

Support to local self-governments and/or
CSOs for fighting discrimination
"Promotion of diversity and equality in Albania"

Questions & Answers

Question 1.

We have seen the call, and we are really interested in applying, but we have one concern, related to the target area/municipality. Have you foreseen particular areas or municipalities, where to apply the project?

Answer 1.

All areas/municipalities on the national territory are eligible based on point 4 of the Call for Proposals as below:

- **Target stakeholders**

Projects should target in particular the following key stakeholders:

- *Local self-governments*
- *Civil society organisations*
- *National minorities and/or LGBTI people*
- *General population*

The above list is not exhaustive, and projects may propose to target other relevant stakeholders, while keeping in mind the general objective of the Action.

More specifically, please to consider that, besides the general objective of the project, any proposal which is submitted jointly by local self-government and a CSO are to be given preference as referred to in Point 6 of the Call for Proposal.

- **Further to the general objective, preference will be given to:**

Projects/actions:

- *Proposed jointly by local self-governments or by a local self-government and a CSO*
- *Combining multiple forms of discrimination (against national minorities and LGBTI persons) and/or hate speech (but defining which is the main topic of the grant)*

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- *Supporting initiatives and actions that promote and encourage fighting discrimination such as on ground of ethnic or national origin, and enhancing intercultural dialogue, mutual respect, understanding and cooperation among all persons living in the local community, still as per issues and vulnerable groups included in the COE reports above mentioned*
- *Related to Local self-government cooperation with CSO and other relevant stakeholders*
- *Related to CSOs cooperation with local self-government and other relevant stakeholders*
- *Linking local level existing strategies in the three above mentioned relevant areas (National Minorities, LGBTI persons, combating Hate Speech) or supporting the preparation such strategies;*
- *Incorporating gender mainstreaming elements*
- *Adaptable to the unpredictable situation with COVID 19 or proposing alternative activities in case meetings in person won't be possible.*
- *Including list of visibility activities that should be implemented through the grant, aiming to: promote tolerance, intercultural dialogue and cultural pluralism among general public - public has access to fact-based/well-researched information about national and/or sexual minorities (and their rights) and/or on hate speech. Based on this it can make a positive connotation with issues linked to the vulnerable groups in society; stimulate media interest and to increase the number of media reports aimed at increasing awareness related to the promotion of tolerance, combating hate speech and minority rights; provide visibility of the contribution of the HF II Programme as well as EU and CoE support to "Promotion of diversity and equality in Albania".*