

CALL FOR PROPOSALS <Connect/2019/1074575>

Pilot Project Pilot Project – Media Councils in the digital age

Clarifications – 12 April 2019

Question 1: Is a public limited company Eligible to the project “ Media Councils in the digital age”?

Answer to question 1:

Proposals may be submitted by any of the following applicants:

- non-profit organisation (private or public);
- international organisations;
- universities;
- educational institutions;
- research centres;
- natural persons: natural persons are eligible as part of a consortium but the project cannot be coordinated by a natural person.

For-profit organisations (such as public limited companies) are not eligible.

Question 2:

The Grant application form mentions a list of annexes on page 18. However, the next page only refer to the checklist of documents to be provided. I can't find the Legal identity form or the Bank account form.

Could you please advise me where to find them?

Answer to question 2:

You will find links to the two documents in the Grant Application Form (Document n°2).

Template for Legal Entity Form available at :

http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts_grants/info_contracts/legal_entities/legal-entities_en.cfm

Template for the Bank account form available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts_grants/info_contracts/financial_id/financial-id_en.cfm

Question 3:

With regard to the proposal, you are mentioning support to new press/media councils as one of the aims of the project. Do you have specific existing young councils in mind here? And/or do you also foresee support for the establishment of councils in countries which do not have one yet

Answer to question 3:

The Call for Proposals does not identify the Media/press councils to be covered by the project. It will be up to the applicants to determine which media/press council(s) they plan to support and how they will select them. .

The media/press councils potentially established during the course of the project will be "new" and could therefore be covered by the project.

Question 4:

Is Turkey eligible?

Answer to question 4:

Eligibility criteria are listed under point 6.1. of the call for Proposals.

Applications from legal entities established in Turkey are eligible.

Question 5:

Can the subject "users and abusers of history in posttruth times and their reflections to the media" be worked in this proposal context?

Answer to question 5:

The applicants are expected to cover the activities described in the Call for Proposals document under point 2. OBJECTIVES – ACTIVITIES – PRIORITIES.

Question 6:

What kind of services/costs can be counted as contribution? If someone is not part of the consortium but contributing to some activities of the project, either working time or travel costs, can we count this as contribution? Same goes for getting facilities, for the organisation of events, for external actors (not part of the consortium)?

Answer to question 6:

Your understanding is correct. If someone is not part of the consortium but contributing to some activities of the project, either working time or travel costs, you can count this as in-kind contribution. The same goes for getting facilities, for the organisation of events, for external actors (not part of the consortium).

Contribution in kind means the provision of goods or services to the beneficiary or to the consortium free of charge by a third party. In-kind contributions from third parties, e.g. providing a meeting room or equipment for free, etc. can be a form of co-financing of the action, but they are not eligible under the grant. These in-kind contributions shall be presented separately in the estimated budget to reflect the total resources allocated to the action. Their approximate value shall be indicated in the estimated budget and shall not be subject to subsequent changes.

Volunteer's work cannot be presented as eligible costs in the estimated budget (see section 11.2.1 of the call text), but volunteer's work, as well as travel costs, etc. can be provided as in-kind contributions free of charge (see section 11.5 of the call text). As said above, all contributions that fall into the category in-kind contributions from third parties are not eligible under the grant.

Please also refer to the clarifications we have provided to a similar question as yours under the Call for Proposals "Exchange of media 'rising stars' to speed up innovation and increase cross-border coverage" available at <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/pilot-project-exchange-media-rising-stars-speed-innovation-and-increase-cross-border-coverage>.