



The IPA Civil Society Facility & Media Programme for Kosovo* 2018-2019

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05/2020



CS resource centre phase II & Support to innovative projects in the area of social protection

Deadline 08/06/2020

Info sessions 12 & 15 May 2020, WebEx:
<https://eeas.webex.com/meet/efincon/>



IPA CSF and Media Programme

- EU support to promote democracy and governance;
- Based on stakeholders (non-Gov) consultations
- Pursues main policy objectives and results of the EC Guidelines for support to CS and Media
- Implementing modalities (grants, services, redistribution of grants, core funding)
- Complementarity between regional (multi-country) and country actions



- Deadline: **08 June 2020**
- Submission of **Concept Notes** in the first step
- Overall amount **1.4 M (3 projects)**

Objectives (page 6 of GL):

- **to strengthen capacities of CSOs as competent, transparent and effective actors of participatory democracy, contributing to advance the European path of Kosovo, and promoting active citizenship and participation through volunteering;**
- **to support the capacities of competent CSOs in strengthening resilience of the social protection system through innovative and efficient services to the most vulnerable citizens in close coordination with the CSWs;**



Lot 1: Civil society resource centre, phase II

Priorities:

- **build on phase I and complement TACSO project**
- **identify and address needs as well as priorities for cb to be addressed in the next 3 years**
- **envisage activities to enhance cooperation between CSOs, central and local institutions, as well as other non-traditional stakeholders including businesses, academia and the trade unions.**



Lot 1: Civil society resource centre, phase II

Budget available and co-financing:

- EUR 500,000
- the minimum grant amount is EUR 450,000.
- the minimum amount for volunteering initiatives is EUR 100,000
- EU co-financing between 51% and 90 % of total eligible costs (80% total accepted costs)

Project duration : Between 36 and 42 months



Lot 1: Civil society resource centre, phase II

IMPORTANT: Mandatory activities and requirement (page 14 of the GL):

- **re-granting scheme to support programmes and initiatives implemented by volunteers: min. overall amount of the scheme is EUR 100,000;**
- **coordination with TACSO, the RC to host the TACSO country office; support for TACSO CS country monitoring assessments and other TACSO activities in Kosovo;**
- **RC advisory group composed of diverse types of CSOs and stakeholders;**



Lot 2: Support to innovative projects in the area of social protection

Priorities:

- **provision of support and assistance services (e.g. medical, psychosocial, educational, protection and rehabilitation, etc.) to the most vulnerable groups (page 6 of the GL)**
- **coordination with the CSWs and other relevant services in targeted municipalities**
- **Innovation: highlight aspect/s of the project that qualify/ies as innovative, for example in relation to the proposed methodology, specific activity/es, target groups, partnership, etc.**

Lot 2: Support to innovative projects in the area of social protection

Budget available and co-financing:

- EUR 900,000
- the minimum grant amount is EUR 400,000. (max 450,000)
- EU co-financing between 51% and 90 % of total eligible costs (80% of total accepted costs)
- Financial support to third parties possible but not compulsory

Project duration : Between 36 and 42 months



Overarching and Working principles, Rights Based Approach integrating gender mainstreaming, (page 7 of GL)

- **Projects designed and implemented according to the Rights-Based Approach integrating Gender Mainstreaming.**
- **Gender Mainstreaming and Rights Based Approach are essential strategies for the achievement of equality and the enjoyment of human rights.**
- **gender equality and human rights should be a basic element of a project's objectives, activities, deliverables and outcomes**
- **These added value elements should be reflected both in the concept note and in the full application.**



Other budget-related features of this call:

- Under Lot I, compulsory re-granting for volunteering (min 100k, max 5k per grant)
- Under Lot II public Universities in Kosovo are considered as eligible co-applicant only to carry out scientific work such as analysis, research or studies as part of the action. The maximum percentage of the budget directly linked to research work under this call is limited to 7% of the total eligible costs of the action.
- For both Lots, volunteer work as in-kind contribution can be included in the proposed budget, but up to max 50% of the co-financing (EU grant limited to max 80% of total accepted costs)

example of budget with vw

total accepted costs = total eligible costs + in kind contributions
(volunteers' work).


total accepted costs 500k




total eligible costs 460k




EU grant 400K (max 80% of total accepted costs)



Own contribution 60k (min. 10% of total accepted costs)



In kind – volunteers 40k (remaining part of the co-financing up to max
its 50%)





Eligibility Criteria

Applicants and Co-applicants, page 9 of GL (pador/prospect)

- be a legal person **and**
- be non-profit-making **and**
- be a civil society organisation **and**
- be established in a Member State of the European Union or in a country covered by Article 19 of IPA II regulation **and**
- be registered in Kosovo for **at least 2 years** before the date of publication of the call **and**



Eligibility Criteria

Applicants and Co-applicants (pador/prospect)

- be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary **and**
- **have a proven background and a minimum of 2 years of experience in Kosovo within the last 5 years in the field of the application at the submission deadline for concept notes (page 10 of GL)**
- Under Lot II public Universities in Kosovo are eligible **co-applicant only** to carry out scientific, research or studies limited to **7% of the total eligible costs of the action.**

IMPORTANT/MANDATORY

- The applicant must ensure that all proposed activities are in line with the status, experience and expertise of the organization.

- Advocacy and awareness raising activities are eligible only if:
 - a) are not the main purpose of the action;
 - b) are complementary to main activities offering direct support to the target beneficiary/ies;
 - c) linked to measurable outcomes.

- An applicant/co-applicant/affiliated entity cannot submit more than 1 application under this call.



Financial support to third parties

Under Lot 1 of this call, financial support to third parties is considered essential to achieve the objective of the action.

the minimum overall amount should be EUR 100,000.

The maximum amount of financial support per third party is EUR 5,000.

The types of activity eligible for financial support are:

Programmes and initiatives of public benefit that foster solidarity, social responsibility and active citizenship, implemented by NGOs, individuals or informal groups to mobilise volunteers of all age groups;



Financial support to third parties

Under Lot 2 applicants FSTP is not compulsory. Applicants may propose financial support to third parties in order to help achieving the objectives of the action.

The maximum amount of financial support per third party is

EUR 60 000 or may not propose financial support to third parties.



Indicative timetable 1/2

- 1. Information meetings: 12 – 15 May 2020 14:00 – 16:00 hrs,
WebEx: <https://eeas.webex.com/meet/efincon>
- 2. Deadline for requesting any clarifications from the Contracting Authority: **18 May 2020**
- 3. Last date on which clarifications are issued by the Contracting Authority: **28 May 2020**
- 4. Deadline for submission of concept notes: **08 June 2020**
- 5. Information to lead applicants on opening, administrative checks and concept note evaluation (Step 1): June/July 2020

Indicative timetable 2/2

- 6. Invitations to submit full applications: July 2020
- 7. Deadline for submission of full applications: August/September
- 8. Information to lead applicants on the evaluation of the full application (Step 2): October 2020
- 9. Notification of award (after the eligibility check) (Step 3): November, 2020
- 10. Contract signature: December 2020



For more information and questions :

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TACSO training for applicants on May 26th through web stream. Registration will be open this week.

<https://tacso.eu/>

Fb: TACSO 3



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Questions?