

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RELATING TO CALL FOR PROPOSALS
“LOCAL INITIATIVES ON INTER-MUNICIPAL COOPERATION”

IN

ARMENIA, GEORGIA AND MOLDOVA

1. Can an NGO be an applicant?

No. NGOs cannot be an applicant. Please check the call for proposals for more details on eligible entities for each country. Nothing, however, prevents NGOs from providing assistance to municipalities in preparing their applications and in implementing subsequent projects, in accordance with their mutual agreements.

2. Is there needed to submit the project proposal in partnership with other entities? Is there a minimum and maximum number of partners?

Depending on the country (Armenia, Georgia or Moldova), there should be at least two partner municipalities in case of consortia of municipalities, a joint municipal enterprise with at least two founding municipalities or a consortia of at least two municipal enterprises. Please note that the conditions differ by country. For details, please check the call for proposals for respective country. There is no maximum number of partners.

3. Are expert fees or costs of small works eligible?

Yes.

4. Is there any percentage of contribution?

No, there is no required percentage of own contribution. Moreover, such contribution does not have to be a financial one, it may also be in-kind (e.g. human resources, know-how, equipment).

5. According to eligibility criteria for the call for Moldova "In order to be eligible for a grant, an applicant must “be a joint municipal enterprise created by at least two municipalities with the purpose of providing public services to their residents". Should we understand that just municipal enterprises can submit project proposals?

Is it necessary to create official/formal municipal enterprise or is just enough to sign joint agreement between local authorities?

Is a Local Public Authority eligible to submit the project proposal?

Yes, in case of the call for projects in Moldova only a joint municipal enterprise created by at least two municipalities with the purpose of providing public services is eligible to apply. The eligibility conditions for Armenia and Georgia are defined in the respective calls for proposals.

6. What does it mean “submitted by newly created (not earlier than one year ago) joint municipal enterprises”? Advantage will be given to municipalities created at least one year ago or less than one year ago?

This should be understood as “created by newly created (not later than one year ago) joint municipal enterprises”, meaning advantage will be given to the companies created less than one year ago.

7. “Local and regional authorities” as a target stakeholders are meaning and authorities from rural area, rural authorities?

Local authorities from both urban and rural areas as well as public entities created by them are eligible to apply.

8. Can you send us an example of an agreement form, so that we sign it between our communities?

We do not have examples of such agreements, as their form would be regulated by the legal framework of each country, relating to inter-municipal cooperation. You might seek assistance from the ministry responsible for local governance in your country or an association of local authorities.

9. In the budget - if we do not want to use specific expenditure, should the line be deleted or should it be left blank?

The budget lines can be deleted or added as necessary. However, the order or the titles of the budget headings (human resources, travel, etc.) should not be changed.