**Application Form**

Call for expression of interest to participate in a pilot action on **innovative implementation of the partnership principle in cohesion policy (phase 2)**

Please complete this form electronically and send it to: [REGIO-E1-ADMINISTRATIVE-CAPACITY@ec.europa.eu](mailto:REGIO-E1-ADMINISTRATIVE-CAPACITY@ec.europa.eu)

to be completed by public authority and civil society organisation. Co-signature of the civil society organisation is required only for testing of participatory methodology and no for institutionalisation of participatory methodology.

Expression of interest submitted **until 31 March 2024** which will be merit based selection process

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| 1. **Information about the applicant** | | | |
| **A. Public authority** | | | |
| 1 | Name of managing authority / intermediate body/ beneficiary |  | |
| 2 | Name of operational programme (if relevant add also further information on policy objective concerned, investment) |  | |
| 3 | Contact person for this application | Name, surname |  |
| Job title |  |
| E-mail |  |
| **B. Civil Society Organisation (to specify only for testing of participatory methodology)** | | | |
| 1 | Name of the civil society organisation | Name  Webpage: | |
| 2 | Contact person for this application | Name, surname |  |
| Job title |  |
| E-mail |  |

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| 1. **Interaction with relevant national coordination body/ministry and relevant national/regional/local government.** |
| Please indicate whether the relevant national coordination body/ministry (or equivalent) is informed about your application. What role do you envisage for the relevant national coordination body/ministry in the pilot project?  Please also indicate whether relevant national/regional/local government will be involved in the pilot project. |
| *Max. 200 words* |
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| 1. **Ambitions and expected long-term impact** |
| Please describe an ambition and expected long-term impact from involving citizens: how it would affect governance and management of EU funds for cohesion policy in 2021-2027 while fostering a culture of participation? |
| *Max 500 words* |

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| 1. **Innovative participatory process that you intend to apply or to institutionalise** | | |
| Please select one of the participatory methodologies [[1]](#footnote-2) described below by indicating whether you are interested to test for the first time or to institutionalise. | | |
| **Testing** | **Institutionalising** | **Participatory methodology (description)** |
|  |  | A representative deliberative process (a process in which a broadly representative body of people weighs evidence, deliberates to find common ground, and develops detailed recommendations on policy issues for public authorities) |
|  |  | A participatory budget (mechanisms that allow citizens and stakeholders to influence public decisions through the direct allocation of public resources to priorities or projects) |
|  |  | Use of emerging technology for participation (experimentation with artificial intelligence, augmented reality, innovative digital tools, gamified platforms, etc.) |
|  |  | Civic monitoring (involving the public in the monitoring and evaluation of public decisions, policies, and services.) |
|  |  | Citizen science (involving in one or many stages of an investigation, like identifying research questions, conducting observations, collecting and analysing data, and using the resulting knowledge) |
|  |  | Open innovation (as crowdsourcing, hackathons, or public challenges, are a way for public authorities to tap into collective intelligence to co-create solutions for specific public issues) |
|  |  | Other, please specify: |
| 1. Please describe in which context you would like to apply or to institutionalise the selected participatory process, i.e. which is the issue we want to tackle, which are the relevant factors that can influence the results. etc. | | |
| *Max 300 words* | | |
| 1. Please describe which objectives you want to achieve, including reference to instrument, programme that will be open for participation of citizens.   If you intend to institutionalise the use of participatory methodology, please describe previous experience and objective achieved. | | |
| *Max 300 words* | | |
| 1. Please describe how the outcome of the participatory process will affect use of EU funds for cohesion policy in your territory, including reference to the moment in the management cycle of ERDF, JTF or CF where citizens’ inputs will be used | | |
| *Max 300 words* | | |

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| 1. **Description of envisaged cooperation between public authority and civil society organisation (to complete in the case of testing of participatory methodology).** |
| Please explain how the cooperation between the public authority and the civil society organisation will take place for the implementation of the participatory process. Please refer to any previous and future cooperation envisaged. Please explain how the cost to implement the participatory process, including the allocation of resources from the public authorities and the civil society, will be covered, and whether this cost will partially/fully covered through programmes 2021-2027. |
| *Max 500 words* |

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| 1. **Team composition (CSO team to complete in the case of testing of participatory methodology).** |
| Please provide a description of the public authority (including the involvement of political leadership) and the civil society organisation teams that will be directly involved in the pilot project. Members of the team should be able to communicate in English with the experts of OECD. |
| *Max 400 words* |

Date,…

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| Signature for the public authority | Signature for the civil society organisation |
| *Name, Surname* | *Name, Surname* |
| *title* | *title* |

1. For more information about the participatory methodologies, please consult the [OECD Guidelines for Citizen Participation Processes](https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/docserver/f765caf6-en.pdf?expires=1675249896&id=id&accname=guest&checksum=0D86C1BB36CC9C0029150D78F60135D4) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)