

Guidelines for contributions to the Legal Dialogue Journal

1. Contribution to Legal Dialogue Journal as a requirement for receiving the grant

All participants of the Legal Dialogue Travel Grants programme have to provide a contribution for the [Legal Dialogue Journal](#) (LDJ) after the event or visit has taken place, in compliance with an agreed deadline (in general: two months after the travel). In case of receiving a grant for the invitation of an expert to an event, the text can be provided by the invited expert or by the organisers of the event (applicant). The author undertakes to interact with the editor in the process of preparation and revision of the text.

2. Possible forms of contributions

The contribution should fit into one of the existing sections of the Legal Dialogue Journal: analytical articles about a topic discussed during the event, surveys, case reports, presentation of best or worst practices, conference and event reports, profiles of civil society actors, interviews and opinion pieces. The genre and the topic of the contribution need to be agreed with the LDJ editor [Tatiana Kondratenko](#) in advance and fixed in the contact on financial support with the CSF.

3. Formal criteria

In general, the text should meet a number of formal criteria:

- 1) treat subjects related to civil society, NGOs, citizens' initiatives and self-organisation;
- 2) imply legal aspects and/or state governance practices;
- 3) focus on the European Union, any of its member states or Russia;
- 4) not exceed the length of 15.000 characters including spaces;
- 5) not have been previously published online in English or Russian.

Any factual information and quotes should be provided with references to sources. References to online sources should include the full description (Author, Title, Name of the publication, date of the publication if available, link to the publication).

For references please use footnotes. To be automatically converted into footnotes, references can be put in double brackets ((This text would appear as a footnote. Please consider no space between the last word and the first bracket)). This formatting instruction is optional, but we would appreciate it very much if you could use double brackets instead of MS Word formatting tools for footnotes because it saves us a lot of work.

The title should be no longer than 100 characters including spaces. The subtitle should not exceed 300 characters. Please note that the subtitle appears on the main page, on the search results page and in the table of contents. It must not be identical with the lead paragraph of the text.

The text can be provided in English or Russian. Contributions in other languages may be accepted in exceptional cases only.