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Call for proposals of civil society organisations: Supporting a democratic education environment - "Quality education for all" in Montenegro

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question: I would like to ask because we are not sure are we supposed to write project on english language or we can write it on serbian/montenegrin?

Answer: The application package for this call must be submitted in English.

Question: Can a NGO apply for a grant even if it has not been part of the phase 1?

Answer: Yes, each and every national NGO is eligible under the criteria set in the call can submit project proposal. In the previous phase we haven't worked with NGOs as project partners but exclusively with the pilot schools.

Question: Do NGOs need any special training for applying for the grant?

<u>Answer:</u> NGOs don't need any special training for applying for the grant. In the call for proposals we provided links to the relevant Council of Europe materials that can be of use for additional information. We need a full project proposal including filled application form and budget. Templates can be found at https://go.coe.int/Wna5u

Question: From this section of the call I am getting an idea that the organization which leads/carries out the project will have to involve all the school from the particular region in this project, meaning that the organization will have to organize activities that build a stronger cooperation between these school (e.g South region).

"The general objective is thus to propose a project which will involve all the pilot schools within one cluster to strengthen both school to school partnership and links with the surrounding community as a way for CDC development and which combine the achievement of new knowledge and critical understanding but also experience-based development of skills and attitudes. CDC descriptors can serve as a good toolbox to operationalise competences"

Does this paragraph/section/requirement mean that all the schools have to be involved or is it possible to involve only one institution/school or two (in the same city)? For example, is it possible that the organization that carries out the project to cooperate with the local high school to promote a democratic education environment with the involvement of the local community?

It is a little bit vague to me as in some parts the local community(which in my understanding is related to one city) is mentioned, while on the hand the cooperation between different institutions or cities of one region is stressed.

<u>Answer:</u> Please note that the project proposal needs to involve all the pilot schools from one cluster (around ten schools per cluster) and local communities surrounding all the pilot schools from that







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particular cluster (e.g. from southern region cluster). It is up to applicants to asses to which extent they will involve local communities (e.g. parents, NGOs, local self-governments, universities, relevant local associations etc.).

Question: Could you please clarify "Bank/financial statements authorised by a financial officer of the NGO", is there some specific form?

Regarding the supporting documents for application, could you please clarify what documents are necessary for bank/financial statements authorised by a financial officer of the NGO (Document: Call for proposals; page 8).

<u>Answer:</u> Please note that Bank/financial statement refers to a financial statement that summarizes the assets, revenues, costs, and expenses incurred during a specified period, normally for the last three years but we can accept it for the last fiscal year. No specific form is envisaged for this purpose.

Question: Can elementary school apply for a project or just NGOs?

Answer: NGOs only are eligible to apply to the call. The pilot schools will be partners to the NGO to which the grant is awarded.