CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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'Support for information measures relating to the EU Cohesion policy'

Questions & Answers (Q&As)

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You will find below a list of questions received for this call for proposals. Please note that the present document aims to complement and clarify the call for proposals and does not replace it. A Q&As document will be periodically published; applicants are invited to check this website regularly.
Eligible Activities

Q1. In the Guidelines there is information: A. the measures should be implemented:

- at local, regional, multiregional, national level, or at the EU level (with impact on several Member States)

What should be the area covered by project? Is it possible to organise the activity only in one region in a Member State or should we cover more or the whole country? Is the EU level (impact on several Member States) obligatory or not?

A1. Projects covering only one region of one country are eligible. It is not compulsory for a project to cover neither a whole country nor several Member States.

Eligibility criteria

Q2. The CF (Cohesion Fund) does not cover us but Regional Funds do. Therefore here is my question: should I read Cohesion Policy as equivalent to Regional Policy? i.e. would participants from our Region be covered by the call?

A2. With this call for proposals the European Commission is supporting information measures related to the EU Cohesion policy, delivered through three main funds: the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the Cohesion Fund (CF) and the European Social Fund (ESF). In this sense, a project which addresses the impact of any of these three Funds in a region is indeed eligible.

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Q3. What kinds of beneficiaries are more likely to benefit from this co-financing? Associations of European interest, such as “La Maison de l’Europe”, or rather, public bodies in charge of the cohesion policy instruments?

A3. A non-exhaustive list of eligible applicants can be found under point 2 of the call of proposals. Eligible applicants may include:

- media organisations/news agencies (television, radio, written press, online media, new media, combination of different media);
- non-profit organizations;
- universities and educational institutions;
- research centres and think-tanks;
- public authorities (national, regional and local), not qualified as managing authorities

In this sense, private entities, associations of European interest and public bodies are eligible. Please note, however, that public bodies in charge of cohesion policy instruments (managing authorities and their intermediate bodies) are not eligible. For more information, please see also the Guidelines for applicants.
Further Information

Q4. Is this call published on a regular basis? Do you plan to publish a similar call in the future?

A4. This is the only call that the Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy published in 2017. After assessing the achievement of its objectives, the Commission may decide to launch similar calls in the future.