

Open call for project applications

Questions and Answers

Q: When it is expected to start with the project's implementation and what is the deadline to finish the implementation of projects?

A: The project implementation should start no earlier than April 2022.

All projects should be finished no later than 31 December 2022.

Q: When will the applicants receive an answer on their application?

A: The applicants are expected to receive an answer by March 14, and no later than March 21.

Q: Are Committees for Gender Equality formed within a Municipality Council eligible to apply?

A: The call is open for civil society organizations (CSO). Eligibility criteria are listed in the call for applications.

Q: Are individuals eligible to apply on behalf of the Macedonian American Alumni Association?

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Q: Are organizations that are recently registered eligible to apply?

A: The public call contains list of the eligibility criteria as well as criteria related on the previous experience of organization.

Q: Can you elaborate on the condition: The organizations are not beneficiaries of the funds of the European Commission Civil Society Facility and Media Programme 2018-2019, budget lines: BGUE-B2018-22.020401 and BGUE-B2019-22.020401.

Are organizations that received sub-grants from the projects funded through the same programme, eligible to apply?

A: The condition says that only the organizations that in no way benefit of the funds of the European Commission Civil Society Facility and Media Programme 2018-2019, budget lines: BGUE-B2018-22.020401 and BGUE-B2019-22.020401 can be considered eligible.

Q: Are organisations members of the SEENPM eligible to apply if they are not involved in project in any way, either formally or informally?

A: You can apply as long as the organisation is not beneficiary of the funds of the European Commission Civil Society Facility and Media Programme 2018-2019, budget lines: BGUE-B2018-22.020401 and BGUE-B2019-22.02040.

Q: If a potential applicant wishes to apply in partnership with a private radio, that would mean dedicating some budget to cover for the radio technicians working on the show, and a lumpsum payment per radio show episode to cover for the radio broadcasting.

A: Please look at the instructions in the budget and make sure the items you budget follows the given instructions. E.g. the budget states that the budget can be directed on promotional activities, if the radio is used to promote the project, some sort of costs can be accepted, as long as they are in line with instructions.

Q: Can local media we partner with receive funds under this call?

A: The RDN 2.0 project partners will sign contract with selected CSO that need to fulfil the eligibility criteria. Partnerships with media are welcomed, but no funds can be directly transferred to media outlets. When budgeting please make sure you follow the instructions. The budget states that the budget can be directed on promotional activities, so funds directed at promotional activities are eligible direct cost.

Q: Is the lease of media space (broadcasting jingles, audio spots and shows) an eligible cost in the project?

A: The project budget document, which is attached to the public call, provides examples of eligible costs.

Q: Can we charge under the office costs budget line material for musical instruments such as: reeds, strings, rubber bands, cork, etc., because these material are office costs for musicians?

A: Document Annex 2, (project budget) specifies exactly what office costs are. If the costs you have specified in the question related to the implementation of activities, in that case these costs are direct activity costs or equipment costs. In any case, you must take into account the maximum percentage of these costs in the total amount of budget for the project.

Q: Do the media that we partner with, need to sign a declaration of intent or something similar?

A: Partnerships with media are welcomed and an added value of the projects. Signed declaration of cooperation with the media is a good guaranty of this cooperation, but it is not mandatory.

Q: Does the application need to be signed and scanned, or just sent electronically in pdf?

A: The application should be sent electronically, in pdf.

Q: What experience in advocacy in diversity and/or hate speech is required and preferred for applicants to have under the call?

A: Your experience should help prove you are a good candidate to implement the project you applied for.

Q: Does the experience of CSOs include the experience of employees in this association, because we were implemented similar project?

A: The public call envisages the experience of civil society organizations in the field of advocacy for diversity and/or hate speech. However, there is also a question related to the project team, their expertise and experience.

Q: Is it enough to submit the application form and the budget from the link in the Public call, or there is additional document that we need to submit?

A: Application form and budget are mandatory documents and these are the only documents that must be submitted. Applicants in certain countries may need to attach additional documentation, meant to verify the fulfillment of their eligibility requirements. Please refer to the instructions provided in the call administered in your country.

Q: Do we submit documents in English language or can we submit documents on local language?

A: Application form and project budget should be submitted in English.

Q: Should we submit evidence of the implemented activities in previous period?

A: You can present your experiences in project implementation in the part of the application that is planned for that purpose, no further evidence about the implemented projects is needed.