Innovative Implementation of the Partnership Principle  Call for expression of interest:

INFORMATION WEBINAR AND Q&A

March 24, 2022
10.00 – 11.00
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Pilots with authorities & Grants to CSOs
## The five pilots

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ENGAGING CITIZENS IN COHESION POLICY

DG REGIO and OECD Pilot Project Final Report

- Details about the five pilot projects
- Lessons learned
- Recommendations for the EU cohesion policy community
Financial grants to CSOs

• Scope of the call:
  • Offer financial support to civil society organisations (up to 25,000 euro, 85% EU contribution) for innovative approach
  • Collect information on how they engage with citizens and public authorities

• Beneficiaries:
  • 18 out of 78 proposals from non-profit private or public organisations were selected
  • Projects started as from November 2020 with a duration of 12 months (few months extension in some cases because of COVID-19)
Outcome

- **To engage with citizens and authorities requires resources:** both time and financial resources are necessary;
- **To reach out to all citizens is not an easy task:** not only young people / students but also ordinary citizens should contribute to design and implement cohesion policy;
- **To reach out to public authorities might be also difficult:** the involvement of relevant authorities make participation effective;
- **To understand the added-value of participation takes time**
Call for expression of interests
Objectives of the call

- **Strategic objectives:**
  - Promote cooperation between public authorities and civil society organisation
  - Promote new forms of participation

- **Operational objectives**
  - Test innovative citizen participation approaches in cohesion policy
  - Identify conditions to build strong and long-lasting partnerships
  - Collect good practices of citizen participation in cohesion policy to be shared among and beyond project partners
  - Promote peer learning and support community of practitioners.
Three pillars of stakeholder participation

As defined in the OECD Recommendation of the Council on Open Government (2017)

1. INFORMATION
   - Initial level of participation
   - One-way relationship
   - On-demand provision of information
   - Proactive measures to disseminate information

2. CONSULTATION
   - More advanced
   - Two-way relationship
   - Requires provision of information plus feedback on outcomes of process

3. ENGAGEMENT
   - When stakeholders (including citizens + civil society) are given opportunity and necessary resources to collaborate during all phases of the policy-cycle and in service design + delivery
Participation methods

- **Representative deliberative processes** such as Citizen Juries or Assemblies.
- **Co-creation mechanisms** such as hackathons, public challenges or maker spaces.
- **Co-governance arrangements** such as co-operatives, digital commons, or shared spaces.
- **Civic monitoring** such as social auditing or communal evaluation.
- **Open innovation practices**, such as crowdsourcing, hackathons or public challenge
- **Participatory budget** as a mechanism to allow citizens and CSOs to influence public decisions through the direct allocation of public resources to priorities or projects.
Eligibility criteria

• Joint application by a public authority and a civil society organisation
  ➢ Public authority (MA/ IB or beneficiary in a programme funded by ERDF, Cohesion Fund or JTF)
  ➢ Civil society organisation (public/private non-profit organisation)

➢ Relevant national / coordinating body informed by public authority and political support received

➢ Pre-identified area for cooperation between public authority and CSO (also in selection criteria, i.e. clarity)
Selection criteria – step 1

• Application part 1:
  • Identify **areas** where to implement innovative citizen participation mechanisms:
    • Clearly identify the link between citizens participation and one or more of the five Policy Objectives in your specific context
  • Select a **precise context** where to apply innovative citizen participation mechanisms:
    • Choose the appropriate **level** programme/strategy/investment and the **cycle stage** decision making/implementation/monitoring;
  • Define **operational objectives** to reach through innovative citizens participation mechanisms
Selection criteria – step 2

• Interview (online)
  • At least two weeks' notice;
  • Presence of public authority and CSO's representative
  • 30' to spell out motivation and expected support by OECD

• Application (part 2)
  • To be sent to at the latest 4 weeks after the day of the interview;
  • Provide description of project to implement with support of OECD
  • Define the team "public authority & civil society organisation" that will work in the project.
Timetable for selection

30 April: Application's deadline

Mid May: Invitation to interviews  + 2 weeks

Early June: Interviews

End June/ early July: deadline part 2  + 4 weeks

Mid July: Final decision
Timeframe and expected assistance

**PHASE I**
July 2022 - March 2023
- Review of proposed project
- Training and assistance to plan and set-up activities

**PHASE II**
April 2023 - November 2023
- Assistance to complete activities included in project
- Feedback to authorities and CSOs
- Learning and exchanges among projects

**PHASE III**
December 2023
- Wrap up of assistance
- Final report and presentation of results
Questions and Answers
Register for a 15min conversation with the OECD and DG REGIO

With the following link:
https://framadate.org/P92EFJKyem9prASr
Thank you

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