ADVANCING DEMOCRATIC AND MARKET VALUES IN DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

PROJECT PERIOD: NOVEMBER 1, 2022 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
AVAILABLE FUNDS PER PROJECT: 10,000 - 15,000 USD
TO APPLY: SUBMIT CONCEPT NOTE + BUDGET
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: SEPTEMBER 30, 2022
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ABOUT THE PROJECT:

CIPE aims to support creative, private sector-driven collective action to promote democratic digital transformation in Central and Eastern Europe in response to the growing risk of unaccountable or authoritarian digital governance.

The purpose of the project is to promote knowledge, leadership, and collective action on democratic digital transformation in response to authoritarian threats and to build private sector capacity to promote democratic principles in digital commerce and governance. This grant will support the development of a series of digital governance principles for business that advance democratic values and build support among local businesses for democratic governance of digital infrastructure and ecosystems.

Under this initiative, CIPE seeks to grant a local partner – a business association, tech park, incubator, or civil society group - to promote digital governance themes including but not limited to: ICT procurement standards, digital governance principles, and compliance, inclusive digital transformation, or combatting digital surveillance.

CIPE is particularly interested in activities that bring together leaders from the private sector to take collective action, either through compliance initiatives, standard setting, or public-private dialogue and advocacy with officials at the municipal, national, or regional levels.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT:

- To promote knowledge, leadership, and collective action on democratic digital transformation in response to authoritarian threats.

- To strengthen the private sector's capacity to integrate democratic principles in digital commerce and governance.

- To strengthen democracy through the digital market reforms and technology-related advocacy.

- To inform the development of digital governance principles for business that advance democratic values and build support among local businesses for democratic governance of digital infrastructure and ecosystems.

Successful concept notes should feature:

✓ inclusivity of diverse stakeholders

✓ strong private sector representation

✓ media and communication plan

✓ advocacy and/or collective action