



Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme

Questions and answers

Call for proposals to monitor, prevent and counter hate speech online

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Nr	Question	Answer provided
1	<p>In the “Topic conditions and documents” section for both calls there is an information that “The project can be either national or transnational”. Do I understand correctly that this means that an organisation can apply for a project which would be carried out in Poland together with a Polish partner, and with no partners from abroad?</p>	<p>According to the eligibility of the application, the project must involve at least two organisations (applicant and partner). If the organisations are only from Poland and the project activities are carried out only in Poland, this will be considered as a national project. If the partnership includes organisations from other countries that participate in the REC Programme (EU MS, Iceland and Liechtenstein), such project will be considered as transnational.</p> <p>In the calls for proposals mentioned, the EC supports both types of projects. All projects will be assessed against the award criteria, including the European added value of the project (15 points) – ref. Guide for Applicants – Action Grants 2018 (page 36 – 37) - http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/other_eu_prog/common/just-rec-guide-applicants-18_en.pdf. It means that in case of a national project, you will need to demonstrate its EU added value (e.g. transferability of the project methodology and/or deliverables and/or results at the EU level).</p> <p>Please let me also draw your attention to the following statement of the call: "While proposals do not need to be transnational, the added value of projects involving organisations from more than one participating country is of particular interest".</p>
2	<p>Will the following calls be available in French? http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/rec/topics/rec-rrac-raci-ag-2018.html http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/rec/topics/rec-rrac-online-ag-2018.html http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/rec/topics/rec-rdis-disc-ag-2018.html And if yes, when and where are the French version going to be available?</p>	<p>In the annex of the REC AWP 2018 in French you will find general information about the mentioned calls for proposals. The individual call notices published on the Participant Portal include more elaborated details, however, they are available only in English.</p> <p>Also, for reasons of efficiency, we encourage all applicants to submit their proposals in English (Guide for Applicants – Action Grants 2018, page 16).</p>
3	<p>1) Is there an indicative budget per proposal that is recommended by EC (beside the minimum EU grant requested at EUR 75,000)? 2) The maximum co-financing rate is 80%. Does it mean that it can be lower? How and under which criteria is established the co-financing rate for the single proposal?</p>	<p>1) Budget per proposal - The budget per proposal depends on the size of the partnership; the number, type and scope of the project activities, and foreseen outputs and results. Please note that the maximum amount earmarked for this call is EUR 1.500.000 and we aim is to co-fund several projects.</p> <p>2) Co-financing rate - Yes, the co-financing rate can be lower than the cap limit of 80% of the total eligible costs. This decision is made by the applicant. It depends on the financial capacity of the applicant to cover the outstanding balance with other sources of funding.</p>

4	<p>I am helping an Italian newly founded no profit entity composed of young journalists and reporters which cooperate with an online newspaper to set up and define their project to prevent and counter hate speech online. [...]are the objectives eligible for this call? Can a newly founded no profit entity (established in 2018) apply for a PIC number and be the lead applicant? Prospective financial data for one year only would be enough to prove the financial capacity or would we need to provide further guarantees? Do we need to provide financial data for all the participants or those of the lead applicant are enough?</p>	<p>The activities and the target groups as described in your e-mail fall within the scope of the REC-RRAC-ONLINE-AG-2018 call for proposals.</p>
5	<p>Documents to be attached: the letter from the public authority supporting the application (if applicable), is it mandatory or not?</p>	<p>Please note that for the call for proposals REC-RRAC-ONLINE-AG-2018, the support letter from the public authority (Annex 5) is not a mandatory annex.</p>
6	<p>One of our researchers has asked us whether (s)he could coordinate two proposals from two different calls at the same time (REC-RRAC-ONLINE-AG-2018; REC-RRAC-RACI-AG-2018). We've checked the Work programme and we have not seen any incompatibility related to the coordination of two proposals from two different calls at the same time. However, could you confirm us that the is no incompatibility?</p>	<p>There is a mention in our guide for applicants that it is possible for one organisation to coordinate 2 different proposals under the REC calls, but please pay attention to any possible duplication issues and make sure that there is sufficient operational and financial capacity in your organisation in case both projects were to be co-financed.</p>
7	<p>1) what the budget maximum is? In Section 2.3 c, of 'Topic Conditions and Documents' on the it mentions that the minimum requested grant is EUR 75,000. However, I cannot see where a maximum is given.</p> <p>2) in Section 2.1, may I ask which candidate and associate countries are currently eligible?</p>	<p>1) There is no limit on the amount per grant to be requested. Nevertheless please consider that the available budget of this call for proposal is EUR 1 500 000, which is intended to co-finance more than one grant.</p> <p>2) At this moment, there are neither candidate nor associated countries eligible under this call for proposals. As indicated in section "2.1 List of eligible countries: The Member States (MS) of the European Union (EU), including their overseas departments, Iceland and Liechtenstein. [...]Should a candidate or associated country join the Programme during the call process, a notification will be posted on the Participant Portal".</p>
8	<p>Our organization is willing to submit a proposal as Lead Partner under this call. An Onlus is by legal form a no profit institution for social utility. Is the fact that we are Onlus, therefore by legal form no profit, enough to prove our no profit nature? In addition to that our statute states that it is forbidden to distribute profits unless that is foreseen by the law or in the case they are</p>	<p>If an Onlus is legally a non-profit organisation, then your organisation is eligible to apply in this call for proposals, either as a lead applicant or as a co-applicant (partner). For instance, the statute of your organisation will be checked against eligibility criteria.</p>

	trasferred to another Onlus that by statute/law is part of the same organization.	
9	I represent a non-profit non-governmental organization in Sweden working on Online hate monitor. [...] We are interested in international collaboration with other initiatives and we also look for possible funding opportunities within the EC programs. Are there any upcoming calls that we would fit into?	From the description of your organisation, the call for proposals to monitor, prevent and counter hate speech online REC-RRAC-ONLINE-AG-2018 may be interesting for you. Access in the following link: https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/rec/topics/rec-rrac-online-ag-2018.html
10	I have not found the highest EU grant request for this call. I see it has to be higher than EUR 75.000	There is no limit on the amount per grant to be requested. Nevertheless please consider that the available budget of this call for proposal is EUR 1 500 000, which is intended to co-finance more than one grant.
11	We are preparing a proposal as a lead applicant for the REC-RRAC-ONLINE-AG-2018. We have also been invited to be a co-applicant (partner) in the restricted call REC-RRAC-HATE-AG-2018. My question is if me or my host institution can participate in both calls (one as lead applicant and the other as partner) or if there is any restriction.	There is no restriction. An organization can apply for grants in a call with more than one proposals and also in more than one call. In each proposal it can be a lead partner or a co-applicant (partner), with no difference. However, please pay attention to any possible duplication issues and make sure that there is sufficient operational and financial capacity in your organisation in case both projects were to be co-financed.
12	I would like to ask you if it is possible to have a discussion with you on the content of our proposal.	For any questions you may have or guidance you may need, you are invited to write to this functional mailbox. Should you have a particular topic in mind, and you are in doubt whether it can fall within the priorities for the call, let us know and we will provide you with an answer. We are not in a position to have a phone conversation.
13	The people that are partners in a company (which will be partner in the proposal) are both owners and working as individual legal entities (with VAT) for the company itself (contract other than an employment contract). There are no employees. Provided that the company is compliant with the Eligibility criteria of the REC Guidelines (legally established), we kindly ask your confirmation that their personnel costs are eligible expenditures. We are asking this since the guidelines mention the "contracts other than an employment contract", but they do not explicitly mention the case of the company owners (but does not forbid it). We consider this case as equivalent to an SME without employees, and we ask which of the cases listed at page 62-63 of the Guidelines	Their personnel costs are eligible expenditures. Please refer to the text of the call for proposals: 12. Provisions, proposal templates and evaluation forms for the type(s) of action(s) under this topic • Annex on financial provisions (p.11) "3. DETAILED PROVISIONS ON ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE (ARTICLE 6.2 OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT) 3.1. Direct Personnel Costs (Category A) 3.1.3. Non-permanent staff / external persons assimilated to staff A natural person (individual) can be contracted (e.g. a civil contract, a free-lance contract, an expert contract, a service contract with self-employed person ("in house consultant")). The costs of the natural person can be reported under personnel costs (Category A) if the following conditions are met: – the individual concerned works for the Beneficiary with a contract of employment or an assimilated contract explicitly linking the person to the action;

<p>(Documentation of Personnel costs) we have to refer to.</p> <p>Or, do we have to consider it as similar to the the case A.6 of the Direct Personnel costs mentioned in the <i>H2020 AM Grant Agreement at pg. 43?</i> :</p> <p><i>" A.4 Costs of owners of beneficiaries that are small and medium-sized enterprises ('SME owners'), who are working on the action and who do not receive a salary are eligible personnel costs, if they correspond to the amount per unit set out in Annex 2a multiplied by the number of actual hours worked on the action. "</i></p> <p>In this case, which calculation method do we have to use?</p> <p>What supporting documentation is requested for these expenditures?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – the person works under the Beneficiary's instructions/supervision and, unless otherwise agreed with the Beneficiary, on the premises of the Beneficiary; – the result of the work belongs to the Beneficiary; – the costs are reasonable and not significantly different from the costs of staff performing similar tasks under an employment contract with the Beneficiary."
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