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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.

Q1. Our Association is an NGO, established in 2005, with non-patrimonial (non-profit) character and without a political orientation. The purpose of our Association is to represent the interests of the 8 Agencies for Regional Development (RDAs) at national and international level, in order to support their institutional development and to promote a common and unitary approach to regional development and the implementation of programs with European funding. We also mention that the 8 RDAs are Managing Authorities for the Regional Operational Programs in the financing 2021 – 2027 the period.

In this context and based on the eligibility criteria, please let us know if our Association is eligible to submit a project within the call.

A1. As mentioned in section 6.1 of the call for proposals, NGOs are eligible.

Please note that the following categories are **not** eligible:

- Natural persons as well as entities established for the sole purpose of the implementation of the projects within this call for proposals.
- Authorities in charge of the implementation of Cohesion policy in accordance with Article 71 of Regulation (EU) No 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021.

Q2. Regarding the budget, does the amount of 300,000 euros correspond to the total cost of the project or to the maximum 80% reimbursable by the EU?

A2. As indicated in Section 4 of the Call for proposals, the grant amount will be maximum EUR 300 000. This means that the amount of 300,000 euros is the maximum 80% reimbursable by the EU.

Q3. Regarding the following documents: Legal Entity Form, Declaration on Honour, Model Grant Agreement and Bank Account Form must be signed digitally or by hand? If digitally signed, should the format be pades or cades?

A3. Please note that the Model Grant Agreement does not need to be completed or signed by applicants as this document does not have to be submitted with the application.

The Legal Entity Form, Declaration on Honour and Bank Account Form may be signed digitally or by hand.

If the documents are signed digitally, we strongly encourage applicants to sign with a **qualified electronic signature (QES) within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 (eIDAS Regulation)**.

Documents signed with a QES benefit from the highest level of security and legal certainty under the eIDAS Regulation. You can find more background information at:

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Q4. Do you know if it is allowed to hand in a proposal for an action that is similar to the one that we are currently implementing? We are facing a very high demand of the schools we are cooperating with and are wondering if there is the possibility to implement an action twice with different students and teachers (who are our target group).

A4. Applicants are free to propose an action which is the same as or similar to previously successful applications.

Q5. We have been trying to find information about the previous initiatives funded under the former editions of the same call so to have an overall understanding of the activities that have been implemented in these initiatives.

We have not found any project database from where we could source this information. We only found the names of the initiatives and their promoters/beneficiaries (e.g. the ones funded under the 2019 call: [list_successful_applicants.pdf](#) (europa.eu)).

Is there any project database where we could read more about these projects?

A5. You will find examples of previous actions on:
https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/policy/communication/comm_action_calls/.