**GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARYFORM**

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| **Name of NS and/or Local Branch: Lithuanian Red Cross (LRC) Visaginas branch** |
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| **Principal officer(s): GintareGuzeviciute (LRC Acting General Secretary)** |
| **Contact person for this application:** (name, position and email-address) |
| **Marija Korkut, LRC Visaginas branch secretary,** **marijakorkut@zebra.lt** |
| **Previous activities:** |
| Lithuanian Red Cross has two active low-threshold harm-reduction centres for drug users. Since 2001 the low-threshold harm-reduction center for drug user started to work in Alytus and in 2009 Visaginas LRC branch started the same activities in the town odVisaginas. Beneficiaries at thebothcentersare regularly tested for HIV.This year LRC Visaginascenter tested its beneficiaries for HCV. Moreover, Alytus LRC branch regularly assist vulnerable persons detained at the local penitenciary and arrange HIV testing for persons detained at Alytus prison. The need to continue and futher develop the activities of both centres is constantly growing in order to smoothly and efficiently respond to the urgent needs and vulnerabilities of the beneficiaries. Since the start of the activities, more than 450 persons received assistance at Visaginas and Alytus LRC low-threshold harm-reduction centres. |

**DESCRIPTION OF THEPROPOSAL**

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| **Title: Steps to preventHIV and HCV** |
| **Location: Visaginas and Alytus, Lithuania** |
| **Starting date: 12.11.2015** | **Duration: 01.12.2015** |
| **Objective(s):** |
| Overall objective:**The project aims to increase awareness of people with risk behaviour about prevention of HIV and HCV, to inform infected people about the treatment options and to provide support for infected people. The project will reach its overall objective by providing testing for HIV and HCVfor the people of risk behaviour and involvingas well as motivating local healthcare professionals to arrange additional testing for HIV and HCV at medical care premises.**Specific objectives:The project aims:* to reach 800 people (500 in Alytus and 300 in Visaginas) with carefully prepared awareness raising outreach campaignthat will focus on HIV and HCV prevention as well as treatment and support of infected people.Campaign will be arranged in a form of large lecture meeting and small consultation groups. LRC Visaginas and Alytus brancheswill aim to provide specific motivation for participants to test themselves for HIV and HCV.
* to test 400 people (200 in Alytus and 200 in Visaginas) of risk behavior.
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| **Activities to be carried out:** |
| Lithuanian Red Cross Visaginas and Alytus branches will organise:* 8 seminars for people of risk behavior to inform them about HIV and HCV prevention, testing, and treatment and support of infected people;
* Tests for 400 people for HIV and HCV.LRC will thank those who would undergo test with motivational pack of 3 EUR value. The same pack will be proposed to the healthcare professionals for promotion of HIV and HCV tests among their patients. Tests will be made anonymously and free of charge.
* A special event on World AIDS Day in memory of those who died because of HIV and to support those who live with HIV today.
* Peer-to-peer strategy in informing and motivatingbeneficiaries - former drug user who are volunteers of LRC will have an opportunity to tell their stories of recovery.

All activities will be arranged in cooperation with CSO (police and penitentiary) and organizations working in social and health care area and local and central mass-media. |
| **Beneficiaries (including both direct and indirect beneficiaries):**  |
| Direct beneficiaries:People of risk behaviour: drug users, prisoners, youth and teenagers, socially excluded groups, vulnerable people as well general public.Indirect beneficiaries:People affected by HIV and HCV: former drug users, friends and relatives of people infected with HIV and HCV, Alytus penitentiary staff workers, Visaginas and Alytus town medical professional, educational institutions staff workers, general public. |

**FINANCES**

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| **Estimated total project cost:** | 3000 EUR | 3000 EUR |
|  | (Local currency) | (€uro equivalent) |

**Details of bank account in which the Grant Proposal award would be deposited:**

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| **Account title:**  | Lithuanian Red Cross |
| **Account number:**  | LT817300010002619344 |
| **International routing code:****(IBAN or BIC Number, SWIFT-code)** | BIC 730000, SWIFT HABALT22 |
| **Bank name:**  | Swedbank AB |
| **Bank address:**  | Konstitucijos pr. 20A, 03502 Vilnius |
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**Proposal submitted by:**

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| Name:Marija Korkut |
| Position:LRC Visaginas branch secretary |
| **Date: 30.11.2015** |