

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q1: Does the call for proposals aim to co-finance actions that are already funded by a national, regional or local entity, or could we create a project from scratch with the budget of the call? In other words, do we need to include the proposed actions within an existing project that already includes an awareness campaign?

A1: The Call for Proposals allows you to create a new project specifically for this call. An existing project is not required. Under the principle of co-funding (Article 2.3 of Rule No. 1374 of 16 December 2015), the Council of Europe will finance only part of the project, and the grantee must contribute to the project, either through their own resources or third-party support.

According to the principle of non-cumulative awards (Article 2.4.2 of Rule No. 1374 of 16 December 2015 on the grant award procedures of the Council of Europe), a grant by the Council of Europe cannot finance any part of an action or project that is already funded by other sources.

Q2: If we already had a campaign that does not primarily aim to discuss the content of the Istanbul Convention, could we allocate this funding to create content related to the convention and include it within our existing campaign?

A2: The funding provided by this call is intended for a new awareness-raising initiative and co-funded by the applicant (see above).

If the existing campaign content is compatible with the objective of the Call for Proposals and there is no conflict of interest, you may propose to use it as a distribution platform/channel of communication for the new awareness-raising initiative. (For more details, please, see the [CoE Raising awareness of the Istanbul Convention: methodology and toolkit for civil society organisations](#))