

What is COBERM

COBERM is a joint EU/UNDP initiative for supporting immediate and concrete initiatives, which seek to have a demonstrable impact on confidence building within and across conflict divided communities.

The overall objective of COBERM is to foster a peaceful transformation of conflicts. COBERM is committed to:

- Promote culture of tolerance;
- Facilitate dialogue within and between the divided communities;
- Address security and safety concerns of marginalized communities;
- Contribute to good governance and media;
- Strengthen community capacities including empowerment of women to play a more prominent role in non-violent conflict resolution;
- Livelihood improvement initiatives.

COBERM II Round II

120 project ideas have been submitted for the second round of COBERM II. Each idea was evaluated against a set of criteria and 29 organizations and initiative groups were invited to submit full project proposals. The proposals were then assessed according to the projects' eligibility, relevance, proposed methodology and sustainability, and 14 projects were selected for funding. Additional 9 projects that were put on hold in Round I were resubmitted in Round II. These projects were amended according to the recommendations of the Steering Committee. As a result, in Round II a total of 23 confidence building initiatives were supported.

COBERM II Round II Financial Analysis

Amount available for COBERM II for confidence building initiatives and capacity building component after Round I	EUR	2,645,902
COBERM II Round II Projects approved for funding	EUR	1,208,082
Capacity building trainings-Round II	EUR	39,633
Total available amount for confidence building and capacity building initiatives for upcoming Rounds	EUR	1,398,187

COBERM II Round I Thematic Analysis

Theme	EUR	# of projects	%
Youth & education	292,104	6	24%
Media and Peace Journalism	58,914	2	5%
Community Mobilization/Capacity Building	172,328	4	14%
Health care	263,179	4	22%

People diplomacy, dialogue & policy research	74,211	1	6%
Environment	28,743	1	2%
Ethnic minority	78,620	1	7%
Culture	239,984	4	20%
Total	1,208,083	23	100%

New! Strengthening Civil Society Component

COBERM II introduced a capacity building component as a cross-cutting theme. This capacity building component aims to improve the quality of the projects to be funded under COBERM, by providing tools to NGOs to positively affect the conflict resolution processes at the grassroots with a spillover effect at the level of communities. A specific focus is put on strengthening the skills and capacities in conflict-sensitive communication, increasing knowledge of confidence building concepts and peacebuilding strategies and improving organizational capacity. Thus, special trainings on "Project Cycle Management" (July 2013) and "Monitoring and Evaluation" training session along with "Analysis and Design for Project Impact" training were conducted in November 2013.

More than 150 representatives of local as well as international civic organisations were provided with the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and get to know to the international experience in PCM and modern practices of Peace-building.

COBERM received funding from Dutch Government

The Government of the Netherlands, through the "Dutch Stability Fund", has contributed 200,000 Euro for funding confidence building projects throughout 2013.

COBERM Round II information

COBERM II has announced the Round III call for project ideas' on 1 November 2013.

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COBERM II Round II Project Outlines

#	Project title	Brief description	Budget (EUR)
1	Publication of a bilingual book of Nart Epos and additional copies of Georgian – Ossetian/ Ossetian-Georgian dictionary	Project aims to bring together Georgian and Ossetian Nartologists for compiling, translating and editing a bilingual (Georgian-Ossetian) book on mythological folklore of South Caucasus (Nart epic). A joint meeting of Georgian and Ossetian nartologists in Kiev will be conducted. Based on strong demand of different stakeholders, the project will print out 400 additional copies of Georgian/Ossetian – Ossetian/Georgian dictionary.	48,628
2	Promote inter-ethnic relations in Abkhazia	Project aims at enhancing inter-ethnic confidence building prospects through strengthened capacity of communities and improved agrarian livelihood opportunities for communities representing the different ethnic groups in Abkhazia.	67,620
3	History Education in the Context of Georgian-South Ossetian Relations	The overall objective of the project is to encourage the adoption of a more modern, conflict sensitive and inclusive approach among Georgian and Ossetian historians and history educators.	74,211
4	Empowering Georgian and Abkhaz youth in Abkhazia	The overall objective of the project is to elaborate and establish a culture of peace among youth from different ethnic groups (Abkhaz and Georgian) by promoting their collaboration through education and joint activities; to increasing their knowledge and skills on peace education related topics such as human rights, democratic values and peaceful means of conflict resolution.	10,055
5	Dialogue of Generations: learning from the past	The project aims to increase trust between the Georgian and Ossetian communities by means of a dialogue between socially active representatives of different generations of both sides (opinion leaders), analysis of the past period and formation of a vision for the future on the basis of common interests.	49,227
6	Picture Story Tellers	The project envisages promoting peace and confidence building among youth through engaging young Georgian and Ossetian journalists/journalism students into direct communication and collaboration.	9,686
7	Strengthening the direct contacts of physicians and the role of health care in crisis prevention	The aim of the project is to contribute to restoration of trust and confidence between Georgian and Ossetian communities via strengthening ties and links between physicians and medical professionals in conflict-affected communities and contributing to the improvement of access of the population in Tskhinvali and Akhgori districts to health care services in Georgia.	24,340
8	Ensuring access to effective mental health services in conflict affected regions of Shida Kartli and South Ossetia	The project aims at building confidence between the conflict affected communities via strengthening links amongst the mental health professionals and improving access to effective primary mental health services for population residing in Shida Kartli and Tskhinvali regions.	85,678
9	Protecting nature, we build future	The project aims to build confidence among multi-ethnic youth living in different regions of Abkhazia through enhanced environmental awareness, shared responsibilities and joint commitments for protecting and sustaining the natural resources.	28,743

10	Peace education as a foundation of mutual understanding and confidence building between Georgian and Abkhazian youth	The project aims to contribute to development of peace building skills among Abkhaz and Georgian youth in order to increase trust, confidence and tolerant attitudes; prepare and conduct a series of trainings on culture of peace and peacemaking, tolerance, leadership, conflict resolution and human rights for Georgian and Abkhaz youth.	39,250
11	For Peaceful Co-existence and Better Future! Let us Trust Each Other	The project aims to provide a platform for dialogue and interaction between Georgian, Abkhazian and Ossetian communities, engage young people in joint academic and cultural activities, as well as in sports and rehabilitation programs. The project envisages exploring new ways of communication among youth through established framework - International Summer/Winter School "Eureka" employing the educational models developed by the Finnish scholars and academicians.	41,090
12	Once upon a conflict: Arts for confidence building	Principal goal of the project is to contribute to confidence building between Abkhaz and Georgian youth by involving creative techniques and art methods in order to establish trustful relations between Abkhaz and Georgian young art practitioners and teachers, to promote role of arts in peace building and conflict resolution and to provide new skills to young people to participate in a cultural activities for better future and development.	97,980
13	To support Akhagori "House of Students and Youth"	The project aims to provide practical skills and extra-curricular educational and cultural opportunities to Georgian and Ossetian youth residing in Akhagori district leading to better futures and integration in social life.	35,427
14	Juridical assistance to cooperation of regional local communities through support to small business and other initiatives of representatives of various ethnic groups of Abkhazia	The project aims to contribute to confidence building through interaction and cooperation of various ethnic/social groups living in Abkhazia, improve the level of legal awareness as well as provide technical assistance to small business initiators of different ethnic groups, to increase mutual trust among them.	45,330
15	Building a Young Constituency for Peace	The project aims at promoting tolerance and cooperation among young Abkhaz and Georgian people. Within the framework of the project, it is envisaged to build the leadership and civic participation capacities of young people and civil society groups to work in the field of community development at the grassroots level; to foster trust and promote positive perceptions among young people representing different ethnic groups through cooperation around common agendas.	110,171
16	Dialogue and Diversity: building the confidence of minorities in Abkhazia	The project aims to improve inter-community dialogue between Georgians and Abkhazians; to promote respect for and inclusion of different ethnic groups living in Abkhazia into social life; to enhance technical skills of civic actors in order to stimulate inter-community dialogue and positive interactions.	78,620
17	Georgian-Abkhazian and Georgian-Ossetian Choreographic-Cultural Relations – History and Modernity	The project aims to promote revival of cooperation between Georgian, Abkhazian and Ossetian societies in choreographic sphere, research of general cultural heritage and introduction of modern trends of choreography.	56,356
18	Development of skills of ex-combatants for strengthening the peacekeeping process	The project aims at capacity building of the non-governmental organization of ex-combatants in order to encourage their full-fledged integration into public activities as well as expose their peace potential for non-violent ways of conflict resolution and restoration of trust.	7,316

19	Youth Peace Express	The project aims at rapprochement of Georgian and Ossetian youth and creation of conditions for cooperation by means of a joint educational tour in selected European countries; formation of ideas for cooperation by youth, based on knowledge and experiences received from European peers.	56,110
20	Stories matter	The project aims to encourage open and trustful Georgian-Abkhaz dialogue, including historical topics, widening the space for future common meetings; to generate and support sustainable relationships between young facilitators and older civil society actors.	51,962
21	Healthy Peace	The project envisages providing medical treatment opportunities for Abkhaz patients to travel, accommodate and have free therapeutic diagnosis, medication and treatment in Georgian medical institutions. Thus, the project aims to contribute to neutralizing the negative images among groups affected by the conflict and overcome the existing prejudices and stereotypes by means of humanitarian actions.	83,242
22	Writers for Peace	The project aims to contribute to confidence building and establishment of positive attitudes through re-establishment links and cooperation between the Georgian and Ossetian writers; encouragement of the potential of cultural circles to engage in peace-processes.	37,021
23	Vision Screening Project	The project aims to contribute to confidence building through fostering a meaningful dialogue and direct contacts among Georgian and Abkhaz medical professionals on common issues of interest related to health-care (eye-diseases) and filling gaps in confidence through integration of Abkhaz children into Georgian families during their medical treatment in Georgia.	69,920