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| **Contributing Program** | OSIFE, GDPP | |
| **Shared Framework Title** | Fostering a New Era in Global Drug Policy | |
| **Collaborating Programs (if any)** | Global Drug Policy Program, OSF-CEU Liaison Office | |
| **Coordinated by** | OSIFE | |
| **Approver (Lead)** | Leonard Noisette | |
| **Date Approved** |  | |
| **Amount Requested** | 53,600 USD | |
| **Summary of Plans and Relation to Overall Shared Framework Goals (100 words)** *(Please use language that can be inserted directly into Board reports)* | Europe will have important voices at UNGASS as most of the progressive drug policies are experimented with and have been implemented on the continent. In addition to national delegations the EU is likely to put forward its own position. The objective of the project is to advocate for a progressive EU position and strengthen the voice of progressive countries at UNGASS. The project will provide opportunities for reform NGOs to coordinate their efforts and discuss the ways how to get closer to a more progressive joint EU position at the UNGASS; and also will provide space for the civil activists to advocate with key decision makers. | |
| **Activities Proposed (500 words)** | In support of Approved Objective 2) “Influence governments to actively support and speak out in national and UN fora for harm reduction and decriminalization” the CEU School of Public Policy (CEU SPP), Open Society Initiative for Europe (OSIFE) and the CEU-OSF Liaison Office (LiO) in partnership with the Global Drug Policy Program (GDPP) will organize two events in Budapest at the CEU SPP in June and November of 2015.  The first event, a workshop will bring together European drug reformist organizations, which are present at coordination fora such as the EU Civil Society Forum on Drugs. NGO representatives will work out a progressive platform at this meeting with the necessary fine tuning taking place on-line after the event.  A second meeting - a conference with about 25 participants - will provide a forum for NGOs behind this platform to present and debate their policy proposal with those who will likely represent national governments and the EU at UNGASS. The key figures will be those who chair the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs (DG Justice/Presidency), the main coordinating body in the field of drugs in the General Secretariat of the Council; National Drugs Coordinators from a number of key counties; officials within future EU Presidencies who will be responsible for the issue. Latvia, Luxemburg and the Netherlands will serve as EU presidencies from January 2015 to June 2016. | |
| **Contributions expected from various units within OSF and essential partners or grantees (250 words)** | Financial contributions:  Global Drug Policy Program: 20,000 USD  Open Society Foundations Initiative for Europe (ECLP): 20,000 USD  CEU School of Public Policy: 2,200 USD  Both meetings planned in the project will be organized by the CEU SPP, with contribution in staff time from the Liaison Office, the GDPP and the ECLP. | |
| **Budget transfer from the Reserve Funds to the participating unit’s own budget (***If the budget is split between multiple programs, please copy/paste this section as needed.)* | Amount | 53,600 USD |
| Category of Work | SFS006 |
| Division/Program Code | O233  OSIFE : RIGHTS & LIBERTIES : European Civil Liberties Proj.: HR Institutions and sup. for HR |
| Entity *(i.e., FPOS, ZUG)* | ZUG |
| Fund Class *(i.e., Lobby/Non-Lobby)* | Lobby |
| Geography *(of benefit)* | Europe |