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| **Proposal Title** | Ukraine Tax Reform Project |
| **Applicant** | International Renaissance Foundation  |
| **Reserve Fund** | President’s & Chairman’s Reserve |
| **Amount Requested** | $100, 000.00 |
| **Background (Optional)** | In August, the Cabinet of Ministers published a concept paper on tax reform in Ukraine developed by the Ministry of Finance.  A draft law encompassing the concept of the tax reform is now under public discussion. The principles of the draft law correspond to the requirements of IMF. At the same time the Parliament Committee on Customs and Tax Police registered an alternative draft law that does not comply with the requirements of IMF and could jeopardise the stability in the country. Both documents are widely criticized and debated at the Parliament and by the experts.  |
| **Risks (Optional)** | The risks to this project are related to the level of political consolidation within the Parliament to arrange a settlement regarding the tax reform. |
| **Unforeseen Need (250 words)** | Currently in Ukrainian Parliament and expert community cannot come to the settlement regarding the concept of the future tax reform. The model of the tax reform determines the State Budget of Ukraine for 2016 fiscal year. At the initiative of Georges Soros IRF contracted the Messina Groupto provide high-level consulting and develop necessary recommendations and communication strategy for the tax reform.  |
| **Activities Proposed (500 words)** | IRF contracted the Messina Groupto provide consulting services to the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine regarding the following: political validation strategy for tax reform in Ukraine, including preparation of relevant materials, completion of public opinion research, and ongoing consultation on public statements. |
| **Summary for Board Reports (100 words)** | The project will support development of political validation strategy for tax reform in Ukraine by the Messina Group |
| **Collaborating Programs within OSF and essential partners or grantees** | The project partners will include the Messina Groupand the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine |
| **Contributions expected from Collaborating Programs (250 words)** | None |
| **Statement of who within OSF would guide the work** | Yevhen Bystrytsky, IRF Executive DirectorOleksandr Sushko, Chairman of the IRF Board Hryhoriy Baran, Secretary of the IRF Board |
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| **Allocator***(See list on* [*Reserve Funds KARL*](https://karl.soros.org/communities/reserves/view.html)*)* | Name | Leonard Benardo, Regional Director, Eurasia  |
| Date Approved |  |
| **Allocator Notes / Comments***(To be completed by allocator only)* | *(Notes/Comments - Optional field)* |
| *(Criteria checklist)*☐ Is this an unforeseen opportunity or a genuinely new idea to advance core open society commitments?☐ Is the need time-sensitive?  ☐ Are we proposing to do something that others are not doing?  ☐ Is the plan compelling?  ☐ Does the planned activity take good advantage of OSF capacity?  ☐ Is the team leading the work up to the task?   |
| **Urgency level for grant approval & payments** | ☒ **Not** Rapid Response  |   ☐ Rapid Response *(See procedure on* [*KARL*](https://karl.soros.org/communities/reserves/files/ii.-policies/rapid-response-as-of-10-november-2014.docx/)*)* |
| **If approved, where to allocate the budget?** *(If the budget is split between multiple programs, please copy/paste this section as needed.)* | Amount | $ 100,000.00 |
| Category of Work | CUA004 |
| Division/Program Code | 80000 |
| Entity *(i.e., FPOS, ZUG)* | ZUG |
| Fund Class *(i.e., Lobbying/Non-Lobbying)* | Lobbying |
| Geography *(of benefit)* | UKRF |