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### 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;
- Infrastructure development initiatives.

### COBERM II Round I

171 project ideas have been submitted for the first round of COBERM II. Each idea was evaluated against a set of criteria and 43 organizations were invited to submit full project proposals. The proposals were then assessed according to the projects' eligibility, relevance, proposed methodology and sustainability, and 16 projects were selected for funding (total value of EUR 1,063,822).

### COBERM II Round I Financial Analysis

Total amount available for COBERM II for confidence building initiatives (including capacity building component)	EUR	3,542,577
Dutch contribution for 2013 (net)	EUR	186,915
COBERM II Round I Projects approved for funding	EUR	1,062,415
Capacity building trainings-Round I	EUR	21,175
TOTAL for Round 1	EUR	1,083,590

### COBERM II Round I Thematic Analysis

Theme	EUR	Number of projects	%
Youth and Education	272,670	4	23
Agriculture and business development	110,298	1	10
Media/Peace Journalism	128,981	2	12
Community Mobilization/ Capacity Building	216,682	3	20
Health care	146,535	3	17
People diplomacy	121,364	2	11
Women participation in peace building	65,884	1	6
Total	1,062,415	16	100

### New! Strengthening Civil Society Capacity Component

COBERM II introduced a capacity building component as a cross-cutting element within its programme. 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 peace-building strategies and improving organizational capacity. Thus, two series of special trainings on Project Cycle Management (PCM) and Conflict analysis for conflict-sensitive programming were conducted during December November 2012-February 2013.

More than 120 representatives of local as well as international civic organisations were provided the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and get to know the international experience in PCM and modern practices of peace-building, during Round I.

### COBERM received funding from Dutch Government

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

### COBERM Round II information

COBERM II has announced the Round II call for project ideas' selection on 29 of May 2013.

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### Projects funded under Round I

#	Project title	Brief description	Budget
1	Healthy peace	The project aims to overcome existing ethnic prejudices and negative stereotypes by means of humanitarian endeavors. The initiative is designed to provide 12 Abkhazian patients an opportunity to receive free and high quality medical treatment in Zugdidi, Kutaisi and Tbilisi.	30,515 EUR
2	Youth crossroads	The project is designed for establishing precedents of positive interactions and improving communication and trust among Abkhaz, Georgian and Ossetian youth. The initiative envisages providing the youth living in diverged societies with possibilities to express themselves through youth-produced films and share perspectives on issues of common interest and concerns.	92,040 EUR
3	Confidence building and civic engagement through Forum Theater interactive approach	The project aims to encourage inclusiveness in joint activities among young Abkhazian people representing different ethnic groups, in order to learn about conflict management, tolerance and more broadly about human rights, through an interactive methodology, called - Forum Theatre. The main objective of the project is to engage young people of different ethnicities in establishing contacts and links, provide them with the appropriate knowledge about human rights thus laying a foundation to improving their knowledge and attitudes.	24,314 EUR
4	Building confidence by addressing common challenges in agriculture in Samegrelo and Gali District	The goal of the project is to contribute to building an enabling environment of confidence in communities along the bordering areas for addressing common problems in a collaborative manner. The initiative is committed to enhance dialogue and confidence among providers of agricultural-related services and improve response practices in crop production and animal husbandry between Samegrelo and Gali farming communities.	110,298 EUR
5	Civic education and human rights	The project aims to raise awareness among teachers of secondary schools about democratic culture and human rights. The project aims to improve the practical skills of teachers and youth through a series of civic education seminars; strengthen confidence building among various ethnic communities and moderate public discussions between different regions, including Gali.	87,456 EUR
6	Empowering women affected by the armed conflict	The goal of the project is to help women affected by the conflict, from the different ethno-cultural groups to adapt to new life conditions through personal growth trainings and psychological rehabilitation that creates better conditions for confidence building. The initiative intends to facilitate confidence building between women from the different ethnic groups; it also aims at motivating women to engage more actively in public life of their communities as carriers of democratic values, gender equality, culture of peace and tolerance.	65,884 EUR
7	For civil dignity (Georgian)	This parallel project is designed for facilitating peace-dialogue and restoration of trust through the active involvement of the representatives from Georgian and Ossetian civil societies. The initiative envisages conducting a study to reveal the attitudes of the conflict affected Georgian society towards the restoration of trust and on-	54,690 EUR



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		going peace processes.	
8	Bridging fault-lines within Georgia proper, between it and the disputed territories of Abkhazia and South Ossetia	The project aims to establish cross-border collaboration and conduct trainings for civic reporters in order to create documentary films and TV-programs on topics of common interest for the conflict affected Georgian, Abkhazian and Ossetian communities. The civic reporters will produce documentaries followed by community screenings and television programs reflecting grass-root insights and expert analysis of the daily problems identified in these media products.	91,162 EUR
9	For civil dignity	This parallel project aims to encourage involvement of the Georgian and Ossetian civil societies in bilateral dialogue and negotiation processes, informing the conflict affected communities and deepening their knowledge in peace-building initiatives and popularization of culture of peace within the Ossetian civil society. Through its activities, the project intends to further broaden involvement of civic actors and youth in the Ossetian-Georgian bilateral dialogue for peace.	66,674 EUR
10	Doctors acting together for improved medical services	The project envisages developing professional ties for confidence building between Georgian and Abkhaz doctors with support of US-based medical professionals for the purpose of enhancing their knowledge in the areas of reproductive health/maternal care. Furthermore, the project will identify existing needs and will make recommendations for tackling the existing gaps and areas of future cooperation.	51,604 EUR
11	Civil.ge support to confidence building	The project aims to provide readers in conflict affected areas with objective news and analytical coverage of confidence building and peace processes, and cultivate larger Abkhaz and Ossetian readership and reader-engagement.	76,024 EUR
12	Studying the state of art in European studies and other multidisciplinary fields	The project will contribute to dialogue between the Georgian and Abkhaz young scholars and representatives of the academic circles, by organizing a study visit to Central European University in Budapest (Hungary) for a week-long intensive study program on EU related studies and methodologies. Activities also include a study-visit to Austrian academic institutions and other relevant institutions. A series of follow-up activities are also envisaged.	91,787 EUR
13	Enhanced communication, humanity and support for meeting unaddressed medical needs in conflict zones, ensured confidence building and peace protection	The project targets improving medical assistance and delivery of health-care services' to primarily Abkhaz patients to contribute to confidence-building between diverged societies. The project envisages providing transportation, accommodation and comprehensive medical care to at least 120 Abkhaz patients in Georgian medical institutions.	94,932 EUR
14	Media inclusion for trust building and reconciliation	The project aims to increase the level of public awareness and information on current confidence building and reconciliation efforts implemented by Georgian, Abkhaz and Ossetian civil society representatives. Twelve monthly TV programs highlighting the contributions of civic actors to peace-building processes and concrete confidence building activities implemented by them will be aired for the wider public.	52,957 EUR
15	Psychosocial rehabilitation of the families of dead and missing Persons	The project is designed to contribute to confidence building among different ethnic groups residing in different Abkhaz regions through addressing specific needs of the conflict-affected social group of families of missing persons. Activities envisage provision of psychological, social and legal support through family consultations.	33,480 EUR



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16	School of Leaders	The project aims to enhance direct links and communication between youth of different ethnic groups living in different Abkhaz regions and increase their involvement into social developments. The project envisages setting up a School of Leaders that will bring 25 young people of different ethnic groups together in order to establish direct links and relationships and will provide students special courses in conflict prevention, peace building and tolerance.	38,598 EUR
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