



SOME EXPECTED QUESTIONS... AND ANSWERS REGARDING THE C4C INITIATIVE

What's the deadline for application?

The application deadline is: **Sunday 21 April 2024, 23:59 CEST**

How to apply in practice?

Feel free to download the PDF application questions to prepare your application offline. To submit your application, you will need to copy and paste your answers in the online [APPLICATION FORM](#) before the deadline of **Sunday 21 April 2024, 23:59 CEST**.

To double protect yourself, feel free to also send your application form to c4c@aeidl.eu with "C4C LC Application" in the subject heading by the deadline.

May one organisation be selected for several projects?

No, applicant organisations may only be selected for one project idea.

In which languages can we apply?

You may submit applications in any of the **nationally recognised languages** of the 11 participating countries (Croatia, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Spain and Sweden). Alternatively, they can be made in **English**.

How did C4C select the 11 countries?

This is a **pilot project with limited funding**, which did not allow to implement it in the 27 EU Member States. **11 countries** were selected, forming three clusters sharing a similar environment and confronted with similar issues in relation to climate change (Baltic countries, Eastern countries and Mediterranean countries). C4C also encourages **cross-border collaboration with community groups that might not be in one of the 11 eligible countries**.

What is the timing of the project life cycle?

Your project idea should generally be implemented over a period of **6 to 10 months, between June 2024 and March 2025**, by which time the technical assistance provided by C4C will come to an end.

Will there be a launch event or info-day?

If you are interested in learning more about the C4C initiative and how to apply, you are invited to watch the [online information webinar](#), which took place on **29 February 2024**. It was held in English and it is available on YouTube with English subtitles.

National webinars are organised in March 2024 (more information below).

How to receive assistance for preparing the application?

National webinars are organised in March 2024 in each of the 11 participating countries to provide information about the call and application process. Dates and information links will be added to the [C4C call page](#) as soon as they are confirmed. If you are interested, you can also pitch your project idea during the workshop and use the country experts' presence to answer any of your questions and/or to provide you with guidance.

If selected, will I receive funding from the Communities for Climate Initiative?

If selected, you will benefit from the support of the country and thematic experts - who, for example, will provide guidance and support you based on your local communities' needs relative to the project objectives. Advice on funding possibilities will also be provided during the implementation period.

There is no direct financial support available except a 1,000 € lump sum payment for the organisation of a study visit.

Will there be efforts to strengthen synergies between C4C initiative and other initiatives?

The C4C initiative will explore opportunities to develop **synergies** with other initiatives such as the European Climate Pact Ambassadors, the EU CAP Network or the Rural Pact, among others

Is there a connection between the C4C initiative and the European Climate Pact Ambassadors?

The [European Climate Pact Ambassadors](#) are **independent from the C4C initiative**. However, considering their commitments to undertake at least three climate actions as Climate Pact Ambassadors¹ throughout the year, the European Commission is eager to build **synergies between the two initiatives**. If you are a European Climate Pact Ambassador, you are welcome to apply to benefit from the C4C initiative.

¹ More can be found about the European Climate Pact Ambassadors [here](#).

Will the 50 selected local communities be selected through a submission and selection process?

The project proposals will go through a selection process based on objective criteria. This process is described in detail in the annex to the call for projects.

Where do I find the C4C call for projects?

The C4C call for projects, together with the call text and other relevant information is published in Croatian, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Italian, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian, Spanish and Swedish [here](#).

If a legal entity is already developing a solution through one of their ongoing projects, is it possible to fine-tune it and apply to the C4C call? Would that project be eligible under this initiative?

Ongoing projects are in principle not eligible. However, if the project proposed to C4C presents an innovative approach to an existing project, covering for instance a different locality or involving a different set of stakeholders, it can be eligible.

Are regional development agencies or local government or authorities eligible?

These bodies can be eligible as host organisation if they provide the legal entity required. However, the C4C project must be developed by a community-led organisation, involve local citizens through a participative approach and aim at having a local impact.

Can a legal entity based in a non-participating country to this initiative, which has all its activities in a participating country to C4C, be eligible under C4C?

Legal entities based in non-participating countries are not eligible to this initiative.

Can students affiliated to a university apply? Are they considered a legal entity eligible for this initiative?

A university can be eligible for this initiative as host organisation if it provides the legal entity required. However, the C4C project must be developed by a community-led organisation, involve local citizens through a participative approach and aim at having a local impact.

What happens if an entity is in a participating country to the pilot initiative and it wants to implement a cross-border project with an entity in a non-participating country?

As long as the hosting organisation is a legal entity in one of the 11 eligible countries, the project initiative can include a cross-border dimension in a country not among the 11 eligible countries. Projects with a cross-border dimension will be weighted more positively.

Will multiple local entities within a single country be allowed to collaborate for one project under C4C?

Yes, local communities are encouraged to collaborate on C4C project applications.

Can the green party for a city with 18,000 citizens participate in the C4C initiative?

A political party can be eligible for this initiative as host organisation as long as it provides the legal entity required. However, the C4C project must be developed by a community-led organisation, involve local citizens through a participative approach and aim at having a local impact.

Is this a unique call or are you planning to release other C4C calls?

For the moment, this is the only call foreseen under the C4C initiative.

How will you obtain a balanced distribution for themes and geographic areas?

This will depend on the number of applications received, their thematic scope, and the geographic coverage. A geographically balanced distribution will depend equally on how many eligible applications come from each participating country. The evaluation team, composed of specialised experts, will adhere to a rigorous evaluation process, considering relevance, quality, and impact when evaluating the project applications and pursue an outcome that is as balanced as possible based on the applications received.

Can the same organisation submit more than one application?

The same host organisation can submit multiple applications, on the condition that the projects are to be implemented by different citizens-led organisations.

How much is the minimum number of actions to be carried out under a C4C project?

There is no minimum.

Who needs to implement the project? The legal entity? The citizens?

The hosting organisation is responsible for submitting the application and overseeing the implementation of the project. The project should be implemented by a citizen-led organisation such as a local action group using mechanisms for involving citizens/local communities and applying an inclusive approach.

Does the project need to be cross-border, or can it only be at national level?

It is not necessary for the project to have a cross-border component.

Is it mandatory to promote the European Commission and AEIDL in our communications and events related to and carried out under a C4C project?

Only the European Commission should be promoted in your communication.

Who chooses the experts?

The European Commission approved the selection of the experts.

Will the project's budget consist on 1000 EUR to be dedicated to one study visit?

The support provided by C4C consists mainly in the provision of expertise for the development of the project. The 1000 EUR lump sum is the only financial support provided and can only be used for travel/accommodation costs for participating in the study visit organised by the experts as part of their support.

Can a C4C project be financed by another project's budget, and still be eligible and implemented under this call? Does this call foresee cofinancing?

The C4C initiative does not provide funding beyond the 1000 EUR lump sum for the study visits. No co-financing is required.

Can a C4C project be ongoing and funded by other means?

Yes.

What is the maximum budget for a C4C project?

There is no maximum budget for a project supported by C4C.

Can a legal entity submit a project proposal to C4C and other calls for proposals? Is double funding possible for a C4C project?

As there is no funding in the C4C project beyond the 1000 EUR lump sum for the study visits, there is no risk of double funding.

Is there a possibility for additional financial aid to a C4C project in addition to the 1000 EUR lump sum foreseen in the budget?

No additional financial support beyond the 1000 EUR lump sum for the study visits will be available from the European Commission for the C4C initiative.

Is the sum of 1000 EUR lump sum intended for international learning exchange?

The financial support provided through the C4C initiative is a lump sum amount intended to go towards the travel/accommodation costs for participating in the study visits that are to be implemented on the ground within the selected local communities. These do not necessarily need to be international if there is a relevant project to visit in the same Member State.

Amongst the benefits gained by the selected projects, will there be strong EU visibility?

The 50 selected local projects will be promoted on the EU website and social media outlets as well as via other communication channels, including via the C4C core project partners.