance to victims of crime. A broad information and education campaign in languages that are understandable to migrants will cover the maximum number of foreign citizens who are at risk, and assistance to employers who attract foreign citizens will make their business more transparent.

How will the project deliver this change?

In no more than 200 words, outline the strategy/approach of the project and describe the key activities and outputs (on an annual basis if pitching a multi-year project).

The project idea is based on the norms of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, where everyone has the freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers, has the right to recognition before the law, to an effective remedy by the competent national tribunals, to freedom of movement and residence, to work, to free choice of employment, to just and favourable conditions of work, equal pay for equal work and the right to a standard of living, including food, clothing, housing, medical care and necessary social services that are necessary to maintain the health and well-being of himself and his family. Ensuring a minimum level of access for migrants to these rights are the objectives of this project, which will be solved through the following activities: the work of the information Agency to create and distribute accessible printed and electronic materials in the languages of the migrants who are staying, as well as the development of a network of cultural communicators for organizing equal access to legal and social protection, providing prompt legal assistance by hotline and in person, and advocacy. Organization of a network of international non-governmental information exchange and assistance to fully protect the rights of migrants, including against illegal actions. Organization of medical care and shelters for migrants in difficult situations. Also, during the entire period of the project, work shops will be conducted for activists who organize assistance to victims and for employers who attract foreign workers. Developing information dissemination practices, a video blog dedicated to the most relevant topics for migrants will be launched in the second year of the project. During the second year of the project, special attention will be paid to the cooperation of NGOs to protect and restore violated rights, with the assistance of religious and national communities. Based on the results achieved in the first two years of the project on the organization of access to rights, in the third year of the project, an electronic application for migrants will be developed and implemented, which will allow not only to receive the necessary information, but also to promptly report violations to their address. The project will be completed by an international conference dedicated to the formation of a unified information and legal space for the prevention of forced labor and human trafficking, as well as rapid response and suppression of such cases.

Risks

Provide brief details of any serious risks to the success of the project and how these will be mitigated.

- The fear of slavery trade victims. Can be overcome by way of organization of a full complex of social and legal protection, including a safe shelter.
- The difficulties of accessing the closed migrant communities. Can be conquered by way of realization of an information campaign, by raising the trust to NGOs. The work on building up trust to the NGOs will be continued on a permanent basis.
- The frequent risks of psychological and physical pressure on behalf of the ultra-right criminal unions. Are being overcome by way of applying to the law enforcement bodies and project support on the part of the Human Rights Ombudsman of the Sverdlovsk region. Particular attention will be paid to this aspect during the peak of the information campaigns and public presentations.
- A force majeure may take place because of the changes in the RF legislation. Can be mitigated by means of monitoring of the changes in the legislature and rapid response to the approved laws enactment. Monitoring of the legal base regulating migration issues will be continued throughout the project implementation process.
- The risk of the partnership NGOs getting registered as a "foreign agent" is compensated by the "annual audit" budget item.

,00Cost per fiscal year (FY) (April – March)

What is the **TOTAL** cost of the Project and in what currency?

Please note:

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- Payment will be made in the currency of your organisation's bank account.

	Co-funder(s) (if applicable):	Co-funding (if applicable):	Cost to the FCO	Total:
FY20/21	Nongovernmental Partnership "Interethnic Informational Center"	350 000,00 pyб.	7 250 000,00 pyб.	7 600 000,00 pyб.
FY21/22 (if applicable)	Nongovernmental Partnership "Interethnic Informational Center"	350 000,00 pyб.	7 130 000 pyб.	7480000 pyб.
FY22/23 (if applicable)	Nongovernmental Partnership "Interethnic Informational Center"	350 000,00 pyб.	6 800 000 pyб.	7150000,00 pyб.
All years	5	1 050 000,00 pyб.	21 180 000 pyб.	22 230 000 pyб.

Timing Please note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To allow sufficient time for contracting, project activities should not commence before 1 May 2020. To allow sufficient time for end-of-year reports, project activities should end by 8 March. 	Planned start date: 1 May 2020	Planned completion date: 08 March 2023
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Should this Concept now be worked into a Full Proposal? For either Yes or No please provide a rationale.		Yes/No
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PROJECT CONCEPT FORM P2.028

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Project Title	Sexual Exploitation Protect and Prevent
Objective <i>This must be NO MORE than one sentence.</i>	The recruitment and training of volunteer groups to support trafficked women working in the sex industry and awareness training for vulnerable groups to equip them against exploitation.
Lead Implementing Organisation <i>Name(s) of lead organisational contact(s); Address; Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website</i>	<i>Main contact:</i> Karen Nolloth (Executive Director) Mayak Foundation International House 24 Holborn Viaduct CITY OF LONDON London EC1A 2BN. Tel 01462 379380. Email info@mayak.org.uk www.mayak.org.uk

<p>Other Implementing Organisation(s) <i>Name(s) of other organisational contact(s); Address(es); Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website(s)</i></p>	<p>Name: Nevoli Net Web-site: http://nevoli.net Hot line: +78007071417 e-mail: info@nevoli.net</p> <p>Name: Virsavia Mobile: +79998565656</p>
<p>To which International Programme goal will this project contribute the most? <i>Choose <u>one</u> of the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustaining links between UK and Russian peoples on a wide range of subjects, promoting collaboration and fostering mutual respect. • Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law. • Addressing global and local challenges through policy dialogue and exchange of expertise. • Increasing opportunities for doing business. 	<p>Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law</p>
<p>To what other International Programme goals will the project contribute? <i>Indicate if any of the other goals listed above will be advanced by the project.</i></p>	<p>Sustaining links between the UK and Russian peoples on a wide range of subjects, promoting collaboration and fostering mutual respect</p>

What change will this project deliver?

In no more than 200 words, explain why this project is important and describe its anticipated long-term impact.

We will to establish a volunteer network throughout Russia expanding our current outreach work in Moscow where we provide social assistance to trafficked women working predominantly in the sex industry assisting them with access to medical care, support in exiting exploitation and recovery from addiction. Our outreach team goes to areas where women are prostituted and offers a hotline telephone number for those that want help. We also provide support and friendship to those that have been able to escape their traffickers and pimps.

In addition, we will expand our awareness training programme in order to educate the wider population regarding the exploitation of Russians and foreign nationals.

In the past 7 years we have supported over 100 women out of exploitation, offered 1000's of women the opportunity to access support. and educated 1000's of 'at risk' women. Expansion of this work would provide life changing relief for those that have no other route out of exploitation- offering education and awareness with regard to trafficker tactics and equipping vulnerable communities against their recruitment methods. Training will involve short visits for some Russian volunteers to the UK for an exchange of experience and knowledge with similar organisations.

<p>How will the project deliver this change? <i>In no more than 200 words, outline the strategy/approach of the project and describe the key activities and outputs (on an annual basis if pitching a multi-year project).</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run seminars and events aimed at awareness training and volunteer recruitment in Moscow and throughout Russia expanding on our existing links with the Baptist Union of Russia, church groups in Moscow and partnership with other support organisations • Train, equip and fund volunteer groups for outreach activities (based on the work currently being carried out in Moscow where we understand this direct outreach to trafficked women is unique to our charity) • Train, equip and fund volunteers for prevention work amongst vulnerable communities expanding on work that we have already started (in Donbass, Vladivostok and Moscow) • Arrange and fund exchange visits for key volunteers to visit the UK to share experience and knowledge with UK charities also working with trafficked and exploited people (using our relationships with UK organisations in and organisations London and the South East). We already make 2 visits to Moscow from the UK every year to meet the volunteers, exchange ideas and support our fund-raising activities in the UK. • We are proposing a recruitment programme for the next 2 years followed by a period of consolidation. Volunteer commitment is vital to the efficacy of this project -training and team motivation will be continuous throughout the process. 				
<p>Risks <i>Provide brief details of any serious risks to the success of the project and how these will be mitigated.</i></p>	<p>The sex industry is run by criminal gangs with the assistance of local police corruption. There is a risk of harm to volunteers and the risk of extortion (bribes etc) These risks will be highlighted in volunteer training. All communication is carried out by secure social media and full names are not used. Where appropriate we use aliases to avoid full identification. At least one of our team members formerly worked in the sex industry in Russia and is instrumental in our training programme to other volunteers, this also brings a unique understanding of the risks associated with this work.</p>				
<p>Cost per fiscal year (FY) (April – March) <i>What is the TOTAL cost of the Project and in what</i></p>		<p><i>Co-funder(s) (if applicable):</i></p>	<p><i>Co-funding (if applicable):</i></p>	<p>Cost to the FCO</p>	<p>Total:</p>

	FY20/21	<i>Multiple donations from individual UK supporters, fund raising and church donations in the UK</i>	£3600	£13000	£16,600
	FY21/22 <i>(if applicable)</i>	<i>DITTO</i>	£6000	£13500	£19500
	FY22/23 <i>(if applicable)</i>	<i>DITTO</i>	£7000	£10300	£17300
	All years				
Timing Please note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To allow sufficient time for contracting, project activities should not commence before 1 May 2020. To allow sufficient time for end-of-year reports, project activities should end by 8 March. 		Planned start date: Early May 2020		Planned completion date: 20-02-21	

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Should this Concept now be worked into a Full Proposal?		Yes/No
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PROJECT CONCEPT FORM P2.030

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Project Title	Strategic national and international litigation: Ensuring Access to Justice for LGBT+ in the North Caucasus and beyond
Objective <i>This must be NO MORE than one sentence.</i>	This project aims to shift the discourse around crimes committed against LGBT+ people and enhance access to justice for LGBT+ individuals in various areas of Russia (including the North Caucasus) through nationally and internationally litigating in four strategic areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - enforcement of the “anti-propaganda” law; - hate crime committed against LGBT+ individuals; - freedom of expression of LGBT+ individuals; - crimes committed against LGBT+ individuals in the North Caucasus.
Lead Implementing Organisation <i>Name(s) of lead organisational contact(s); Address; Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website</i>	Legal and Social Support Charitable Foundation “Sphere” 87A, Ligovskii avenue, office 15-N RU-191040 Saint-Petersburg Attn.: Veronika Lapina communications@lgbtnet.org +79812498605
Other Implementing Organisation(s) <i>Name(s) of other organisational contact(s); Address(es); Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website(s)</i>	n/a
To which International Programme goal will this project contribute the most? <i>Choose <u>one</u> of the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustaining links between UK and Russian peoples on a wide range of subjects, promoting collaboration and fostering mutual respect. 	Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law. • Addressing global and local challenges through policy dialogue and exchange of expertise. • Increasing opportunities for doing business. 	
<p>To what other International Programme goals will the project contribute? <i>Indicate if any of the other goals listed above will be advanced by the project.</i></p>	Addressing global and local challenges through policy dialogue and exchange of expertise
<p>What change will this project deliver? <i>In no more than 200 words, explain why this project is important and describe its anticipated long-term impact.</i></p>	<p>Strategic litigation aims to bring about broad societal changes beyond the scope of the individual case at hand. It aims to use legal means to tackle injustices that have not been adequately addressed in law or politics and to challenge legislations that discriminate against LGBT+.</p> <p>It gives a platform for people affected by rights violations to be seen and heard, triggers discussion of these violations, and highlights weaknesses and gaps in the law. In terms of a long-term impact, successful strategic litigation brings about lasting political, economic or social changes and develops the existing law. Public outreach materials accompanying the case can help to explain the context of the proceedings and bring public attention to the case. This increases the progressive and precedent-setting impact of the legal action.</p> <p>Strategic litigation of LGBT+ rights and freedoms for Sphere constitutes one of its core programming, both in the North Caucasus and elsewhere across Russia. For the human rights lawyers it offers not only a way into advancing the legal framework through creating successful litigating precedents, but also, through close partnership with survivors of LGBT+ rights violations, makes seeking justice through international and national means accessible. Sphere sees it longer-term impact in challenging LGBT+ phobic policies.</p>
<p>How will the project deliver this change? <i>In no more than 200 words, outline the strategy/approach of the project and describe the key activities and outputs (on an annual basis if pitching a multi-year project).</i></p>	<p>Strategic litigation is a specific technique, where HRDs use combinations of strategies alongside bottom-up, evidence-based litigation, that is backed by research from grass-roots, and is supported by lawyers who closely align with the goals and politics of the movement. Sphere will, through its advanced legal, field-work based, and open source monitoring collect and analyze LGBT+ rights violations, identifying survivors and cases that qualify as strategic, falling in the following areas: hate crimes, enforcement of the “anti-propaganda” legislation, and freedom of assembly for LGBT+ HRD(s). The litigation process itself suggests activities like field missions for independent investigations, participation in the court hearing, and in general, providing assistance to the survivor, partnering with Sphere for national and international litigation.</p>

	<p>Closely aligned lawyers and litigators is another issue, where Sphere would need to design activities, designing and chairing expert meetings, workshops to lawyers and attorneys on addressing rights violations in relation to LGBT+ rights. Through gaining and regularly exchanging expertise the lawyers will advance their knowledge on litigating LGBT+ rights violations. Sphere will also work together with partners from European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights and European Human Rights Advocacy Center to enhance the lawyers' potential in working with the international litigation framework.</p> <p>This project aims to function in two geographic areas – North Caucasus and the rest of Russia – with two different departments of Sphere working on executing national and international litigation strategies.</p>				
<p>Risks Provide brief details of any serious risks to the success of the project and how these will be mitigated.</p>	<p>There are two groups of risks related to this project. One group – physical risks related to litigation processes in the North Caucasus and the Chechen Republic in particular. Since Sphere will be working on at least one case related to national litigation case in the Chechen republic at least during the first two years of the project, the physical risks will be heightened. The Sphere has already developed a system of physical risk reduction, including participation in the CRD-designed Natalia project.</p> <p>Other major group of risks are related to the shrinking of the civil society space with the new iteration of the foreign agent law: Russian government's initiative to label private individuals as foreign agents. It is yet unclear how this law will be enforced, but constitutes certain threats to individuals working with civil society actors.</p>				
<p>Cost per fiscal year (FY) (April – March) What is the TOTAL cost of the Project and in what currency?</p> <p>Please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project does not need to be multi-year. VAT should not be added to the cost of implementing project activities. In all but exceptional cases, project funds are paid quarterly, in arrears. Payment will be made in the currency of your organisation's bank account. 		Co-funder(s) (if applicable):	Co-funding (if applicable):	Cost to the FCO	Total:
	FY20/21	BCGEU	5000 GBP	80,000	85,000 GBP
	FY21/22 (if applicable)	Baltic Group OAK Foundation (pending due to regranting process)	20,000 GBP	80,000	100,000 GBP
	FY22/23 (if applicable)	Tbd by the time of submitting full proposal	20,000 GBP	80,000	100,000 GBP
	All years			240,000	
<p>Timing Please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To allow sufficient time for contracting, project activities should not commence before 1 May 2020. 	Planned start date: July 2020		Planned completion date: February 2023		

- *To allow sufficient time for end-of-year reports, project activities should end by 8 March.*

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Project Title	Hate No More: Challenging hate through the promotion of equality and freedom of expression in Russia
Objective <i>This must be NO MORE than one sentence.</i>	To facilitate multi-stakeholder action aimed at countering and challenging hate speech against marginalised groups in Russia
Lead Implementing Organisation <i>Name(s) of lead organisational contact(s); Address; Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website</i>	ARTICLE 19 ('A19'), 60 Farringdon Road, London EC1R 3GA, United Kingdom; Telephone: +44 207 324 2500; Email: info@article19.org ; Website: www.article19.org
Other Implementing Organisation(s) <i>Name(s) of other organisational contact(s); Address(es); Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website(s)</i>	SOVA Center for Information and Analysis ('SOVA'), Moscow Tel/fax: +7 (495) 517-9230 Email: mail@sova-center.ru Website: http://www.sova-center.ru

<p>To which International Programme goal will this project contribute the most? <i>Choose one of the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustaining links between UK and Russian peoples on a wide range of subjects, promoting collaboration and fostering mutual respect. • Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law. • Addressing global and local challenges through policy dialogue and exchange of expertise. • Increasing opportunities for doing business. 	<p>Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law.</p>
<p>To what other International Programme goals will the project contribute? <i>Indicate if any of the other goals listed above will be advanced by the project.</i></p>	<p>Addressing global and local challenges through policy dialogue and exchange of expertise</p>
<p>What change will this project deliver? <i>In no more than 200 words, explain why this project is important and describe its anticipated long-term impact.</i></p>	<p>Hate speech, polarized political views and intolerance against minority groups is prevalent in Russia, contributing to marginalization of those groups and imposing direct censorship on multiple issues affecting their lives. Building on previous experience on working on hate speech in Russia and materials such as the Hate Speech Toolkit, we will support civil society actors, media, journalists to challenge hate speech, in a manner that does not unduly restrict free expression. The project will strengthen coalitions and build the capacity of civil society, including marginalized groups (LGBTIQ, women, people with disabilities, religious groups), and journalists to monitor and challenge hate speech, generating responses that change the narratives and perceptions of these groups. We will address the lack of clarity on the definitions of hate speech and incitement, the misuse of hate speech and anti-extremism laws against human rights activists working on issues regarding minority groups and the need to strengthen journalism standards when reporting on minority groups, highlighting the role and responsibilities of journalists in countering stereotypes and “hate speech” in “traditional” and online media. Through advocacy at national and international level the project will aim to achieve a multiplier effect, leveraging local impact, global influence and outreach.</p>

<p>How will the project deliver this change? <i>In no more than 200 words, outline the strategy/approach of the project and describe the key activities and outputs (on an annual basis if pitching a multi-year project).</i></p>	<p>The project will engage CSOs working on non-discrimination, freedom of expression, digital rights, and journalists to respond to hate speech: In year 1, we will organise dialogue meetings/public discussions among above-mentioned stakeholders in order to achieve greater cooperation and consensus in addressing hate speech while protecting the right to freedom of expression and conduct monitoring and research into hate speech in Russia. In year 2 and 3, we will facilitate joint in-country and international advocacy aimed at addressing the misuse of incitement to hatred legislation and finding cross-sectoral responses to hate speech that uphold international standards on freedom of expression and equality, including engaging with tech companies (Vkontakte, Odnoklassniki) to raise their awareness regarding the impact of content moderation decisions and development of hate speech policies, to ensure human rights are being respected on their platforms. Throughout the project, we will support media and journalists on ethical reporting and online campaigning against hate speech through trainings and learning opportunities in order to achieve accurate and sensitive coverage of minorities, as a form of counter speech. We will also continue providing legal support to individuals affected by the misuse of hate speech related provisions, increasing their resilience to abusive application of the Russian legislation.</p>				
<p>Risks <i>Provide brief details of any serious risks to the success of the project and how these will be mitigated.</i></p>	<p>Restrictions on domestic NGOs/ARTICLE 19 partners: Since 2012, Russia has taken steps to restrict the activities of non-governmental organisations operating inside the country. This has affected some of ARTICLE 19's partners, although many have already taken steps to reorganise in order to avoid future sanctions. Mitigation: The project will continue to monitor the situation facing local partners, but in the immediate term project partners are expected to be able to implement activities. Restrictions on ARTICLE 19: There is the potential for restrictions to be extended to international organisations, and potentially on staff ability to travel to Russia. Mitigation: This project's activities are not reliant on ARTICLE 19 staff travelling to Russia; as we could work remotely with local partners and associates to disseminate material. Security risks to local participants: Project participants are subject to harassment, intimidation and/or attacks due to their participation in the project activities. Mitigation: As exercised in previous projects, following our security protocol, A19 will assess the level of risk posed to our target groups and participants, and some activities will be relocated out of the country to ensure the security of those involved.</p>				
<p>Cost per fiscal year (FY) (April – March) <i>What is the TOTAL cost of the Project and in what currency?</i></p> <p><i>Please note:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project does not need to be multi-year. VAT should not be added to the cost of implementing 		<p><i>Co-funder(s) (if applicable):</i></p>	<p><i>Co-funding (if applicable):</i></p>	<p>Cost to the FCO</p>	<p>Total:</p>
	<p>FY20/21</p>			<p>80 000 GBP</p>	<p>80 000 GBP</p>
	<p>FY21/22 <i>(if applicable)</i></p>			<p>120 000 GBP</p>	<p>120 000 GBP</p>

<p><i>project activities.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>In all but exceptional cases, project funds are paid quarterly, in arrears.</i> <i>Payment will be made in the currency of your organisation's bank account.</i> 	FY22/23 <i>(if applicable)</i>			120 000 GBP	120 000 GBP
	All years			300 000 GBP	300 000 GBP
Timing <i>Please note:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>To allow sufficient time for contracting, project activities should not commence before 1 May 2020.</i> <i>To allow sufficient time for end-of-year reports, project activities should end by 8 March.</i> 	Planned start date: 1/08/2020		Planned completion date: 31/03/2023		



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PROJECT CONCEPT FORM P2.066

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Project Title	Strengthening accountability of local media and freedom of expression in Russia
Objective <i>This must be NO MORE than one sentence.</i>	To advance the accountability and performance of local media and strengthen freedom of information and expression in Russia by improving transparency and collaboration and promoting the adoption of journalistic standards.
Lead Implementing Organisation <i>Name(s) of lead organisational contact(s); Address; Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website</i>	Reporters Without Borders (RSF) 60 Farringdon Road, London, EC1R 3GA, United Kingdom Tel: +44 (0)207 324 8903 Contact: Rebecca Vincent, rvincent@rsf.org

<p>Other Implementing Organisation(s) <i>Name(s) of other organisational contact(s); Address(es); Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website(s)</i></p>	<p>The Thomson Foundation 46 Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1JE, United Kingdom Tel: +44 203 440 2440 Contact: David Quin, davidq@thomsonfoundation.org</p>
<p>To which International Programme goal will this project contribute the most? <i>Choose one of the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustaining links between UK and Russian peoples on a wide range of subjects, promoting collaboration and fostering mutual respect. • Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law. • Addressing global and local challenges through policy dialogue and exchange of expertise. • Increasing opportunities for doing business. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law.
<p>To what other International Programme goals will the project contribute? <i>Indicate if any of the other goals listed above will be advanced by the project.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustaining links between UK and Russian peoples on a wide range of subjects, promoting collaboration and fostering mutual respect; • Addressing global and local challenges through policy dialogue and exchange of expertise; and • Increasing opportunities for doing business.

What change will this project deliver?

In no more than 200 words, explain why this project is important and describe its anticipated long-term impact.

As a countermeasure to the rise of cyberattacks, disinformation, and harassment online, RSF initiated the Journalism Trust Initiative (JTI) – supported by a coalition including the Thomson Foundation - to create and distribute widely accepted, objectifiable criteria for trustworthy news.

Through this project, RSF will implement JTI in Russia to support improved decision-making on news distribution and consumption – and through the successful implementation of the JTI approach, will seek to improve the broader climate for freedom of information and expression in Russia.

The project seeks to achieve the following objectives:

- **Secure an understanding and enabling environment for the successful implementation of JTI** by engaging with Russian stakeholders, i.e. ministries, local authorities, unions and professional associations, civil society actors, business communities, and standard-setting and accreditation bodies – also supported by transnational peers;
- **Support the implementation of JTI by media outlets** by offering and promoting the tool to media, including the development of suitable means and networks of excellence;
- **Raising awareness of accountability and transparency in the public domain** by elevating engagement of media outlets with local communities and businesses; and
- **Improve the broader climate for freedom of information and expression in Russia.**

How will the project deliver this change?

In no more than 200 words, outline the strategy/approach of the project and describe the key activities and outputs (on an annual basis if pitching a multi-year project).

To achieve the aforementioned objectives, RSF will implement the following activities in collaboration with the Thomson Foundation. RSF will also seek to partner with local civil society partners on specific activities, including the Glasnost Defence Foundation, the Mass Media Defence Centre, and Roskomsvoboda.

Year One: Environment

- Develop a strategy/process for approaching authorities and decision-makers
- Develop and implement an advocacy and communication plan

Year Two: Implementation

- Carry out an initial survey to map and analyse the Russian media ecosystem and its context, as well as the broader freedom of information and freedom of expression climate in Russia
- Conduct research and analysis in order to identify the most effective strategy for implementing JTI in Russia
- Make Russian journalists and media executives aware of the advantages of using the JTI and implement it
- Carry out an accompanying survey and evaluation of the views of involved and engaged journalists with regard to the JTI process

Year Three: Awareness

- Develop and implement a public outreach and communication plan
 - Develop and implement an advocacy plan to address key freedom of expression challenges, building on the successful implementation of JTI

Risks

Provide brief details of any serious risks to the success of the project and how these will be mitigated.

Addressing freedom of expression challenges in Russia is not without risk; the country has long held one of the world's worst press freedom records, with a ranking of 149th out of 180 countries in RSF's 2019 World Press Freedom Index. However, RSF believes the neutral and collaborative approach of JTI is a relatively safe entry point and presents the best possible chance of success in working to effectively address these serious issues.

RSF will conduct a thorough risk assessment at the start of the project and will develop a plan to minimise and respond to any risks that arise throughout the implementation period – with a particular focus on the risks faced by local partners.

Cost per fiscal year (FY) (April – March)

What is the **TOTAL** cost of the Project and in what currency?

Please note:

- The project does not need to be multi-year.
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	Co-funder(s) (if applicable):	Co-funding (if applicable):	Cost to the FCO	Total:
FY20/21	Craig Newmark Foundation	£100,000	£350,000	£450,000
FY21/22 (if applicable)			£350,000	£350,000
FY22/23 (if applicable)			£350,000	£350,000
All years			£1050,000	£1150,000

Timing

Please note:

- To allow sufficient time for contracting, project activities should not commence before 1 May 2020.
- To allow sufficient time for end-of-year reports, project activities should end by 8 March.

Planned start date: 1 May 2020

Planned completion date: 8 March 2023

<p>Post Comments</p> <p><i>Include which fund or business plan objective this project will help deliver.</i></p>		
<p>Should this Concept now be worked into a Full Proposal?</p> <p>For either Yes or No please provide a rationale.</p>		<p>Yes/No</p>
<p>Date</p>		

PROJECT CONCEPT FORM P2.033

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Project Title	Overcoming silence: National map of the Soviet Repressions
Objective <i>This must be NO MORE than one sentence.</i>	The main objective of the project is to promote tolerance, social cohesion, and reconciliation through the collaborative development of the new forms of the rethinking the Stalinist repressions (Soviet past) - its history, geography, and public commemorative form/public memory – and developing local and regional policies of new commemorative practices by series of expeditions.
Lead Implementing Organisation <i>Name(s) of lead organisational contact(s); Address; Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website</i>	INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC ORGANIZATION "INTERNATIONAL HISTORICAL, EDUCATIONAL, HUMAN RIGHTS AND CHARITABLE SOCIETY "MEMORIAL"; 12, Maly Karetny per. 127051 Moscow, Russia; <u>+7 (495) 650-78-83</u> , <u>+7 (495) 609-06-94</u> (fax); web-site https://www.memo.ru/ru-ru/ Elena Zhemkova, executive director, tel. +7-916-675-6530, e-mail: zhemkova@memo.ru ; Sergey Krivenko, project coordinator, tel. +7-916-511-7810, e-mail: gramy@gmail.com
Other Implementing Organisation(s) <i>Name(s) of other organisational contact(s); Address(es); Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website(s)</i>	Christ Church, University of Oxford, https://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/ , Christ Church, St. Aldates, Oxford, United Kingdom; Dr. Sofya Gavrilova, sofya.gavrilova@chch.ox.ac.uk ; Professor Judith Pallot, judith.pallot@chch.ox.ac.uk

<p>To which International Programme goal will this project contribute the most? <i>Choose one of the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustaining links between UK and Russian peoples on a wide range of subjects, promoting collaboration and fostering mutual respect. • Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law. • Addressing global and local challenges through policy dialogue and exchange of expertise. • Increasing opportunities for doing business. 	<p>Addressing global and local challenges through policy dialogue and exchange of expertise.</p>
<p>To what other International Programme goals will the project contribute? <i>Indicate if any of the other goals listed above will be advanced by the project.</i></p>	<p>Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law.</p>
<p>What change will this project deliver? <i>In no more than 200 words, explain why this project is important and describe its anticipated long-term impact.</i></p>	<p>The project addresses one of the main issues of the modern Russian civil society — the absence of dialog about the Soviet past and its totalitarian practices, which are present in regional history and geography across Russia, but often silenced within the community. The Russian government and the official historical narrative do little to overcome that gap in social and cultural spheres, though do not deny the Soviet repressions totally. Not only the memory starts to vanish, but the physical remains of the Terror starting to disappear, making it barely possible to gather first-hand evidences by interviewers, or map the remaining traces of the Gulag. The project proposes to overcome the existing gap in public memory by launching innovative crowdsourcing mapping platform 'The objects of the Soviet terror on the map of Russia'. The joint expertise of historians from Memorial, geographers from the University of Oxford will allow to develop the unique web-platform, that would not only map the remaining traces of the Gulag, but evoke and promote interest within wider. Therefore, the anticipated long-term impact of the project is the appearance of regional communities of activists with various on- and off-line forms of cooperation.</p>

<p>How will the project deliver this change? <i>In no more than 200 words, outline the strategy/approach of the project and describe the key activities and outputs (on an annual basis if pitching a multi-year project).</i></p>	<p>The idea of the project is based on the existing practices and expertise of the several projects, realised by Memorial ('Topography of Terror in Moscow' https://topos.memo.ru/), «Nekropolis of the Gulag» (https://www.mapofmemory.org/) and by the geographers from University of Oxford - 'Mapping the Gulag' (gulagmaps.org).</p> <p>The first year will bring together the international community of geographers, historians, activists to establish the dialog and develop the described platform. It will also test the developed platform on several case studies across Russia.</p> <p>The second year will be mainly dedicated to the establishment of the regional societies (teachers, students, activists) across Russian regions by launching the series of seminars and hands-on workshops and promotion of the platform. Moreover, the 'school for tour guides' will be developed and launched. In parallel to that, the platform will be enriching with the data.</p> <p>The third year will widen up the geography of the regions, involved in the project, and will launch the crowdsourcing option to be able to incorporate the data not only from the community of experts, but from the wider audience. That will allow to reach the overarching goal and make the web-platform truly public.</p>				
<p>Risks <i>Provide brief details of any serious risks to the success of the project and how these will be mitigated.</i></p>	<p>All the problems (methodological, technical or scientific) which may arise about the developing the Platform could be solved quite easily by appealing to the wider expert community in Russia and UK. The main risk of the project is political — forced closure of the Memorial by the Russian government. But as Memorial is an international organisation and has its branches in Czech Republic and Germany, the project could be quite easily relocated there.</p>				
<p>Cost per fiscal year (FY) (April – March) <i>What is the TOTAL cost of the Project and in what currency?</i></p> <p><i>Please note:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project does not need to be multi-year. • VAT should not be added to the cost of implementing project activities. • In all but exceptional cases, project funds are paid quarterly, in arrears. • Payment will be made in the currency of your organisation's bank account. 		Christ Church	<i>International Memorial</i>	Cost to the FCO	Total:
	FY20/21	8000 pounds	27 000 pounds	170,000 pounds	205,000 pounds
	FY21/22 <i>(if applicable)</i>		20 000 pounds	190,000 pounds	210,000 pounds
	FY22/23 <i>(if applicable)</i>		20 000 pounds	120,000 pounds	140,000 pounds
	All years	3	75000	480,000 pounds	555,000 pounds

Timing Please note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To allow sufficient time for contracting, project activities should not commence before 1 May 2020. To allow sufficient time for end-of-year reports, project activities should end by 8 March. 	Planned start date: 01.05.2020	Planned completion date: 1.03.2023
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DO NOT COMPLETE THIS SECTION		
Post Comments <i>Include which fund or business plan objective this project will help deliver.</i>		
Should this Concept now be worked into a Full Proposal? For either Yes or No please provide a rationale.		Yes/No
Date		



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PROJECT CONCEPT FORM P2.055

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Project Title	Promoting Human Rights and the Rule of Law in Russia through the development of a Russian Anti-Discrimination Law Platform (ADLP).
Objective <i>This must be NO MORE than one sentence.</i>	To strengthen the rule of law and improve legal protection of the human rights to equality and non-discrimination in Russia by (a) establishing a Russian Anti-Discrimination Law Platform to strengthen implementation and enforcement of Russia's anti-discrimination law framework and (b) increasing the financial, technical and strategic capacity of lawyers and human rights defenders to identify, develop and litigate cases on equality.
Lead Implementing Organisation <i>Name(s) of lead organisational contact(s); Address; Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website</i>	Jim Fitzgerald, Director Equal Rights Trust (ERT) 244-254 Cambridge Heath Road, London, E2 9DA Tel: +44 (0)207 6102786 Jim.fitzgerald@equalrightstrust.org https://www.equalrightstrust.org/

<p>Other Implementing Organisation(s) <i>Name(s) of other organisational contact(s); Address(es); Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website(s)</i></p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>To which International Programme goal will this project contribute the most? <i>Choose one of the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustaining links between UK and Russian peoples on a wide range of subjects, promoting collaboration and fostering mutual respect. • Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law. • Addressing global and local challenges through policy dialogue and exchange of expertise. • Increasing opportunities for doing business. 	<p>This project has been designed to contribute to the achievement of Goal 2 (two) of this call for proposals: <u>Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law.</u></p> <p>The right to non-discrimination is recognised under international law as a free-standing,^[1] fundamental <u>human right</u> in itself,^[2] and a necessary precondition for the <u>promotion and protection of all human rights.</u>^[3] As reflected in FCO's foreign policy objectives^[4] and thematic publications, these rights also operate as fundamental <u>democratic values, inherent to the rule of law.</u>^[5] Whilst the Russian legal framework on equality is fragile, and the state has failed to adopt comprehensive equality legislation in line with its international obligations,^[6] research undertaken by the Equal Rights Trust over the past four years,^{[7][8]} has identified numerous legal mechanisms through which equality and non-discrimination guarantees may be successfully implemented at the domestic level. However, as described in further detail below, weak case recording systems; limited financial and technical capacity of lawyers and CSOs; and an increasingly repressive state attitude towards human rights defenders, limit the successful use of these mechanisms, impeding effective implementation of laws and the further development of positive equality law jurisprudence.</p> <p>This project aims to address these barriers; improving implementation of the <u>rights to equality and non-discrimination</u> and thereby <u>strengthening the Rule of Law</u> in Russia through: (i) the creation of a Russian Anti-Discrimination Law Platform through which knowledge, information, expertise and resources may be shared by equality defenders; and (ii) targeted strategic case interventions aimed at improving the judicial protection and application of equality rights.</p>

To what other International Programme goals will the project contribute?

Indicate if any of the other goals listed above will be advanced by the project.

This project will further contribute to the achievement of Goals 1 (one) and 3 (three) of this call.

i) Sustaining links between UK and Russian peoples on a wide range of subjects, promoting collaboration and fostering mutual respect.

As reflected in the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, the right to equality is an inalienable aspect of human dignity; one founded upon the principles of mutual respect and understanding.^[9] The UK government has consistently recognised the importance of rights to equality and non-discrimination, which are universal in scope and inherent to the protection of all human rights. This action has been designed to complement, and builds upon, previous FCO interventions in the field of human rights protection in Russia. The Equal Rights Trust is a recipient of three previous FCO grants – one of which is ongoing – each of which has focused on the need for improved protection, implementation and enforcement of rights to equality and non-discrimination and each of which has built links between UK and Russian equality activists and lawyers. This project will strengthen and sustain these links, in particular through the future involvement of UK pro bono lawyers as mentors to Russian lawyers involved in litigation. In addition, this project will improve links between the courts and victims of discrimination at the domestic level, by supporting increased access to justice through the improved implementation of equality and non-discrimination guarantees. Collaboration is at the heart of this action: providing a sustainable platform for knowledge and resource sharing among Russian CSOs and lawyers.

iii) Addressing global and local challenges through policy dialogue and exchange of expertise

Inequality and discrimination are global challenges that require a holistic approach, focused on the adoption and implementation of comprehensive equality legislation. Whilst, in ERT's experience working in Russia for the last six years, direct advocacy and campaigning for equality law reform is unlikely to have a positive impact on rights protection for discriminated groups – and may indeed prove dangerous or counter-productive – much can be achieved through the courts, including in particular targeted strategic litigation. With FCO and EU funding, the Equal Rights Trust is currently in the process of preparing a comprehensive report on jurisprudence on equality in Russia. Through that work, it has become evident that the lack of an adequate system for reporting, coding and distributing cases relevant to equality impedes the implementation of rights in practice. Through the development of a Russian Anti-Discrimination Platform, CSOs and lawyers involved in litigating discrimination cases will have access to a centralised system of information – including best practice materials on litigation developed by the Trust in collaboration with Russian lawyers; and case reports initially built on our existing research, and subsequently developed by platform users. The Platform will offer the opportunity to CSOs and lawyers to network; pool their expertise and increase collaboration. The involvement of regional networks will ensure local ownership and the

What change will this project deliver?

In no more than 200 words, explain why this project is important and describe its anticipated long-term impact.

This project will **improve legal protection for victims of discrimination in Russia.**

It is **important and necessary** to address four key challenges identified by ERT over six years working in the state: (i) weak jurisprudence on equality and non-discrimination; driven *inter alia* by (ii) weak case recording and information systems which limit lawyers' access to information; (iii) limited financial and technical capacity of Russian lawyers to litigate discrimination cases; and (iv) shrinking space for human rights defenders and lawyers working on discrimination issues.

This project **will address these needs** by: (1) establishing an Anti-Discrimination Law Platform which will serve as an informational and networking hub for CSOs and lawyers working with discriminated groups; (2) developing equality law materials including practical guides on litigating equality cases, case reports and analyses; (3) training lawyers and CSOs on strategic litigation through our existing regional CSO networks; and (4) identifying, developing and litigating cases through national and regionally established mechanisms to improve equality jurisprudence.

The project's **long-term impact** will be the existence of a collaborative network of lawyers and CSOs working together to improve enforcement of the right to non-discrimination, with access to essential jurisprudence and to expertise via the Anti-Discrimination Law Platform.

<p>How will the project deliver this change? <i>In no more than 200 words, outline the strategy/approach of the project and describe the key activities and outputs (on an annual basis if pitching a multi-year project).</i></p>	<p>Enjoyment of the right to non-discrimination requires effective legal protection. In Russia, improved protection is unlikely to come through legislative reform; rather, victims must look to vindicate their rights under existing laws. However, lawyers lack access to information, resources and support, so jurisprudence remains underdeveloped. Our strategy, therefore, focuses on two mutually supportive goals:</p> <p><u>Establishment of an Anti-Discrimination Platform.</u></p> <p>In Y1, ERT will develop an Anti-Discrimination Platform (A1) to <u>increase networking and information sharing (Op1)</u>. In Ys1&2, we will produce platform content (A2) to <u>increase availability and access to case reports and legal resources on equality amongst 100 lawyers and CSOs (Op2)</u>. In Y1-3, <u>seven regional workshops (A3)</u> will draw together potential platform users, to identify needs, resources and collaboration opportunities.</p> <p><u>Strategic Litigation Support</u></p> <p>In Y1, seven individuals will undertake <u>strategic litigation training</u> and, following a Training-of-Trainers model, will then develop the practical skills of 100 lawyers and CSOs in each of seven regional networks (A4; Op3). In Ys2-3, these networks will identify develop <u>14 strategic litigation cases</u>; while ERT will identify and support <u>12 cases</u> via a national call, with support from a selection committee comprising experts we have previously engaged (A5; Op4).</p>
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Risks

Provide brief details of any serious risks to the success of the project and how these will be mitigated.

As previously discussed, ERT has worked in Russia for the last six years, implementing three FCO-Funded projects and two projects funded by the European Union. During that time, we have developed an acute understanding of the risks and difficulties in implementing human rights projects in Russia as a foreign organisation working in partnership with local actors.

As part of our current project, ERT has undertaken an extensive risk assessment of the Russian context, including commissioning an independent consultant to produce a report on the Foreign Agent Law and associated legislation, following amendments passed in late 2019, which may increase the risk to individual human rights defenders. As result of these amendments, and broader crackdowns on domestic Russian human rights NGOs witnessed in the second half of 2019, project risks have increased. The decision to move away from implementing this action with a formal project partner has been informed by these developments. However, as a result of the experience gained over the last six years, we remain confident that the risks of the proposed project can be mitigated through the adaptations made to our project methodology, and through adoption of the measures proposed below.

1. Risks associated with transfer of funds to project beneficiaries:

The Foreign Agent law means there are risks associated with transferring funds from abroad to partners, consultants, and other beneficiaries. For projects where there are risks associated with transfer of funds, ERT adapts our standard operating procedures (documented procedures and controls for the transfer of funds and associated record-keeping) to mitigate risks specific to each project context. Procedures include: diversifying means of transferring of funds, on-going assessments on methods of transfer, clear lines of communication with the recipient on when and how transfers are made, neutral codes and payment references for bank records, and maximum amounts per transfer and numbers of transfers using the same method. ERT is now well-versed in applying such procedures to mitigate the risks of transferring funds to Russia, and this has allowed for the ongoing successful implementation of activities despite the Foreign Agent law. As described above, ERT recently commissioned the production of a report on the Foreign Agent Law, aimed at assessing recent legislative developments and recalibrating our approach. On the basis of the research, we have concluded that it is simpler and safer for all concerned to work without a formal partner to distribute funds to project beneficiaries. Going forward, we will instead work with a series of informal partners through consultancy agreements to assist in the implementation of individual activities. ERT has utilised this approach to great success in similar environments. Furthermore, the further narrowing of the scope of our work (which focuses primarily on litigation and the implementation of existing legislation, and is focused on the less controversial topic of non-discrimination rather than activities perceived to be more public-facing or "political" in nature) minimises the risk of any informal partner being affected. Finally, the adoption of an approach which involves working in a matrix with a large number of

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	FY21/22 (if applicable)	NA	NA	£90,000	£90,000
	FY22/23 (if applicable)	NA	NA	£85,000	£85,000
	All years	European Union	£16,000	£274,000	£290,000
Timing Please note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To allow sufficient time for contracting, project activities should not commence before 1 May 2020. To allow sufficient time for end-of-year reports, project activities should end by 8 March. 	Planned start date: 1 May 2020		Planned completion date: 8 March 2023		

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Project Title	Torture by Russian security forces: Development of a network of legal assistance to victims
Objective <i>This must be NO MORE than one sentence.</i>	The adoption by the authorities of systemic measures to effectively combat torture in Russia.
Lead Implementing Organisation <i>Name(s) of lead organisational contact(s); Address; Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website</i>	«Zona Prava», Moscow 101000 Armyanskiy pereulok, 9, building 1, office 307, +7 (937) 285-22-99, +7 (917) 87-031-57, info.zonaprava@gmail.com www.zonaprava.com
Other Implementing Organisation(s) <i>Name(s) of other organisational contact(s); Address(es); Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website(s)</i>	The core media partner is «Mediazona», one of the largest media resources in Russia. It specializes in human rights litigation coverage. www.zona.media info@zona.media +79296516212
To which International Programme goal will this project contribute the most? <i>Choose one of the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustaining links between UK and Russian peoples on a wide range of subjects, promoting collaboration and fostering mutual respect. • Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law. 	Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing global and local challenges through policy dialogue and exchange of expertise. • Increasing opportunities for doing business. 	
<p>To what other International Programme goals will the project contribute? <i>Indicate if any of the other goals listed above will be advanced by the project.</i></p>	-
<p>What change will this project deliver? <i>In no more than 200 words, explain why this project is important and describe its anticipated long-term impact.</i></p>	<p>Today, torture is the main problem in the human rights agenda of Russia.</p> <p>The absence of the article "Torture" as an official crime in the Criminal Code eloquently characterizes the attitude of the Russian authorities to the problem of inhuman treatment in law enforcement agencies. Russia has already denied amendments to the UN Special Committee to combat inhuman treatment six times.</p> <p>According to human rights organizations, the Russian Ombudsman, and the Presidential Council for Human Rights, the new article would play an important preventive measure and could increase the measure of responsibility for security officials.</p> <p>The formation of judicial practice on the payment of adequate monetary compensation to victims at the national level would save the victims from going to the ECHR and waiting for a long-term decision on their complaint. (Russia is one of the leaders in the number of citizen complaints in the Strasbourg court).</p> <p>Given the size of the country, effective torture work is only possible in collaboration with local civil society institutions. The development of «Zona Prava»'s network (through round tables, seminars, meetings) will allow any victim in any region to count on timely, qualified legal assistance.</p> <p>In addition, close cooperation with federal and regional media would help to regularly support the topic of torture in the country's information space.</p>
<p>How will the project deliver this change? <i>In no more than 200 words, outline the strategy/approach of the project and describe the key activities and outputs (on an annual basis if pitching a multi-year project).</i></p>	<p>Over the course of two years, «Zona Prava» will actively draw the attention of the Russian authorities, the public and the media to the need to effectively combat torture.</p> <p>1. Public events (hot lines, round tables, seminars, information events with the invitation of public figures and government representatives in the regions) - at least 10 (5 per year)</p>

	<p>2. Monitoring the situation of torture in Russia, appealing to state authorities with complaints and suggestions, preparing at least 4 reports on current problems in this area (2 per year)</p> <p>3. Work with the media, production of videos - at least 800 materials in federal and regional media, close cooperation with the editorial staff of «Mediazona», including covering high-profile lawsuits and preparing memos for potential victims of torture, production of at least 10 videos (also the issue of production of 1-2 documentaries is currently under discussion).</p> <p>4. Conducting 20 strategically important cases in various regions of the country.</p> <p>Legal assistance to victims will consist in representing their interests at the stage of pre-investigation verification, preliminary investigation and in court (including the ECHR).</p>				
<p>Risks <i>Provide brief details of any serious risks to the success of the project and how these will be mitigated.</i></p>	<p>The high risk for the work of "Zona Prava" on the project may be associated with the ongoing pressure of the authorities on the civilian sector.</p> <p>Nevertheless, even in the current difficult conditions, we continue to improve our work and improve the quality of work.</p> <p>Last year, we convicted 20 law enforcement officers (Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Federal Penitentiary Service, the FSB), mainly for torture, and recovered more than 6 million rubles in favor of the victims as compensation for moral damage.</p> <p>Less risk is associated with possible threats against lawyers representing the interests of the victims, and the victims themselves, in cases where the accused are the security forces.</p> <p>In this case, we plan to engage partner human rights organizations to jointly protect the rights of lawyers and victims.</p>				
<p>Cost per fiscal year (FY) (April – March)</p>		<p><i>Co-funder(s) (if applicable):</i></p>	<p><i>Co-funding (if applicable):</i></p>	<p>Cost to the FCO</p>	<p>Total:</p>

<p>What is the TOTAL cost of the Project and in what currency?</p> <p>Please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project does not need to be multi-year. VAT should not be added to the cost of implementing project activities. In all but exceptional cases, project funds are paid quarterly, in arrears. Payment will be made in the currency of your organisation's bank account. 	FY20/21	Anonymous	23000 \$	75000 \$	173000 \$
		OAK Foundation	50000 \$		
		Norwegian Helsinki Committee	25000 \$		
	FY21/22 (if applicable)				75000 \$
FY22/23 (if applicable)					
All years	Anonymous	98000 \$	150000 \$	248000 \$	
	OAK Foundation				
	Norwegian Helsinki Committee				
<p>Timing</p> <p>Please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To allow sufficient time for contracting, project activities should not commence before 1 May 2020. To allow sufficient time for end-of-year reports, project activities should end by 8 March. 	Planned start date:		Planned completion date:		
	1.05.2020		1.03.2022		

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Project Title	Crisis center for women and children "Hope". Protection of human rights of women and children in the Chechen Republic by provision shelter, rehabilitation services and legal support.
Objective <i>This must be NO MORE than one sentence.</i>	To protect human rights of women and children in the Chechen Republic by provision shelter, rehabilitation services and legal support at the crisis center "Hope"
Lead Implementing Organisation <i>Name(s) of lead organisational contact(s); Address; Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website</i>	Women for Development (LLC) Libkan Bazaeva Address: Koltsova st., 103 A, Grozny city, the Chechen Republic, Russia Ph.: +7 928 789 96 61 E-mail: bazaeva@mail.ru Web-site: www.womenfd.com
Other Implementing Organisation(s) <i>Name(s) of other organisational contact(s); Address(es); Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website(s)</i>	N/A

<p>To which International Programme goal will this project contribute the most? <i>Choose <u>one</u> of the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustaining links between UK and Russian peoples on a wide range of subjects, promoting collaboration and fostering mutual respect. • Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law. • Addressing global and local challenges through policy dialogue and exchange of expertise. • Increasing opportunities for doing business. 	<p>Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law</p>
<p>To what other International Programme goals will the project contribute? <i>Indicate if any of the other goals listed above will be advanced by the project.</i></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>What change will this project deliver? <i>In no more than 200 words, explain why this project is important and describe its anticipated long-term impact.</i></p>	<p>Women and children are the most vulnerable group in the North Caucasus as they suffer from human rights atrocities, including gender-based violence, the most. Women bear domestic violence as if they wish to divorce, their children will be kept with fathers as it is required by tradition. Families of women do not support them in protecting their human rights as they don't want to sacrifice "honor" of family. Official authorities represented by male judges often take side of men and if even the decision in the court is taken in the favour of women – judicial executors represented by men – do not take efforts to implement court decisions. First crisis center for women and children "Nadezhda" was opened in Grozny in 2018 and provided shelter and rehabilitation for 84 women and children. The donor of the Project was the Fund of presidential grants (Russia). It is important to support the Center as this is the only crisis center in the Chechen Republic.</p> <p>The anticipated long-term impact of the Project – sustainable crisis center is functioning in the Chechen Republic providing safety and human rights protection for 80 women and children in need every year.</p>

<p>How will the project deliver this change? <i>In no more than 200 words, outline the strategy/approach of the project and describe the key activities and outputs (on an annual basis if pitching a multi-year project).</i></p>	<p>The project will offer women and children multi-facet support to defend their human rights by a) placing them in the shelter to end the situation of the domestic violence; b) by provision of qualified legal support and personal attorney; c) by provision of rehabilitation services and psychological support; d) by sensitizing and educating local communities on human rights of women and children.</p> <p>On an annual basis the following results will be delivered: 80 women and children suffered from gender violence, physical abuse and other human rights violations will be placed in the crisis shelter "Nadezhda" where they would be offered accommodation, hot shower, meal, rehabilitation, psychological and legal aid to ensure their safety and protection of their human rights; 30 cases of women and children will be defended in the court; 120 000 men and women, girls and boys will be sensitized through information campaign; Key activities: Support of the infrastructure of the crisis center in Grozny city to provide accommodation for three families simultaneously and essential services; Rehabilitation programme for women and children including psychological aid and relaxation activities; Legal counselling and personal attorney services to women.</p>				
<p>Risks <i>Provide brief details of any serious risks to the success of the project and how these will be mitigated.</i></p>	<p>The risk of persecution of personnel of "Women for Development" including personnel of the crisis center on the part of authorities and the male relatives of women and children. This will be mitigated by contracting professional security services to ensure safety of the personnel of the crisis center.</p> <p>The connotation of the center will be not as "the shelter for victims of the domestic violence" but as the crisis center for women and children in a difficult situation. Also, hence the launch of the crisis center was supported by the Fund of presidential grants, it will be used in communication with the authorities to build the trust to the Project.</p> <p>Also, the funds of the FCO could be the reason for the authorities to include the organization to the list of "foreign agents" which will hamper work of the organization. This will be managed by operation of the projects by the "Women for Development" (LLC) and not disclosing the donor of the Project to the wide public.</p>				
<p>Cost per fiscal year (FY) (April – March) <i>What is the TOTAL cost of the Project and in what currency?</i></p>		<p><i>Co-funder (Fund "Nuzhna Pomosch):</i></p> <p>FY20/21 £18 750</p>	<p><i>Co-funding (NGO "Women for Development"):</i></p> <p>£22 250</p>	<p>Cost to the FCO</p> <p>£40 000</p>	<p>Total:</p> <p>£81 000</p>

	FY21/22 <i>(if applicable)</i>	£18 750	£22 250	£40 000	£81 000
	FY22/23 <i>(if applicable)</i>	£18 750	£22 250	£40 000	£81 000
	All years	£56 250	£66 750	£120 000	£243 000
Timing <i>Please note:</i>	Planned start date:		Planned completion date:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To allow sufficient time for contracting, project activities should not commence before 1 May 2020. To allow sufficient time for end-of-year reports, project activities should end by 8 March. 	1 May 2020		7 March 2023		

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Project Title	Consolidation and strengthening of the work of community centers and shelters for the LGBT community in the regions of Russia.
Objective <i>This must be NO MORE than one sentence.</i>	Association and empowerment of community centers and shelters for LGBT + in five regions of Russia through the introduction and testing of new working methods and successful practices.
Lead Implementing Organisation <i>Name(s) of lead organisational contact(s); Address; Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website</i>	Moscow community center for LGBT + initiatives, NPO financial operator "Perspektyva Plus" (Lithuania): Address S.Stanevicaus g. 19-40, Vilnius, 07133 Lithuania +79151875907, vinnichenko73@gmail.com
Other Implementing Organisation(s) <i>Name(s) of other organisational contact(s); Address(es); Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website(s)</i>	Resource Center "Mayak" (Vladivostok), Krasnodar "Reverse", Community Center in Arkhangelsk "Rakurs", Community Center Yekaterinburg London / Association of Russian-speaking LGBT migrants in London Andreevsky Olga andreyevskikh@gmail.com
To which International Programme goal will this project contribute the most? <i>Choose one of the following:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustaining links between UK and Russian peoples on a wide range of subjects, promoting collaboration and fostering mutual respect. Through the exchange of experience and the search for successful practices in the development of crisis centers and shelters in the UK • Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law. Through the development of a platform for empowerment and the consolidation of LGBT + centers in Russia
To what other International Programme	The project will help spread democratic values, ideas of equality and social justice by increasing the visibility

goals will the project contribute?

Indicate if any of the other goals listed above will be advanced by the project.

of the problems of LGBT minorities in Russia and creating a stable network of social contacts of helping organizations. An important component of the project is the search for effective and successful practices, drawing on the experience of UK LGBT organizations in organizing crisis centers and shelters, scaling crisis protocols and adapting them to the conditions of Russia.

Project Objectives: for participating organizations

1. Creation of an existing stable network and social contacts of LGBT organizations and resource centers for LGBT people in the RF regions
2. The growth of horizontal ties between LGBT activists, specialists working in existing assistance organizations from various regions, the creation and development of initiatives and projects in the field
3. Formation of joint projects with UK organizations
4. Training and enhancing the competencies of specialists in the field of human rights protection, exchange of experience, development of leadership qualities of LGBT + in the regions together with UK partners
5. Capacity building and replenishment of participants' resources through group and individual burnout prevention programs.

For the LGBT community in Russian regions:

1. Affordable and stable assistance in difficult life situations related to SOGIE
2. Emergency development in situations of risk to life and health.
3. Development and creation of a system of services for LGBT +, who find themselves in a difficult life situation, in the main regions of Russia. As one of the basic elements, this is a system of shelters, on the basis of which other services will be provided, such as:

Assisting in finding housing for people affected by SOGIE discrimination with the help of assisting professionals and providing temporary housing (Shelter)

Assistance in finding a job

- trainings / webinars on how to look for work (what resources to use, how best to create a resume, how to write cover letters, etc.)
- trainings / webinars on how to pass an interview (how to prepare for an interview, what time to come, how to look, typical questions / answers to interviews)

Help with coming out and after coming out period

- accompaniment of a psychologist (psychology cover) to prepare for coming out, during coming out and aftercare

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - providing literature for relatives <p>Work with the LGBT + community who have sex for money or other rewards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - legal advice - psychologist consultation - help finding alternative work options <p>Creation of a 24-hour helpline for LGBT + people exposed to various forms of domestic violence and for LGBT + people in difficult life situations.</p> <p>Justification of the project and the creation of a network of shelters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - from many regions to get to Moscow, where the only stable shelter works is difficult and expensive. - staying in his region, a person can save his work, social contacts, provided that the problem is only the loss of a home - often in Moscow Shelter receives requests that require temporary assistance with living (preventing homelessness) due to a conflict with a partner, a conflict with parents after coming out or outing, refusal to rent a house due to homophobia or transphobia - a network of shelters will expand the availability and improve the quality of service, help people migrate within the country in order to get a job and start a new life in another region.
<p>What change will this project deliver? <i>In no more than 200 words, explain why this project is important and describe its anticipated long-term impact.</i></p>	<p>Expected Long-Term Changes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Strengthening the position of LGBT activists in the field of human rights protection, expanding the influence of LGBT people on the formation of a political and human rights agenda and the development of activism in the regions.</i> 2. <i>Improving the representation and visibility of LGBT people in the social and political spheres, expanding the participation of LGBT people in public life and social projects, and interacting with crisis centers for women and adolescents. On the social and political agendas: improving the representation of LGBT issues, issues of gender equality, democratic values.</i> 3. <i>The development of LGBT projects in the regions of Russia, the creation of grassroots initiatives, increasing the activity of the LGBT community in the regions.</i> 4. <i>Reducing discrimination and stigmatization of LGBT people by increasing their representation in public spheres in Russia</i>
<p>How will the project deliver this change? <i>In no more than 200 words, outline the strategy/approach of the project and describe the key activities and outputs (on an annual basis if pitching a multi-year project).</i></p>	<p><i>Project Dates: May 2020 - February 2022</i> <i>Stage 1 Preparatory: May 2020 - August 2020</i> <i>Preliminary assessment of opportunities in the regions, collection of needs in the regions, accumulation and systematization of relevant information on the situation in the regions.</i></p>

	<p><i>Stage 2 Creation of a base for a network of shelters for LGBT + in Russia: September 2020 - February 2021</i></p> <p><i>September 2020 - January 2021. Preparation of the program and internships at the Moscow Community Center for LGBT Initiatives, Moscow Shelter for LGBT Specialists and Activists from the regions selected at the preparatory stage. The program will include training and constant activity of participants in daily work.</i></p> <p><i>January 2021 - March 2021 Internship of selected participants from Moscow and Russian regions in London: meetings with crisis centers, activists and organizations, acquaintance with successful practices, modern challenges and answers to them.</i></p> <p><i>Stage 3 Development and strengthening of the network of shelters in Russia</i> <i>February 2021 - December 2022. Sub-granting for regional groups for opening support for the work of shelters in the regions, taking into account the experience gained.</i></p> <p><i>September 2020 - January 2022. Emergency assistance for LGBT people in Moscow and the regions under the program</i></p> <p><i>4th stage. Prevention of emotional burnout September 2020 - January 2022 project participants, specialists of the shelter network for LGBT + in Russia</i></p> <p><i>Reporting and Evaluation January 2022 - February 2022</i></p>
<p>Risks <i>Provide brief details of any serious risks to the success of the project and how these will be mitigated.</i></p>	<p><i>Difficult to reach the target group in regions and central cities to disseminate information</i> <i>Actions: community consolidation with such groups that are already in touch with the activists to spread a word in closed groups for the target audience.</i> <i>Difficulties: Ensure the safety of the shelter and specialists working in shelters.</i> <i>Actions: development and adoption of security protocols for shelters. Safety trainings in the internship program.</i></p> <p><i>Difficulties: Burning out specialists working in shelters</i> <i>Actions: burnout prevention unit for participants is on</i></p> <p><i>Difficulties: The difference between legal and social conditions in the UK and Russia for the application of</i></p>

	<i>successful practices</i> <i>Actions: adaptation and assessment of opportunities taking into account the Preliminary stage, the capabilities of centers in the regions.</i>				
Cost per fiscal year (FY) (April – March) <i>What is the <u>TOTAL</u> cost of the Project and in what currency?</i> <i>Please note:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The project does not need to be multi-year.</i> <i>VAT should not be added to the cost of implementing project activities.</i> <i>In all but exceptional cases, project funds are paid quarterly, in arrears.</i> <i>Payment will be made in the currency of your organisation's bank account.</i> 		<i>Co-funder(s) (if applicable):</i>	<i>Co-funding (if applicable):</i>	Cost to the FCO	Total:
	FY20/21	<i>Swedish Foundation "Rainbow"</i>	40000	60000	100000
	FY21/22 <i>(if applicable)</i>	<i>Swedish Foundation "Rainbow"</i>	40000	100000	140000
	FY22/23 <i>(if applicable)</i>	<i>Swedish Foundation "Rainbow"</i>	40000	100000	140000
	All years		120000	260000	380000
Timing <i>Please note:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>To allow sufficient time for contracting, project activities should not commence before 1 May 2020.</i> <i>To allow sufficient time for end-of-year reports, project activities should end by 8 March.</i> 	Planned start date: 1.05.2020		Planned completion date: 28.02.2022		

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Project Title	Mediazona Online Publication				
Objective <i>This must be NO MORE than one sentence.</i>	The project will support Mediazona (zona.media), Russia's leading independent and socially focused media company, in its efforts to set new standards for hard-hitting reportage about human rights violations and court proceedings at a time when most of Russia's independent media have either been shut down or have lost their editorial integrity.				
Lead Implementing Organisation <i>Name(s) of lead organisational contact(s); Address; Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website</i>	Mediazona; Moscow, Russia, 4-yy Syromyatnicheskiy per., 1/8, str.8, http://www.zona.media . Editor-in-Chief Sergey Smirnov (email: smirnov@zona.media , phone: +7 926 977-84-83)				

<p>Other Implementing Organisation(s) <i>Name(s) of other organisational contact(s); Address(es); Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website(s)</i></p>				
<p>To which International Programme goal will this project contribute the most? <i>Choose <u>one</u> of the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustaining links between UK and Russian peoples on a wide range of subjects, promoting collaboration and fostering mutual respect. • Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law. • Addressing global and local challenges through policy dialogue and exchange of expertise. • Increasing opportunities for doing business. 	<p>Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law.</p>			

<p>To what other International Programme goals will the project contribute? <i>Indicate if any of the other goals listed above will be advanced by the project.</i></p>	<p>Mediazona contributes to the discussion of many legal and structural problems haunting Russian society and state, and also reports on foreign events (including in the UK) that have implications for Russians.</p>			
<p>What change will this project deliver? <i>In no more than 200 words, explain why this project is important and describe its anticipated long-term impact.</i></p>	<p>The key objectives set for Mediazona can be summarized as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to challenge the official version of events by providing audiences with high-quality investigative journalism, compelling eyewitness accounts and live feeds from the ground; - to develop critical thinking amongst young Russians through the proactive use of social media networks and interactive content; - to prompt the authorities to take action in response to concerns raised and issues highlighted by project-funded programming. <p>Due to its prominent status on the Russian-language Internet, Mediazona can expect the issues raised through its publications to have measurable resonance, stimulating constructive engagement between multiple stakeholder groups including public officials.</p>			

<p>How will the project deliver this change? <i>In no more than 200 words, outline the strategy/approach of the project and describe the key activities and outputs (on an annual basis if pitching a multi-year project).</i></p>	<p>The project will support the production of around 120 news articles per week, at least 18 investigative reports per month and a series of online feeds delivered from crucial events across Russia. This programming will serve to expose corruption and the abuse of power whilst bringing credible and authentic voices into the public domain. In addition, the editorial team hopes to forge new partnerships with key players in the Russian and international media landscape, thereby ensuring powerful multiplier effects and consolidating its reputation as one of the last remaining bastions of independent journalism in Russia.</p>			
<p>Risks <i>Provide brief details of any serious risks to the success of the project and how these will be mitigated.</i></p>	<p>Whilst investigative reporting continues to carry significant risks for Russia's independent journalists as well as for interviewees and participants, Mediazona mitigates these risks by practicing high standards of professionalism and exercising a clear duty of care towards all stakeholders. The identities of sources are routinely protected whilst anonymity is guaranteed whenever requested.</p>			

Cost per fiscal year (FY) (April – March) <i>What is the TOTAL cost of the Project and in what currency?</i> <i>Please note:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The project does not need to be multi-year.</i> • <i>VAT should not be added to the cost of implementing project activities.</i> • <i>In all but exceptional cases, project funds are paid quarterly, in arrears.</i> • <i>Payment will be made in the currency of your organisation's bank account.</i> 		<i>Co-funder (s) (if applicable):</i>	<i>Co-funding (if applicable):</i>	Cost to the FCO	Total :
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FY20/21		OAK / own crowdfunding	100,000 GBP	100,000 GBP
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FY21/22 <i>(if applicable)</i>		OAK / own crowdfunding	100,000 GBP	100,000 GBP
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FY22/23 <i>(if applicable)</i>		OAK / own crowdfunding	100,000 GBP	100,000 GBP
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All years				
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<p>Timing <i>Please note:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>To allow sufficient time for contracting, project activities should not commence before 1 May 2020.</i> • <i>To allow sufficient time for end-of-year reports, project activities should end by 8 March.</i> 	<p>Planned start date: 1 May 2020</p>	<p>Planned completion date: 8 March 2023; the project is expected to be continued afterwards</p>		

<p>Post Comments</p> <p><i>Include which fund or business plan objective this project will help deliver.</i></p>		
<p>Should this Concept now be worked into a Full Proposal?</p> <p>For either Yes or No please provide a rationale.</p>	<p>Mediazona is prepared to work with the relevant documents to make a formal proposal if necessary.</p>	<p>Yes/No</p>
<p>Date</p>	<p>20 January 2020</p>	

dialogue and exchange of expertise.
• Increasing opportunities for doing business.

deprived of nearly all rights in Russia. Not only does the Russian asylum framework not function properly, but it is even currently degrading. As of September 30, 2019, only 522 people had been accorded refugee status in Russia (which has a total population of 144 million). Many thousands of asylum applicants have not only failed to obtain the status but were also denied entrance to the procedure to request asylum. Although the number of refugees and asylum seekers in Russia is relatively small compared with the country's population, there has been a negative and growing trend in the last three years: when undocumented migrants try to apply for refugee status, the employees of refugee departments of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (in 2016, the migration service became part of the Ministry of Internal Affairs) immediately notify the police who take on the administrative responsibility for these people. The migrants are then subject to court hearings and imposed the penalty of a fine, with the expulsion to and detention in a deportation centre nearly always imminent. Migrant workers who are in the country legally fare little better: for the authorities of Russia, they are viewed as "consumable items," merely to be used and then ejected from the country afterwards. Despite many having their families in Russia and their integration into Russian society, the authorities use even the slightest violation as a reason for their deportation. The situation of stateless persons is quite similar; having no papers or legally-recognized country of origin, they are forcibly placed in 'temporary' accommodation centres for foreign citizens for long terms. Indeed until 2017, foreign citizens were forced to spend *years* in prison prior to their expulsion. While the May 23, 2017 decision of the Constitutional Court recognized this practice as unconstitutional, the decision has not been implemented in many regions, and the practice remains the *de facto* custom.

Those with little or no money, who lack papers and do not speak Russian, cannot obtain the visit by, or have an audience with the Russian authorities about their situation, despite having this right legally. This on-the-ground reality proves the impossibility to change the migration situation in Russia without legal and professional assistance. It is therefore of crucial importance to provide such assistance via an established, experienced, and reputable network of legal points who can put in place a unified legal practice throughout Russia. The Migration and Law Network of Memorial Human Rights Center is the largest coalition of legal advisory points in different regions of Russia, includes expertise for forced and labour migrants, and has worked in partnership with the UNHCR and Russian and international organizations since 1996. The project is based on the experience of the Migration and Law Network which provides legal advice and appeals to government bodies by lawyers, most of whom act as attorneys, and work in the courts at the local and international levels. However, further development and support are needed to ensure that the Network can provide sufficient legal assistance to all of those in need. The project therefore aims to protect human rights by strengthening the Network of and providing free legal assistance to refugees and other categories of migrants in Russian regions, as well as addressing other relevant human rights issues in Russia via awareness-raising and advocacy actions at the national and international levels.



PROJECT CONCEPT FORM P2.065

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Project Title	Development and strengthening of the legal assistance network for refugees, stateless persons, & labour migrants in the regions of Russia, advocating internationally for human rights in Russia to be upheld.
Objective <i>This must be NO MORE than one sentence.</i>	To protect human rights by strengthening the Migration and Law Network and providing free legal assistance to refugees and other categories of migrants in Russian regions, as well as addressing these & other relevant human rights issues in Russia via awareness-raising and advocacy actions at national and international levels.
Lead Implementing Organisation <i>Name(s) of lead organisational contact(s); Address; Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website</i>	Interregional public organization "Human Rights Center "Memorial" Maly Karetny lane, 12 Moscow, 127051 memohrc@memohrc.org ; dobrovolskaya@memohrc.org +7 985 368-82-56 https://memohrc.org/ru
Other Implementing Organisation(s) <i>Name(s) of other organisational contact(s); Address(es); Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website(s)</i>	Netherlands Helsinki Committee Riviermarkt 5, 2513 AM The Hague, The Netherlands +31 70 392 67 00 kmeersschaert@nhc.nl www.nhc.nl

To which International Programme goal will this project contribute the most? <i>Choose <u>one</u> of the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustaining links between UK and Russian peoples on a wide range of subjects, promoting collaboration and fostering mutual respect. • Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law. • Addressing global and local challenges through policy 	Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law. As the main project aim is to uphold the rights of the migrants as one of the most vulnerable categories of society, through the proposed series of actions, the project will contribute to the development of a more democratic and just Russian society through a reduction in discrimination against powerless and disadvantaged people. Despite Russia's accession to the 1951 Convention on the Status of Refugees and related laws subsequently adopted by the government, including the law "On Refugees" (1993), asylum seekers are
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	<p>When migrants and refugees in Russia cannot get help with their issues, the situation worsens dramatically, greatly increasing the risk for corruption and crime. As the project is aimed to address these problems through legal means, it creates a basis for the re-enforcement of the rule of law and an effective rules-based legal system, and develops communications and trust within communities, an important feature of any modern open democratic country.</p>
<p>To what other International Programme goals will the project contribute? <i>Indicate if any of the other goals listed above will be advanced by the project.</i></p>	<p>The project will also contribute significantly the goal of “<i>Addressing global and local challenges through policy dialogue and exchange of expertise</i>” as its activities will include working to further develop and strengthen the community of legal professionals working in different regions of Russia.</p> <p>The project activities will also focus to a large extent on dialogue and cooperation with policy-makers at the regional, national, and international levels through series of round-tables, public discussions etc. For example, the seminars for lawyers of the Migration and Rights network will include representatives of the state institutions responsible for migration issues and for human rights in general, as one of Memorial's priority is to engage and maintain continuous dialogue with public institutions and state bodies, where possible. The main state and institutions to be involved in the project will be: Public Observation Commissions (groups that visit prisons and other closed institutions), Penitentiary services, Ombudsman offices (federal and regional ones), the Presidential Human Rights Council, Embassies of member states of the European Union (EU), the Organisation for Security & Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), and other states as relevant, and UN and Council of Europe institutions.</p> <p>The project will also include international advocacy activities, to be undertaken in partnership with the Netherlands Helsinki Committee, and aiming to ensure Russia's compliance with international human rights agreements. The NHC has a long track record working to strengthen legal protection and improve public policies that affect vulnerable or disadvantaged groups; to improve the implementation of international human rights agreements; and to mainstream human rights considerations across the spectrum of international relations. The NHC has a strong convening power, serving as the Secretariat of the Civic Solidarity Platform, and as a long-standing member of the EU-Russia Civil Society Forum and the Human Rights and Democracy Network, among others, and the NHC will draw upon and mobilize the expertise of the variety of NGOs which make up these networks in the implementation of this project. International advocacy will be primarily conducted within the framework of the Council of Europe (CoE) and will be directed, on one hand, at keeping the human rights situation in Russia on the international agenda and, on the other hand, at maintaining pressure on the Russian authorities with regards to the need to ensure that the state comply with its international human rights obligations. The scope and content of these advocacy activities will be designed by the project implementing organizations and will included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Advocacy visits to the CoE institutions (at least two visits per year) that will include bilateral advocacy

	<p>meetings with representatives of individual CoE Member States and CoE bodies;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public events covering the most pressing human rights issues in Russia (at least two side-events per year) <p>The above-mentioned activities will also include a large component of expert dialogue which exactly fits into the priorities of the program.</p> <p>The project will also include communications activities aimed at improving the general public's knowledge of, and respect for, human rights and fundamental freedoms, including freedom of expression, freedom of association, and freedom of assembly which are among those most severely restricted in Russia. Envisaged activities in this regard include an international social media/online campaign, complemented by a series of publications and events aimed at highlighting and deepening understanding of the systematic and systemic nature of human rights violations in Russia.</p>
<p>What change will this project deliver? <i>In no more than 200 words, explain why this project is important and describe its anticipated long-term impact.</i></p>	<p>The activities and results to be achieved will contribute to changing the situation of migrants in Russia for the better. Based on the results of the past few years, in the period May 1, 2020 to February 28, 2023, it is expected that such legal assistance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - will be provided for approximately 40,000 people, - around 10,000 appeals will be filed before the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the prosecutor's office, courts, and administrative bodies, - more than 2,000 court cases will be held and completed, - more than 100 complaints to the ECHR will be filed, - at least 6 seminars will be organized and conducted, - at least 4 advocacy events will be conducted each year at the international level, - at least 10 dedicated media projects will be published in Russian or international media focusing on the stories of human rights protection in Russia. <p>As a result of the project, the level of awareness about migration issues and how to deal with them will be increased for both groups of beneficiaries, the official structures, Russian society in general, and relevant actors within the international community.</p>
<p>How will the project deliver this change? <i>In no more than 200 words, outline the strategy/approach of the project and describe the key activities and outputs (on an annual basis if pitching a multi-year project).</i></p>	<p>The project includes support for current Network legal advisory points' activities and for the expansion of the Network through working to attract new qualified employees over the next three years, as well as intensification of collaboration with volunteers, trainees, and other professional lawyers, thus increasing the number of people involved in this activity (and in providing legal support on human rights issues in Russia more broadly). Information about the issues of migration will reach a wide audience, which will result in changing approaches in this area and contribute to greater understanding and tolerance.</p> <p>Cooperation between civil society and government agencies in the field of migration will be developed and strengthened and the competencies of project participants as well as the staff of migration bodies, judges, and prosecutors working with the Network and UNHCR will increase as a result of the project.</p>

	<p>Furthermore, the number of people who will receive free qualified legal assistance and social support will significantly increase.</p> <p>We also plan to achieve positive outcomes both in the legalization of applicants and in the sphere of temporary asylum, temporary residence permits, residence permits, and citizenship. Precedents will be established that could subsequently lead to amendments in migration legislation.</p>				
<p>Risks Provide brief details of any serious risks to the success of the project and how these will be mitigated.</p>	<p>The main risks of this project are the following (in order of importance and probability):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Direct threats and attacks towards lawyers and activists working on the ground will take place/increase. Measures to be taken: a detailed security protocol will be developed and implemented; all instances of negative pressure will be made public and communicated about; all relevant legal measures will be taken. 2) <i>De facto</i> impossibility to provide legal aid on the ground. Measures to be taken: –explore possibility of engaging other lawyers and partner NGOs who could take on particular cases; researching possibilities for online legal counseling. 3) A huge number of potential legal cases - too many for the current composition of the project team, Measures to be taken: cases will be discussed with partner NGOs and shared with them. 4) Growing pressure against Memorial through the “foreign agents” law and other relevant instruments. Measures to be taken: legal defense and possible full administrative actions in accordance with relevant laws. <p>All of these risks and other possible challenges will be discussed with the donor in the event that the project is supported. Detailed action plans should be developed for each potential change that would impact the implementation of the project.</p>				
<p>Cost per fiscal year (FY) (April – March) What is the TOTAL cost of the Project and in what currency?</p> <p>Please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project does not need to be multi-year. • VAT should not be added to the cost of implementing project activities. • In all but exceptional cases, project funds are paid quarterly, in arrears. • Payment will be made in the currency of your organisation’s bank account. 		<p><i>Co-funder(s) (if applicable):</i></p>	<p><i>Co-funding (if applicable):</i></p>	<p>Cost to the FCO</p>	<p>Total:</p>
	<p>FY20/21</p>	<p>UNHCR, Norwegian Helsinki Committee</p>	<p>30000 GBP</p>	<p>350000 GBPr</p>	<p>380000 GBP</p>
	<p>FY21/22 <i>(if applicable)</i></p>	<p>UNHCR,</p>	<p>30000 GBP</p>	<p>300000 GBP</p>	<p>330000 GBP</p>
	<p>FY22/23 <i>(if applicable)</i></p>	<p>UNHCR</p>	<p>30000 GBP</p>	<p>310000 GBPr</p>	<p>340000 GBP</p>
	<p>All years</p>			<p>960000 GBP</p>	<p>1050000 GBP</p>

Timing <i>Please note:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>To allow sufficient time for contracting, project activities should not commence before 1 May 2020.</i>• <i>To allow sufficient time for end-of-year reports, project activities should end by 8 March.</i>	Planned start date: 01.05.2020	Planned completion date: 28.02.2023

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Project Title	Crisis center for women and children "Hope". Protection of human rights of women and children in the Chechen Republic by provision shelter, rehabilitation services and legal support.
Objective <i>This must be NO MORE than one sentence.</i>	To protect human rights of women and children in the Chechen Republic by provision shelter, rehabilitation services and legal support at the crisis center "Hope"
Lead Implementing Organisation <i>Name(s) of lead organisational contact(s); Address; Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website</i>	Women for Development (LLC) Libkan Bazaeva Address: Koltsova st., 103 A, Grozny city, the Chechen Republic, Russia Ph.: +7 928 789 96 61 E-mail: bazaeva@mail.ru Web-site: www.womenfd.com
Other Implementing Organisation(s) <i>Name(s) of other organisational contact(s); Address(es); Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website(s)</i>	N/A

<p>To which International Programme goal will this project contribute the most? <i>Choose one of the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustaining links between UK and Russian peoples on a wide range of subjects, promoting collaboration and fostering mutual respect. • Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law. • Addressing global and local challenges through policy dialogue and exchange of expertise. • Increasing opportunities for doing business. 	<p>Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law</p>
<p>To what other International Programme goals will the project contribute? <i>Indicate if any of the other goals listed above will be advanced by the project.</i></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>What change will this project deliver? <i>In no more than 200 words, explain why this project is important and describe its anticipated long-term impact.</i></p>	<p>Women and children are the most vulnerable group in the North Caucasus as they suffer from human rights atrocities, including gender-based violence, the most. Women bear domestic violence as if they wish to divorce, their children will be kept with fathers as it is required by tradition. Families of women do not support them in protecting their human rights as they don't want to sacrifice "honor" of family. Official authorities represented by male judges often take side of men and if even the decision in the court is taken in the favour of women – judicial executors represented by men – do not take efforts to implement court decisions. First crisis center for women and children "Nadezhda" was opened in Grozny in 2018 and provided shelter and rehabilitation for 84 women and children. The donor of the Project was the Fund of presidential grants (Russia). It is important to support the Center as this is the only crisis center in the Chechen Republic.</p> <p>The anticipated long-term impact of the Project – sustainable crisis center is functioning in the Chechen Republic providing safety and human rights protection for 80 women and children in need every year.</p>

<p>How will the project deliver this change? <i>In no more than 200 words, outline the strategy/approach of the project and describe the key activities and outputs (on an annual basis if pitching a multi-year project).</i></p>	<p>The project will offer women and children multi-facet support to defend their human rights by a) placing them in the shelter to end the situation of the domestic violence; b) by provision of qualified legal support and personal attorney; c) by provision of rehabilitation services and psychological support; d) by sensitizing and educating local communities on human rights of women and children.</p> <p>On an annual basis the following results will be delivered: 80 women and children suffered from gender violence, physical abuse and other human rights violations will be placed in the crisis shelter "Nadezhda" where they would be offered accommodation, hot shower, meal, rehabilitation, psychological and legal aid to ensure their safety and protection of their human rights; 30 cases of women and children will be defended in the court; 120 000 men and women, girls and boys will be sensitized through information campaign; Key activities: Support of the infrastructure of the crisis center in Grozny city to provide accommodation for three families simultaneously and essential services; Rehabilitation programme for women and children including psychological aid and relaxation activities; Legal counselling and personal attorney services to women.</p>				
<p>Risks <i>Provide brief details of any serious risks to the success of the project and how these will be mitigated.</i></p>	<p>The risk of persecution of personnel of "Women for Development" including personnel of the crisis center on the part of authorities and the male relatives of women and children. This will be mitigated by contracting professional security services to ensure safety of the personnel of the crisis center.</p> <p>The connotation of the center will be not as "the shelter for victims of the domestic violence" but as the crisis center for women and children in a difficult situation. Also, hence the launch of the crisis center was supported by the Fund of presidential grants, it will be used in communication with the authorities to build the trust to the Project.</p> <p>Also, the funds of the FCO could be the reason for the authorities to include the organization to the list of "foreign agents" which will hamper work of the organization. This will be managed by operation of the projects by the "Women for Development" (LLC) and not disclosing the donor of the Project to the wide public.</p>				
<p>Cost per fiscal year (FY) (April – March) <i>What is the TOTAL cost of the Project and in what currency?</i></p>	<p>FY20/21</p>	<p><i>Co-funder (Fund "Nuzhna Pomosch):</i> £18 750</p>	<p><i>Co-funding (NGO "Women for Development"):</i> £22 250</p>	<p>Cost to the FCO £40 000</p>	<p>Total: £81 000</p>

	FY21/22 <i>(if applicable)</i>	£18 750	£22 250	£40 000	£81 000
	FY22/23 <i>(if applicable)</i>	£18 750	£22 250	£40 000	£81 000
	All years	£56 250	£66 750	£120 000	£243 000
Timing Please note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To allow sufficient time for contracting, project activities should not commence before 1 May 2020. To allow sufficient time for end-of-year reports, project activities should end by 8 March. 	Planned start date: 1 May 2020		Planned completion date: 7 March 2023		

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Should this Concept now be worked into a Full Proposal? For either Yes or No please provide a rationale.		Yes/No
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PROJECT CONCEPT FORM P2.007

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Project Title	Action to build capacities of Russian human rights defenders and local civil society activists
Objective <i>This must be NO MORE than one sentence.</i>	To strengthen capacity of 60 human rights lawyers and grass-root activists from 8 regions of Russia
Lead Implementing Organisation <i>Name(s) of lead organisational contact(s); Address; Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website</i>	Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, str. Zgoda 11, 00-018 Warsaw, Poland, tel. 0048 22 556 44 40; www.hfhr.pl Contact person: Liubou Krasnitskaya – project coordinator; Luba.Krasnitskaya@hfhr.pl ; mob. +48 603 135 341.
Other Implementing Organisation(s) <i>Name(s) of other organisational contact(s); Address(es); Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website(s)</i>	Man and Law, str. Zarubina 25, 424008 Yoshkar-Ola, Mari El Republic, Russian Federation, tel. 007 8362 720632, manandlaw@mail.ru , www.manandlaw.info Centre of Professional Training of the Bar Association in Krasnoyarsk, str. Vzlyotnaya 5g, 660135 Krasnoyarsk, tel. 007 391 277-74-54, http://www.krasadvpalata.ru , advokat_palata@mail.ru
To which International Programme goal will this project contribute the most? <i>Choose <u>one</u> of the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustaining links between UK and Russian peoples on a wide range of subjects, promoting collaboration and fostering mutual respect. • Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law. • Addressing global and local challenges through policy dialogue and exchange of expertise. • Increasing opportunities for doing business. 	<p>The project contributes to the goal: "<u>Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law</u>".</p> <p>We plan to contribute to the achievement of this goal by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strengthening capacities of Russian lawyers in the sphere of legal argumentation using international human rights standards; preparation of submissions to international courts and tribunals; strategic litigation in domestic and international courts; • building capacities of grass-root NGOs and informal groups of activists dealing with rights of children and youth. <p>The project is one strand of a bigger program of the HFHR in 2018-2021 to reinforce the human rights</p>

	<p>movement in Russia, which contains three elements: emergency assistance to human rights defenders and NGOs in crisis situations; training platform for Russian human rights lawyers who defend victims of human rights violations as well as strengthening capacities of Russian NGOs and grass-root initiatives. So far, we have secured financing in amount of 50 000 USD from National Endowment for Democracy (we will apply for the next grant in 2020); 25 000 GBP from the Polish Ministry Affairs in 2019; 537 000 USD from the Open Society Foundations for 2018-2020 (we will apply for the next grant in the end of 2020); 720 916 EUR from the European Commission for 2019-2020.</p>
<p>To what other International Programme goals will the project contribute? <i>Indicate if any of the other goals listed above will be advanced by the project.</i></p>	<p>--</p>
<p>What change will this project deliver? <i>In no more than 200 words, explain why this project is important and describe its anticipated long-term impact.</i></p>	<p>Although Russia is a party to numerous international legal treaties on human rights, Russian lawyers most often refer to the European Court of Human Rights neglecting other mechanisms in the UN and OSCE systems to urge the national authorities to respect human rights and to protect the victims of law infringements. During the project we plan to raise awareness of Russian lawyers and strengthen their capacities to use various UN and OSCE mechanisms in their professional work. We also plan to strengthen their capacities in the sphere of legal argumentation using international human rights standards; strategic litigation in domestic and international courts.</p> <p>The last two years have also seen an increase in the activity of local grass-root NGOs and informal groups of parents that defend the interests of children and youth in Russia. These NGOs and groups are active, but they manage to solve only particular issues which do not lead to sustainable changes in situation of their beneficiaries. Within the project we plan to raise their knowledge on children's rights standards as well as strengthen capacities of these groups in the sphere of advocacy on local level, strategic planning and fundraising.</p>
<p>How will the project deliver this change? <i>In no more than 200 words, outline the strategy/approach of the project and describe the key activities and outputs (on an annual basis if pitching a multi-year project).</i></p>	<p>During the project we are going to organize a range of educational activities for Russian lawyers including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • seminar on antidiscrimination law and international standards on the rights of people with disabilities; • training course on international standards on economic, social and cultural rights and the mechanism to protect them; • study visits to the UN treaty-based institutions in Geneva; • participation in the annual OSCE HDIM in Warsaw. <p>We will use "learning by doing" approach in the work with Russian lawyers who will work on individual</p>

	<p>complaints and alternative reports to be submitted to the UN and OSCE institutions. We expect them also to initiate strategic litigation cases within the project. We will also develop the networking component between Russian and EU-based professionals.</p> <p>A study tour to Poland to exchange experiences and build capacities of local activists from grass-roots of 8 regions of Russia (Arkhangelsk, Kaliningrad, St. Petersburg, Nizhny Novgorod, Tomsk, Chuvash, Udmurtia and Mari El Republics) will also be organized within the project.</p>
<p>Risks <i>Provide brief details of any serious risks to the success of the project and how these will be mitigated.</i></p>	<p>The project idea has been already tested with the participants from Belarus, Ukraine and Uzbekistan and showed its effectiveness and utility for lawyers and human rights defenders from the post-Soviet countries. In order to realise all planned activities, there are two main components required – participant’s motivation and the relevant schedule of the international human rights institutions that enables the organisation of study visits according to the project topics.</p> <p>The project realisation may be challenged by the fact that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- few lawyers express their interest to the topics of the educational seminars; -- lawyers don’t apply the gained knowledge to their practical work. <p>While preparing the project proposal we have consulted with the project partners on the topics that are interesting for the target groups. The international litigation, anti-discrimination law, the rights of people with disabilities and children’s rights are the areas of law that are proposed by the project partners responsible for the selection of the lawyer-participants. They have done a preliminary survey among the potential participants. Moreover, in November 2019 HFHR organised the international conference for lawyers from Eastern Europe and Central Asia where lawyers from Russia expressed their interest to learn more about the litigation before the international bodies. Regarding the topic of prohibition of discrimination, children’s rights and the rights of people with disabilities there are a number of specialised non-governmental organisations in Russia that provide legal advice to their beneficiaries at the national level and would like to enhance their capacity to bring the cases at the international level. So, the thematic area of the project is selected in accordance with the target group’s interests.</p> <p>The project is primarily addressed to the lawyers who are already involved in the litigation before the international bodies and can apply the gained knowledge into their practical work. However, we put emphasise to the proper recruitment of the participants. Therefore, the motivation letter is required from each applicant where he or she describes the professional experience and their motivation to participate in the project. On the other hand, the decision to bring a case to the international body depends on the client’s</p>

consent either. The project will be considered successful if the lawyers at least refer to the provisions of the international treaties in the legal papers and contribute to the preparation of the alternative reports to the UN Committees.

The schedule of the UN bodies is not fixed, the alternative reports are considered in hearings only if the State has submitted the national report. In case when the Russian Federation doesn't submit the national report to the UN Committees it doesn't exclude the possibility to attend hearings when other post-Soviet countries are reporting on commitment of its human rights obligations. In spring 2020 the UN Committees hearings in autumn will be announced, then we prepare an agenda of the study visit to attend UN treaty-based institutions. Moreover, the participants of the visits will be able to submit their statements to the Special Rapporteurs with relevant thematic mandate, e.g. on the rights of people with disabilities.

Cost per fiscal year (FY) (April – March)

What is the **TOTAL** cost of the Project and in what currency?

Please note:

- The project does not need to be multi-year.
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	Co-funder(s) (if applicable):	Co-funding (if applicable):	Cost to the FCO	Total:
FY20/21	US-Russia Foundation	96 000 GBP	80 000 GBP	176 000 GBP
FY21/22 (if applicable)				
FY22/23 (if applicable)				
All years				

Timing

Please note:

- To allow sufficient time for contracting, project activities should not commence before 1 May 2020.
- To allow sufficient time for end-of-year reports, project activities should end by 8 March.

Planned start date: 1 May 2020

Planned completion date: 8 March 2021

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Project Title	UK – Russia executives exchange and empowerment for sustainability
Objective <i>This must be NO MORE than one sentence.</i>	Building on the successful four-year collaboration between Forum for the Future, Moscow School of Management SKOLKOVO and other implementation partners, this project seeks to increase the ambition for sustainability in Russia by connecting UK and Russian executives (from corporates, philanthropy, public sector, NGOs and confirmed social entrepreneurs) around global sustainability challenges, exchanging best practices and empowering them to take a systemic approach to local action.
Lead Implementing Organisation <i>Name(s) of lead organisational contact(s); Address; Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website</i>	Moscow School of Management SKOLKOVO
Other Implementing Organisation(s) <i>Name(s) of other organisational contact(s); Address(es); Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website(s)</i>	Forum for the Future UK Social innovation support centre SOL MitOst
To which International Programme goal will this project contribute the most? <i>Choose <u>one</u> of the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustaining links between UK and Russian peoples on a wide range of subjects, promoting collaboration and fostering mutual respect. • Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law. • Addressing global and local challenges through policy dialogue and exchange of expertise. 	Addressing global and local challenges through policy dialogue and exchange of expertise.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing opportunities for doing business. 	
<p>To what other International Programme goals will the project contribute? <i>Indicate if any of the other goals listed above will be advanced by the project.</i></p>	<p>Sustaining links between UK and Russian peoples on a wide range of subjects, promoting collaboration and fostering mutual respect.</p>
<p>What change will this project deliver? <i>In no more than 200 words, explain why this project is important and describe its anticipated long-term impact.</i></p>	<p>This project is proposed in the context of growing sustainability challenges on a global scale – the climate emergency, plastic pollution, rising inequalities – and of developing context in Russia for sustainability action, including the recent government plan of action on climate change adaptation for 2020-2022 , waste management reform, green finance market evolution. Executives in decision-making positions in corporates, fast-growing SMEs, philanthropy, national and regional government, large NGOs and confirmed social entrepreneurs have an opportunity to invest in game-changing strategies to raise the ambition for sustainability in Russia, but are often excluded from the international dialog and action coalitions on the most burning sustainability issues. The long-term outcome of this project will be 15-30 executives (the core group) representing companies and organizations providing the biggest impact in the field equipped and supported to create lasting change in two out of the following strategic change areas: Climate action, Circular economy, Sustainable cities, Regenerative forestry and land use, Waste management. Broader Russian executive community will be engaged into impact making dialogs and action planning lead by the core group. By bringing together decision-makers across multiple professional domains, with world-class UK experts and practitioners, the project will foster long-term collaboration and systemic change for sustainability.</p>
<p>How will the project deliver this change? <i>In no more than 200 words, outline the strategy/approach of the project and describe the key activities and outputs (on an annual basis if pitching a multi-year project).</i></p>	<p>This project seeks to find top executives with strong change potential, inviting them to join a high-flying programme of seminars, international exchange and sustainability leadership coaching. Unlike previous years, instead of running an open call for participants, we will initially identify organisations and executives with high impact making profile and change potential within the two challenge areas. For each challenge area, we will run a programme with multiple touch-points to create collaboration opportunities and embed lasting practice. These touch-points will include launching executive seminar in Moscow, a field-visit (one to the UK, one in Russia with international participants), a follow-up seminar in Moscow, and individual leadership coaching.</p> <p>We will decide on the two challenges at the start of the project. The challenge programmes will overlap, but will be run sequentially, the first challenge: autumn 2020 - June 2021, the second – Spring 2021 - early 2022. During the initial seminar, the most promising and proactive 10-15 participants will be identified to join</p>

	<p>the programme as a core group and 3-5 participants will join the field trip. They will be encouraged to share their learning with the wider group in the follow-up seminar. This will allow us to both invest in the people with most potential to create change, while making sure we offer wider opportunities for collaboration and shared learning. The executives action plans created through the programme will be linked with the network of sustainability professionals created over the previous years.</p>				
<p>Risks Provide brief details of any serious risks to the success of the project and how these will be mitigated.</p>	<p>The main risk will be in identifying and involving sufficiently senior executives in this programme, in order to deliver high-ambition and high-impact outcomes. This will be mitigated by leveraging the reputation and networks of Moscow School of Management SKOLKOVO, Forum for the Future, MitOst and SOL, and by sufficiently anticipating on seminar and field-trip dates in order to align with participants' busy diaries.</p>				
<p>Cost per fiscal year (FY) (April – March) What is the TOTAL cost of the Project and in what currency?</p> <p>Please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project does not need to be multi-year. • VAT should not be added to the cost of implementing project activities. • In all but exceptional cases, project funds are paid quarterly, in arrears. • Payment will be made in the currency of your organisation's bank account. 		Co-funder(s) (if applicable):	Co-funding (if applicable):	Cost to the FCO	Total:
	FY20/21			£80000	£80000
	FY21/22 (if applicable)			£90000	£90000
	FY22/23 (if applicable)				
	All years			£170000	
<p>Timing Please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To allow sufficient time for contracting, project activities should not commence before 1 May 2020. • To allow sufficient time for end-of-year reports, project activities should end by 8 March. 	Planned start date: June 2020		Planned completion date: February 2022		

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Should this Concept now be worked into a Full Proposal? For either Yes or No please provide a rationale.		Yes/No
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PROJECT CONCEPT FORM – P2.012

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Project Title	Research as a way of raising awareness of domestic violence in LGBT+ relationships and bullying of LGBT+ youth
Objective <i>This must be NO MORE than one sentence.</i>	Conduct the first all-Russian survey of the level of bullying based on sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) in educational institutions, as well as continue the survey of the level of domestic violence in LGBT+ relationships, so as to raise the overall awareness of these issues among both the LGBT+ community and the general public.
Lead Implementing Organisation <i>Name(s) of lead organisational contact(s); Address; Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website</i>	Resource center for LGBT. Website: https://center-r.com/about-us/ Address: 13 Turgeneva street, office 620-621, Yekaterinburg, Russia. Email: rcenterekb@gmail.com . Resource center for LGBT is not a registered organisation. If our concept is approved, we will start looking for a fiscal sponsor (there are a couple we usually work with).
Other Implementing Organisation(s) <i>Name(s) of other organisational contact(s); Address(es); Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website(s)</i>	GLSEN (www.glsen.org) We're also planning to unite with other Russian-based LGBT organisations in terms of spreading the information on our surveys and finding respondents. Their list will be established once the project has started.
To which International Programme goal will this project contribute the most? <i>Choose <u>one</u> of the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustaining links between UK and Russian peoples on a wide range of subjects, promoting collaboration and fostering mutual respect. • Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law. • Addressing global and local challenges through policy dialogue and exchange of expertise. 	Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing opportunities for doing business. 	
<p>To what other International Programme goals will the project contribute? <i>Indicate if any of the other goals listed above will be advanced by the project.</i></p>	<p>Addressing global and local challenges through policy dialogue and exchange of expertise.</p>
<p>What change will this project deliver? <i>In no more than 200 words, explain why this project is important and describe its anticipated long-term impact.</i></p>	<p>Most LGBT+ young people face bullying in schools, colleges and universities after coming out. Although the question of bullying among minors has become widely discussed, this issue of bullying based on SOGI has never been raised. There is no statistical data on the number of victims of SOGI-based bullying. We're planning to address this issue by conducting an all-Russian survey, gathering data and communicating it to teachers and psychologists working with youth. If there is opportunity, we will also address the school authorities. As a result, we're hoping to make the problem of homophobia and transphobia in schools visible and encourage specialists working with youth to raise this issue among their students, so as to reduce its negative impact.</p> <p>The survey of abusive behaviour in LGBT+ relationships we conducted in 2018-2019 showed that it remains a topical question concerning big numbers of people. It showed that many people do not know how to identify abuse, and our questionnaire and report helped them. In 2019, a draft law appeared regarding the prevention of domestic violence. However, it does not seem to include LGBT+ relationships. In view of this, we are planning to continue our survey, gathering more data and making the question of violence in LGBT+ relationships more visible.</p>
<p>How will the project deliver this change? <i>In no more than 200 words, outline the strategy/approach of the project and describe the key activities and outputs (on an annual basis if pitching a multi-year project).</i></p>	<p>Before we conducted the first all-Russian survey of abuse in LGBT+ relationships, such data had never been gathered. We are now planning to gather such information on a regular basis. In Autumn 2020, we will start gathering cases happened in 2019 and 2020, and we will publish the report in the first quarter of 2021. And we will do it every year.</p> <p>In April 2021, we will start gathering data on SOGI-based bullying among young people. We have agreed with GLSEN (who helped conducting such surveys in different European countries including Ukraine) that they will provide us with the online platform for the survey, help us design the questionnaire and analyse the results free of charge. We are planning that the brochure with results will be ready in early Autumn of 2021, and it will be the perfect time for distributing it, since it's the beginning of a new school year.</p> <p>In parallel with both surveys, we are planning to design informational campaigns on the topics of bullying, self-preservation, non-violent behaviour, facing discrimination, domestic violence, various types of abusive behaviour and ways of coping with the issues. We will also continue compiling the list of LGBT+ friendly crisis centres and enlarge the list of friendly specialists (psychologists, lawyers, and others).</p>

<p>Risks Provide brief details of any serious risks to the success of the project and how these will be mitigated.</p>	<p>Risk 1. Federal law on “undesirable organisations”, which came into force on 3 June 2015, requires the registration of any international or foreign organisation considered undesirable and a threat to Russian interests. This holds two major consequences: it will be illegal for those organisations to work in Russia and for Russian organisations and individuals to cooperate with such organisations. If the law is not observed, the results can vary from administrative fines to prison sentences. Ways of avoiding: Avoid openly mentioning the support of international organizations in printed materials and online sources.</p> <p>Risk 2. Federal law on the “propaganda of untraditional relations” to minors, which came into force on 30 June, 2013, makes it illegal to provide minors with information (neutral or positive) about sexual orientation and gender identity, with the exception of several categories of specialists who can inform minors on this topic in neutral form. In case of a minor accessing such information, there is a risk of prosecution for the organisation. However, there are no clear guidelines on what should be considered propaganda. Ways of avoiding: Mindful distribution of information relating to the project.</p>				
<p>Cost per fiscal year (FY) (April – March) What is the TOTAL cost of the Project and in what currency?</p> <p>Please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project does not need to be multi-year. VAT should not be added to the cost of implementing project activities. In all but exceptional cases, project funds are paid quarterly, in arrears. Payment will be made in the currency of your organisation’s bank account. 		Co-funder(s) (if applicable):	Co-funding (if applicable):	Cost to the FCO	Total:
	FY20/21			442 230 RUB	
	FY21/22 (if applicable)	GLSEN	Will help us free of charge	948 545 RUB	
	FY22/23 (if applicable)			840 986 RUB	
	All years			2 231 743 RUB	
<p>Timing Please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To allow sufficient time for contracting, project activities should not commence before 1 May 2020. To allow sufficient time for end-of-year reports, project activities should end by 8 March. 	Planned start date: 1 September 2020		Planned completion date: 28 February 2023		

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Project Title	Climate education in schools
Objective <i>This must be NO MORE than one sentence.</i>	To contribute to climate education of school children in Russia by producing a series of climate educational materials, performing eco-lessons and introducing green standards into schools' everyday life.
Lead Implementing Organisation <i>Name(s) of lead organisational contact(s); Address; Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website</i>	Ecological Rights Centre BELLONA Suvorovsky pr. 59, 191015 St.Petersburg, Russia, +7-921-645-65-53, alekseev@bellona.ru , www.bellona.ru
Other Implementing Organisation(s) <i>Name(s) of other organisational contact(s); Address(es); Telephone Number(s); Email(s); Website(s)</i>	

<p>To which International Programme goal will this project contribute the most? <i>Choose <u>one</u> of the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustaining links between UK and Russian peoples on a wide range of subjects, promoting collaboration and fostering mutual respect. • Championing democracy, human rights and the rule of law. • Addressing global and local challenges through policy dialogue and exchange of expertise. • Increasing opportunities for doing business. 	<p>Addressing global and local challenges through policy dialogue and exchange of expertise – by introducing standards of climate and environmental education in Russian schools in cooperation and based on the experience of British NGOs, who are working on environmental education. We also plan to research possibilities of greening the life of schools and to introduce a pilot “Green School” project with one of the schools in St.Petersburg. These activities will be transformed into suggestions for local policies, which we will offer to other schools in other regions.</p>
<p>To what other International Programme goals will the project contribute? <i>Indicate if any of the other goals listed above will be advanced by the project.</i></p>	<p>Sustaining links between UK and Russian peoples on a wide range of subjects, promoting collaboration and fostering mutual respect – by cooperating with British environmental organizations, which focus on environmental education (ex. Sustainability and Environmental Education, UK National Association for Environmental Education). We plan to invite their experts for a training with eco-educators and use their experience while preparing materials for climate lessons.</p>
<p>What change will this project deliver? <i>In no more than 200 words, explain why this project is important and describe its anticipated long-term impact.</i></p>	<p>Schools in Russia are still very traditional institutions and many of their everyday activities stay the same from the soviet times. Usually there is not much thinking of environment in schools’ canteen, construction of buildings or during cleaning. There is also not much talking about environment during lessons. The official school programme still does not include climate education. Teachers are not always capable themselves to give lessons about climate and environmental problems and the role of human in it. And here appears a need from NGOs to support teachers, provide them with necessary knowledge and instruments. As a long-term impact climate education in schools will create environmentally friendly habits and set of minds in children, which then will be transferred to their parents and society.</p>

<p>How will the project deliver this change? <i>In no more than 200 words, outline the strategy/approach of the project and describe the key activities and outputs (on an annual basis if pitching a multi-year project).</i></p>	<p>We plan three main paths to reach the goal of the project:</p> <p>1)Creating a network of trained volunteers/eco-educators, who will perform eco-lessons in schools. We will organize trainings for them on climate/environment and pedagogical issues inviting experts from the UK NGOs, which work with environmental education, to share their experience. We will prepare methodology, materials and film short videos for them to use during lessons. We will start gathering volunteers in St.Petersburg and Leningrad region and then expand the project to other regions attracting volunteers online, sharing with them educational videos and methodology. In summer we will gather the most active volunteers and teachers from different regions for a summer school to deepen their knowledge in climate issues and developing new materials for lessons for different grades.</p> <p>2)Designing a set of recommendations for schools on how to be eco-friendly and CO2 neutral as much as possible in the current circumstances. We will introduce these changes with one school as a pilot project and then will distribute the results and recommendations to other schools and lobby this policy on the local and regional level.</p> <p>3)Performing climate-lessons in schools in Russian and English. We already have around 40 schools which welcome our volunteers and we plan to attract more schools. Besides volunteers giving climate lessons we plan to educate teachers in climate issues through seminars and videos that they can use during lessons on different topics, but which have a connection to climate change.</p>				
<p>Risks <i>Provide brief details of any serious risks to the success of the project and how these will be mitigated.</i></p>	<p>Lack of interest from the UK environmental organizations as we do not have an established partner yet – to mitigate this risk we have already contacted few NGOs and will be flexible and creative in the ways of involving them into the project.</p> <p>Political instability in Russia – being traditional and highly dependent institutions schools are quite closed and not welcome links to foreign organizations due to the current political trend. To mitigate this risk, we are not planning to establish official links with schools, our cooperation will stay informal.</p>				
<p>Cost per fiscal year (FY) (April – March) <i>What is the TOTAL cost of the Project and in what currency?</i></p> <p>Please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project does not need to be multi-year. VAT should not be added to the cost of 		<p><i>Co-funder(s) (if applicable):</i></p>	<p><i>Co-funding (if applicable):</i></p>	<p>Cost to the FCO</p>	<p>Total:</p>
	<p>FY20/21</p>	<p><i>The Bellona Foundation (Norway)</i></p>	<p>500 000 RUB</p>	<p>1 500 000 RUB</p>	<p>2 000 000 RUB</p>
	<p>FY21/22 <i>(if applicable)</i></p>				

	FY22/23 <i>(if applicable)</i>				
	All years				
Timing <i>Please note:</i>	Planned start date: 1 May 2020		Planned completion date: 8 March 2021		
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