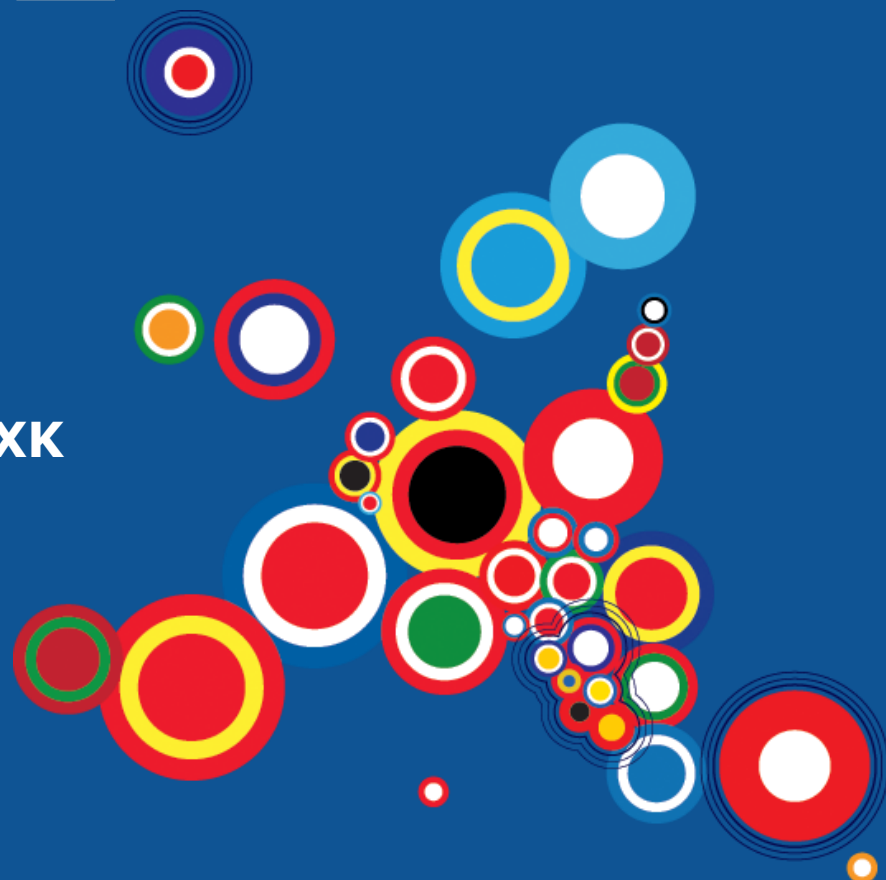


Call for proposals: EuropeAid/173904/DD/ACT/XK

Info session



Cooperation, Social Dev Team & Contract, Finance & Audit
26/04/2022

Support to civil society, media and human rights actors in Kosovo 2021

Deadline for concept notes 01/06/2022

Info session 28th April 2022 (suspensive clause due to finalisation of the FFPA)

Two complementary programmes in one Call:

- **The IPA Civil society Facility & Media 2021-23 supports participatory democracy, media freedom and the EU approximation process by strengthening the role of civil society and media actors: enabling environment; capacities, professional standards, and resources; cooperation with institutions for good governance.**
- **The Human Rights and Democracy is a thematic programme to support civil actors engaged in protecting and promoting human rights, fundamental freedoms with the aim to foster democracy, pluralism and broaden the democratic space.**

Context :

- **Impact of COVID-19: media and civil society actors of social cohesion**
- **Support the reforms through advocacy, monitoring and awareness raising/ Strategic cooperation and partnership with public institutions**
- **Economic recovery (including with the support provided by the European Investment Plan for the Western Balkans) aiming to build a more inclusive, gender responsive and environmentally friendly society**
- **engagement of citizens: activism, volunteering, quality of information, networking, good practices developed in the EU**

Call's Objectives (page 5 of GL)

- 1) fighting corruption and advancing justice and public administration reforms**
- 2) support to culture as a driver for local development**
- 3) capacities to influence decision making in the field of energy**
- 4) media pluralism through quality journalism, professional standards and media literacy**
- 5) Support to anti-discrimination policies, countering hate crimes and gender based violence**

Overall amount of the call: EUR 2.6 million

Project duration: 30 – 36 months

5 Lots corresponding to specific objectives

Lot 1: Fighting corruption and supporting justice and public administration reform (EUR 0.6 million)

- **fight against corruption**
- **management of confiscated criminal assets**
- **oversight of public administration reforms**
- **institutional accountability**

Size of grants:

minimum amount: 150k EUR

maximum amount: 200k EUR

Max percentage of co-financing is 90%

Lot 2: Promoting culture for local development (EUR 0.5 million)

- **tangible and intangible cultural heritage**
- **development of the cultural and creative sectors**
- **art education, creative and artistic skills for local development**

Size of grants:

minimum amount: 450k EUR

maximum amount: 500k EUR

- ☐ **Max percentage of co-financing is 90%**
- ☐ **Projects must include FSTP for an overall minimum amount of 280k EUR (max EUR 12.000 per third party)**
- ☐ **cooperation with public cultural and educational institutions is highly encouraged**

Lot 3: Support capacities in the field of energy and green transition **(EUR 0.2 million)**

- **decarbonisation and clean energy transition**
- **circular economy, waste management and recycling**

Size of grants:

minimum amount: 150k EUR

maximum amount: 200k EUR

Max percentage of co-financing is 90%

Lot 4: Support to journalism and media literacy (EUR 0.7 million)

- professional, ethical and labour standards of journalist and media workers
- qualitative and trustworthy investigative reporting available to citizens
- countering disinformation

Size of grants: minimum amount: 300k – 350k EUR

Max percentage of co-financing is 90%

- ☐ **Projects must include FSTP for an overall minimum amount of 200k EUR (max EUR 12.000 per third party)**
- ☐ **cooperation with public universities in the field of journalism and/or education institutions is highly encouraged.**

Lot 5: Countering discrimination, hate speech and gender-based violence (EUR 0.6 million)

- **reporting cases of discrimination, protecting vulnerable individuals and groups**
- **countering hate crimes against minority and LGBTQI+ communities**
- **preventing all forms of gender-based violence, protecting and supporting victims**

Size of grants: 150k EUR – 180k EUR

Max percentage of co-financing is 90%

- ☐ **cooperation with duty-bearers including education institutions is highly encouraged.**

RBA and integrating gender mainstreaming, (page 7 & 8 of the GL)

- **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.**
- **At least one specific objective and one indicator in each proposal should be aimed at gender equality.**
- **These added value elements should be reflected both in the concept note and in the full application.**

Number of applications and grants per applicants/affiliated entities (page 21 of the GL): an applicant/co-applicant/affiliated entity cannot submit more than 1 application under this call.

Volunteers' work as co-financing

- **co-financing in kind in the form of volunteers' works up to maximum of 50% of the co-financing.**
- **to the value of such contributions must be valued in unit costs per volunteer per day (45 EUR/day)**
- **This type of costs must be presented separately from other eligible costs in the estimated budget**

Financial support to third parties (page 20 of the GL)

For Lot 1, 3 and 5 FSTP is optional; for Lot 2 and 4 is considered necessary to achieve the objectives, i.e. support initiatives in the field of culture/cultural heritage and media pluralism/journalism/media literacy

For all Lots the maximum amount of financial support per third party is EUR 12,000.

Applicant should define mandatorily the elements of the FSTP scheme in Section 2.1.1 of the grant application form such as objectives, expected results, eligible entities, criteria for the selection, etc. (see page 17 of the GL)

Eligibility of applicants (i.e. lead applicant and co-applicant(s)), page 11,12 & 13 of GL

For all Lots:

- **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 an IPA beneficiary country and**
- **be registered in Kosovo and**

- 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 3 years of experience in Kosovo over the last 5 years in the field of the application at the submission deadline for concept notes and

Co-applicants must satisfy the eligibility criteria as applicable to the lead applicant himself, with the exception of being registered in Kosovo.

Applicants are encouraged to apply in partnerships with experienced EU based organisations (as co-applicants, affiliated entity or associates) in order to transfer best practices in the given sector/thematic priority (added value).

Key Dates

- **Deadline for requesting any clarifications from the Contracting Authority: 11 May 2022**
- **Last date on which clarifications are issued by the Contracting Authority: 21 May 2022**
- **Deadline for submission of applications: 01 June 2021**

Indicative timeline

- Information to lead applicants on opening, administrative checks and concept note evaluation (Step 1): **August 2022**
- Information to lead applicants on the evaluation of the full application (Step 2): **October 2022**
- Notification of award (after the eligibility check) (Step 3): **November 2022**
- Contract signature: **December 2022**

- Submission of application through PROSPECT
- Update of PADOR profiles

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Questions?