



## **CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)**

### **Supporting Belarusian Migrants and Refugees in Poland**

**Issued by: International Rescue Committee (IRC) Poland**

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The **International Rescue Committee (IRC) Poland** is seeking **Expressions of Interest (EOI)** from **Belarusian-led or Belarusian-focused NGOs operating in Poland** to collaborate on initiatives addressing the needs of Belarusian migrants and refugees in Poland.

### **Background**

Since 2020, a growing number of Belarusian individuals and families have sought refuge and safety in Poland due to political repressions and socio-economic challenges in Belarus. Many of them continue to face barriers in accessing basic services, legal assistance, livelihood opportunities, and community integration.

The IRC, a global humanitarian organization, is committed to supporting vulnerable migrant and refugee populations, including the Belarusian community in Poland.

The IRC has been present in Poland since February 2022 and helped through six sectors: Basic Needs (through multi-purpose cash assistance), Child Protection, Protection & Rule of Law, Education, Women Empowerment & Protection and Livelihoods. Currently, IRC continues to work through holistic, multi-sectoral interventions to support refugees from Ukraine and facilitate integration into host community.

As part of our response strategy, we are looking to partner with local organizations that have strong ties to the Belarusian community and a proven track record of providing humanitarian assistance, specifically, conducting integration events, youth/elderly/women support, legal assistance/case management, inter – cultural assistance, entrepreneurship support.

### **Objectives of the Call**

Through this EOI, IRC Poland aims to identify **Belarusian NGOs or NGOs working closely with Belarusian communities** that:

- Have well established ties with **the Belarusian migrant and refugee community** in Poland, and proven track record of successfully implemented humanitarian, integration and inter – cultural support & activities.



- Have a focus on **addressing needs of migrant & refugee community**, including but not limited to protection, legal aid, livelihoods, education, and community integration.
- Are **actively engaged with local and/or international stakeholders**, such as Polish NGOs, municipalities, service providers, and other relevant actors.
- Demonstrate **capacity to implement projects in collaboration with international organizations, including high professional and ethical standards of service delivery and compliance with sectoral standards.**

### Eligibility Criteria

Interested organizations must meet the following criteria:

1. Registered as a **non-governmental, non-profit organization in Poland.**
2. Demonstrated **strong community presence and trust** within the Belarusian diaspora.
3. Have a **clear focus on serving Belarusian migrants and refugees.**
4. Possess **experience in delivering humanitarian assistance or integration programs (i.e., information/legal support, integration inter – cultural events, business support, education).**
5. Ability to **collaborate with IRC Poland, including compliance with Poland’s legal requirements, and align with our humanitarian principles.**

### Expression of Interest Submission

Organizations interested in partnering with IRC Poland are invited to submit an Expression of Interest including:

1. **Organization Profile** (including registration details, areas of operation, number of staff/volunteers, etc.) – attached template.
2. **Description of current and past activities targeting Belarusian communities, specifically providing, wherever possible, the scale, outreach, duration of the project, with references to visibility materials.**
3. **Overview of partnerships and coordination with local stakeholders, with highlights re: key achievements, strategic approach, advocacy aims, etc.**
4. Contact details of the focal point for this EOI.



Submissions should be sent via email to: [partnership.1POL@rescue.org](mailto:partnership.1POL@rescue.org) with the subject line: **"EOI – Belarusian NGOs in Poland"** by October 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Next Steps**

Following the review of submitted EOIs, at Stage 1 IRC Poland may engage in follow-up discussions, request additional information, at Stage 2., we may invite selected organizations to submit full proposals for specific funding opportunities, Stage 3 may include entering partnership with IRC Poland. We kindly invite you to contact us at the email address: [partnership.1POL@rescue.org](mailto:partnership.1POL@rescue.org) in case of specific questions/clarifications needed for the contents of the Call.