

Call for Expression of Interest: Addressing the Drivers of Migration and Forced Displacement by Supporting Economic Stabilization and Strengthening Community Resilience

(Ref: AFG/2026/Call for expression of interest 1)

Responses to questions received by email 10 days before the deadline for the submission of concept notes

Question	Answer
1. Could you please advise which budget line or European Development Fund supports this call, so that we may complete the cover page accurately?	The EU budget line supporting the Call for Expression of Interest (CfEol) is the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI) . On the cover page of the application, please indicate the following reference: AFG/2026/Call for Expression of Interest 1 .
2. Regarding the cover page, there is a section requesting the number and title of the lot. Could you kindly confirm whether this is Lot 1, and whether the title corresponds to the Specific Objective (outcomes)?	<i>Annex A.1 – Grant Application Form – Concept Note</i> is a generic document and therefore refers to different Lots. However, as outlined in the Guidelines, this CfEol does not include multiple Lots . Consequently, you should not refer to any Lot number. Please provide only the title of this CfEol: Addressing the Drivers of Migration and Forced Displacement by Supporting Economic Stabilization and Strengthening Community Resilience .
3. The checklist section of Annex A1 does not appear to include an actual checklist. Could you please advise on this?	The checklist is provided on pages 4 and 5 of this document. Please note that it is intended solely as a tool to help applicants verify that all required information has been included. The checklist should not be submitted as part of the application and must be removed before submitting your concept note.
4. Following the attached guidelines on how to register KRO on PADOR, we created an EU Login account. And as per the guidelines, we expected to reach a specific page. Instead, the EU Account keeps us redirecting to a different page. We would kindly appreciate your guidance on how to proceed with completing KRO's registration on PADOR.	We invite you to use the PADOR online support service and consult the user manual available on the application home page .

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5. Kindly share the PowerPoint presentation presented during the information meeting for our reference.	There was no Power Point Presentation presented at the online information session. The only document used were the Guidelines for Call for Expression of Interest.
6. Our organisation is a non-profit, non-governmental and non-political national NGO currently implementing active projects across 22 provinces in Afghanistan, we would like to inquire whether it is possible to select co-applicants from local NGOs or affiliated entity(ies) .	In principle, this is possible. However, please note that affiliated entities must have a structural link with the applicant, as defined in the Guidelines. Therefore, the roles of co-applicants and affiliated entities should not be confused. Please also note that the Contracting Authority will only be able to confirm the eligibility of the entities involved once all the information required under the Guidelines has been submitted and reviewed.
7. Regarding the Concept Note submission deadline of 05 June 2026, could you kindly clarify which annexes and supporting documents are required to be submitted along with the Annex A.1 – Grant application form - Concept note .	Please refer to Section 2.2.1, “Concept Note Content,” of the Guidelines. At the concept note stage, only Annex A1: Grant Application Form – Concept Note must be submitted.
8. For your reference, our organization is already registered in PADOR under the account detailed in the attached pdf. We cannot see our organization’s profile. We kindly request you to review our existing registration and confirm whether the current information and documentation meet the necessary requirements; and If there are any additional steps, updates, or certification processes that we need to complete.	Please note that the EU Delegation to Afghanistan does not manage PADOR application. We kindly ask you to use the online support service and consult the user manual available on the application home page. Verification of PADOR registration will be carried out as part of the evaluation process. Please note that individual verifications cannot be conducted prior to the submission and assessment of applications. Applicants are therefore kindly requested to ensure that their PADOR registration is complete and up to date and to refer carefully to the relevant provisions and instructions provided in the Guidelines for Applicants.
9. Our organisation is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit entity with full operational presence in Afghanistan through an affiliated entity, eligible to apply as lead applicant under this Call. Does our organisation registration satisfy Condition 5 — registered legal entity in Afghanistan with fully operational presence?	The Contracting Authority is not in a position to determine the eligibility of specific entities without reviewing all supporting documentation. The Guidelines provide only general guidance, while eligibility is assessed as part of the evaluation process. Please refer to the information provided on pages 24 and 25 of the Guidelines.

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<p>10. The Guidelines state that the lead applicant must:</p> <p>(a) <i>be established in a Member State of the EU or an eligible country as per Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947</i>; and</p> <p>(b) <i>be registered as a legal entity in Afghanistan and have a fully operational presence in the country.</i></p> <p>Our organisation is a non-profit, non-governmental entity headquartered in the Netherlands (an EU Member State) and satisfies criterion (a). We are exploring submitting a concept note as lead applicant in partnership with a nationally registered Afghan NGO with operational presence in Kabul, Nangarhar, Kunar, and Herat.</p> <p>Our clarification question is as follows:</p> <p>Does criterion (b) Legal registration in Afghanistan — require the lead applicant itself to hold a distinct in-country registration, or can the requirement be considered satisfied through a formal partnership arrangement with a co-applicant that is fully registered and operationally present in Afghanistan?</p>	<p>The eligibility criteria established in the Guidelines for this Call for Expression of Interest (CfEoI) apply to both the lead applicant and the co-applicants.</p> <p>Furthermore, as already explained, the Contracting Authority is not in a position to determine the eligibility of specific entities or partnership arrangements without reviewing all the supporting documentation submitted as part of the application. The Guidelines provide general information only, while the actual assessment of eligibility is carried out during the evaluation process.</p> <p>Applicants are therefore kindly requested to refer carefully to the relevant provisions set out on pages 24 and 25 of the Guidelines.</p>

BEFORE SENDING YOUR CONCEPT NOTE, PLEASE CHECK THAT EACH OF THE CRITERIA BELOW HAVE BEEN MET IN FULL AND TICK THEM OFF	Tick the items off below	
Title of the proposal:	Yes	No
PART 1 (ADMINISTRATIVE)		
1. The instructions for the concept note have been followed.		
2. The declaration by the lead applicant has been filled in and signed.		
3. The proposal is typed and is in <English, French, Portuguese or Spanish>. Where more than one language is allowed, the proposal is drafted in the language most commonly used by the target population in the country in which the action takes place.		
4. One original and <X copy(ies)> are included.		
5. An electronic version of the concept note is enclosed.		
PART 2 (ELIGIBILITY)		
6. The action will be implemented in [an] eligible [country(ies)] [region(s)] and in the minimum required number of eligible [countries] [regions].		
7. The duration of the action is between <X months> and <X months> (the minimum and maximum allowed).		
8. The requested contribution is between the minimum and maximum allowed.		
9. The action/activities satisfies/y the eligibility criteria listed in Section 2.1.3 of the guidelines.		

10. The declaration by the lead applicant has been filled in and sent with the concept note.		
You may add points if the guidelines for applicants foresee additional eligibility criteria for the action.		