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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS 2

Civil Society Capacity Building and Advocacy - Grant Program

<p>Q16: Our organization XXXXXX has been working in the rural areas of Podrinje for the past 14 years through educational center in XXXXXXX. We would gladly apply for ALTER - "Active Local Territories for the Economic Development of Rural Areas" and we have a question. Our organization is not a member of the Rural Development Network and can apply to you ALTER project.</p>
<p>Answer 16: Membership in Rural Development Networks is not condition for applicants. You could apply if your organisation fulfils conditions of the call. Please find more details in Guideline 2.4 Eligibility.</p>
<p>Q17: I have a question - who can apply for a grant? I'm interested in whether any Legal Entity can apply? Does an NGO registered 2017 have the right to apply? The same thing as a lead applicant or partner.</p>
<p>Answer 17: Non-profit civil society organizations which are legal entities can apply, regardless of the year of establishment. This applies to both the applicant and the partner. Please find more details in Guideline 2.4 Eligibility.</p>
<p>Q18: Is an organization formed during 2017 eligible for application?</p>
<p>Answer 18: Yes, you could apply. In scoring of the project application relevant experience and capacities will be evaluated.</p>
<p>Q19: Is it allowed for project partnerships to be concluded only at national level or they must be regional partnerships?</p>
<p>Answer 19: Partnerships are allowed to be concluded at the national level.</p>
<p>Q20: Are the costs for visiting LAG in an EU Member State (specifically Bulgaria or Croatia) considered as eligible?</p>
<p>Answer 20: The cost of a study visit to LAG in an EU Member State is eligible only if the country is covered by the ALTER project. In this case, the cost of visiting LAG in Croatia would be eligible.</p>
<p>Q21: If we have a sub-grant from the Civil Society Facility and Media Program 2014-2015, are we eligible to apply?</p>
<p>Answer 21: Yes it's eligible, only it's not acceptable to have the same activities and co-financing from the same fund.</p>
<p>Q22: Can you please help with the numbers of lot - question in application form, since I am reading guidelines of the call, but I can not see the paragraph explaining NUMBERS of lot.</p>
<p>Answer 22: Please keep this cell empty. Within the call are not foreseen lots.</p>
<p>Q23: Are projects targeting mainly local government policies' improvement eligible, or projects need to</p>



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be mainly related to national government?
Answer 23: No limits, project could target mainly local or national government, or both.
Q24: What interests us is whether the Social Economy implies an area where we worked specifically with the hard-employ category of people with disability, education of persons with disabilities and active politics employment. We also have a signed protocol on cooperation with the capitol of Podgorica where we have been providing economic and legal consulting for women in business – entrepreneurs in last three years, there are women from the village and rural areas, we educated them, helped them with the form of organization business and writing business plans for applying to IRF and others financial institutions. Is it possible for our organisation to apply?
Answer 24: Social entrepreneurship involves working with heavily recruited groups, so we do not see the limitation for your application. Normally it must be directed to rural areas. Please find more details in Guideline 2.4 Eligibility and 2.5 Thematic area
Q25: In the last two years our budget was about 40.000 BAM. Can we apply, or will our application be taken into consideration?
Answer 25: If annual budget of the organization was over 17.000 EUR per year, in last two years, organization is not eligible to apply. Please find more details in Guideline 2.4 Eligibility.
Q26: “The maximal annual budget is equal or less than 17.000EUR per each applicant and co-applicant in partnership, in the last two years...to have rural development as the main field of work, with a track record in sustainable development, and/or working on one or more thematic areas of relevance to the call” This means that the applicant organization in the last two years must have been awarded grants not higher than 17.000 EUR? Later on it is required for the organization to be active, what contradicts with this. An active organization with projects and experiences cannot circulate such low annual values.
Answer 26: In the Grant Program Guideline is stated that “Maximal annual budget are equal or less than 17.000 EUR per applicant and each co-applicant in partnership, in last two years”, meaning that per each year in these two last year the annual budget of the applicant organization should not exceed the amount of 17.000EUR. The same counts for the partner(s) organization. The annual budget must vary between 0.1EUR – 17.000EUR. Under the section of the eligibility criteria (2.4) it is stated that <i>Applicants should be active, verified by excerpt from national registry</i> , meaning the applicant organization should prove that they have an Active Status (active VAT) verified by supported documents (the Statute of the organization and Certificate of Registration). The same counts for the partner(s) organization.
Q27: Should the application be in partnership with other organizations?
Answer 27: Organizations must form local, national and/or regional partnerships with minimum one civil society organisation as partner, to increase the impact of their project and their chances of being awarded a grant. Partners must fulfill the same criteria as the lead applicant.
Q28: Can municipalities and willage headmen submit Project proposal



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Answer 28: No, only CSOs can submit Project
Q29: Does a CSOs have to have a partner CSO?
Answer 29: Yes. Organizations must form local, national and/or regional partnerships with minimum one civil society organisation as partner, to increase the impact of their project and their chances of being awarded a grant. Partners must fulfill the same criteria as the lead applicant.
Q30: Will Any other forms apart from the documents taking place in the call be needed to fill? Is Any other detailed Project documents required.
Answer 30: No. Only the parts in applican form will be prepared.
Q31: Can proposal be submitted in Turkisk?
Answer 31: Yes. But Project summary have to be in English.
Q32: Will the applican be submitted online?
Answer 32: Yes.