

FAQs

2016 EaP CSF Re-granting Call

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Eligibility:

Q: Can an organization that is not a member of National Platform be a partner in a project?

A: Yes, an organization can be a partner in a project proposal even if it is not a member of a National Platform.

Q: Can an organization apply if it is not (has not been) a member of the Forum (Assembly)? Does the membership in the Forum impact the grading of a project proposal?

A: If your organization has not been a member of the Forum (Assembly) so far, you can apply as a project partner only and have to find a member organization of any Forum to be a lead applicant (in line with the <u>Guidelines for Applicants</u>). The participation in the Forum (Assembly) is a technical criterion of eligibility. It needs to be complied with, however the project proposal is evaluated on the basis of the content.

Q: Is a project eligible for the EaP CSF Re-granting Scheme if a partner organization is from an EU Member State?

A: Yes, the project is eligible if one of the partners is an organization from an EU Member State. However, the project also has to involve minimum three organizations registered in three different EaP countries in the capacity of either a lead or partner organization.

Q: Can a proposal for funding that is a part of a larger project partially funded by an EU delegation be submitted?

A: Usually it is not possible to co-fund an EU grant by another EU funded grant, which is the case of our re-granting (EU is the major donor of the EaP CSF Re-granting Scheme, with contribution from NED). For us, if you apply with a self-standing component of the project that will have clearly separated costs (not a percentage of overall project costs), it is acceptable but it can be a problem for you when declaring a co-funding. You should get in touch with the EU Delegation funding your project and ask for their advice. They can also get in touch with the Secretariat of the Steering Committee of the EaP CSF, if needed.

Q: The wording of the point 4.1 of the EaP CSF call uses the term 'cover' (Any project funded through this Call for Proposals must cover [...]). Does it mean that the content/action of the proposal must deal with at least 3 EaP countries? Or is it that the lead applicant and partners must be based in at least three EaP countries?







A: Both conditions should be met. At least three EaP CSOs should be involved in the capacity of partners and/or lead applicant, but also the project activities should be implemented in at least three EaP countries (be it only research, for example).

Q: In some countries it is impossible or very difficult for CSOs to send funds to other countries. In case the leading partner is located in such country, the project implementation will be problematic. How was this issue solved last year? Is the Commission ready to send financial resources directly to project partners in multiple countries, and the administrative role of the project partner is just to compile common reports?

A: In principle, the leading applicant should have some financial capacity as it is the responsibility of this organization to report but we have had similar cases and we understand the situation might be complicated for various reasons. In some cases, the Secretariat was sending payments on behalf of the grantee and payment in cash can be also performed. For this reason, we also introduced the declaration of honour this year, in which the lead applicant states whether there is a capacity to conduct all financial procedures. It means that we want to know in advance and prepare for these situations. If the project is good, we are ready to be as flexible as possible. The Commission does not participate in this matter, since the implementation of the regranting is our responsibility.

Grant Amount:

Q: Is the grant amount (between 10 000 and 25 000 euros) to be awarded for the project as a whole, or is each partner organization in a given project is eligible to receive a grant for the same project?

A: The amount mentioned (EUR 10.000-25.000) in the call is the range for the overall project costs.

Application Forms:

Q: Where can the application form for EaP CSF Re-Granting Scheme be found?

A: The project and budget proposal templates as well as guidelines for applicants can be found <u>here</u> in English and Russian languages.

Q: Where should the costs related to ad hoc experts be put on the budget template?

A: Expenses related to experts that will give lectures on ad hoc basis and will not work on the project on the continuous basis should be put in the section 7.3 Experts/Consultants on the budget template.



