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Call for Proposals:

EU Support for Systematic Sectoral Civil Society Participation for the EU Accession Negotiations and the Growth Plan Reform Agenda

Deadline for submission of application: **06/07/2026 at 17:00 (Macedonian date and time)**

Questions and Answers received for this Call for Proposals at the E-mail: info@rcgo.mk by 16th June or at the two online info-sessions held on 15th May and 22nd May 2026.

Questions received at the E-mail info@rcgo.mk:	
Q1.1. There are two annexes in the required documents for submission. Grant application form Concept Note and Grant application form Full application. Does that mean that both annexes have to be submitted in the application package?	Page 2 of the Guidelines for Grant Applicants under <u>Notice</u> states: This is an open call for proposals, where all documents are submitted together (concept note and full application). Further on, section <u>2.2.2. Where and how to send applications</u> of the Guidelines for Grant Applicants states: Applications must be submitted in one original in A4 size. The complete application form (Annex A.1. Concept note and Annex A.2. Full application form), the declaration on honour on exclusion criteria, the rest of supporting documents, budget and logical framework and all other annexes must also be supplied in electronic format (USB) in a separate and single file (i.e. the application must not be split into several different files).
Q1.2. We saw the Call for Proposals: EU Support for Systematic Sectoral Civil Society Participation for the EU Accession Negotiations and the Growth Plan Reform Agenda and would like to ask for the following clarification: 1. Can a public university professor be involved in project team or as expert on part-time contract base, outside working hours with a permission of the employer?	According to section <u>2.1.4. Eligibility of costs and eligibility of results/conditions</u> from the Guidelines for Grant Applicants under Non-eligible costs it is listed “salary costs of the personnel of national administrations”. Thus, if the person is already employed and paid directly from central, regional, or local government budgets then they cannot be paid as project experts or project team members.
Questions asked at the online info-sessions:	
Q2.1. Дали треба да се преведат на англиски тековната состојба, статутот и завршните сметки? (Do Certificate of Current Status, statute and profit and loss account and the balance sheet need to be translated to English?)	No, there is no need for these supporting documents (Certificate of Current Status, statute and profit and loss account and the balance sheet) to be translated to English.
Q2.2. Колку грантови се очекува да се доделат во секој лот? (How many grants are expected to be awarded in each lot?)	It is expected for at least six grants to be awarded under Lot 1 and at least four grants under Lot 2. However, as stated under <u>1.3. Financial allocation provided by the contracting authority</u> of the Guidelines for Grant Applicants, this is indicative allocation of funds by lots and if the allocation indicated for a specific lot cannot be used due to insufficient quality or number of proposals received, the contracting authority reserves the right to reallocate the remaining funds to other lot.

<p>Q2.3. И коапликантите треба да се регистрирани 3 години пред објавувањето на повикот? (Are co-applicants also required to have been registered for at least three years prior to the publication of the call for proposals?)</p>	<p>Yes. According to section <u>2.1.1. Eligibility of applicants (i.e. lead applicant and co-applicant(s))</u> of the Guidelines for Grant Applicants the co-applicants must satisfy the eligibility criteria as applicable to the lead applicant himself.</p>
<p>Q2.4. Under Lot 1, do co-applicants must be members of the network in order to be eligible to apply?</p>	<p>According to section <u>2.1.1 Eligibility of applicants</u> of the Guidelines for Grant Applicants, under Lot 1, co-applicants are not required to be members of the network in order to be eligible. However, under Section <u>2.1.3. Eligible actions: actions for which an application may be made</u> it is stated that under Lot 1, support will be provided to existing civil society networks and platforms, therefore, membership in the network is considered as an advantage, as it demonstrates a stronger connection to the network's objectives and may contribute positively to the overall relevance and added value of the proposed action under Lot 1.</p>
<p>Q2.5. Under Lot 1, the network must be registered in line with the Law on Associations and Foundations in order to be applicant or co-applicant?</p>	<p>Section <u>2.1.3. Eligible actions: actions for which an application may be made</u> it is stated that under Lot 1, support will be provided to existing civil society networks and platforms, although it is not mandatory for these networks/platforms to be registered in line with the Law on Associations and Foundations.</p> <p>However, if the network participates on this Call for proposals as an applicant or co-applicant it must meet all the criteria defined under section <u>2.1.1. Eligibility of applicants (i.e. lead applicant and co-applicant(s))</u> of the Guidelines for Grant Applicants, i.e. the network must be registered in line with the Law on Associations and Foundations.</p>
<p>Q2.6. Affiliates must be organisations or they can be businesses or institutions?</p>	<p>Under section <u>2.1.1. Eligibility of applicants (i.e. lead applicant and co-applicant(s))</u> of the Guidelines for Grant Applicants it is stated that the affiliated entity(ies) must satisfy the same eligibility criteria as the lead applicant and the co-applicant(s).</p>
<p>Q2.7. Due to the limited capacities of the registered network, is it acceptable for another organisation members of the</p>	<p>The eligibility criteria defined under section <u>2.1.1. Eligibility of applicants (i.e. lead applicant and co-applicant(s))</u> of the Guidelines for</p>

<p>network to be lead applicant and the registered network to be co-applicant?</p>	<p>Grant Applicants do not contain this requirement. Therefore, it is acceptable for another organisation that is a member of the network to act as the lead applicant, while the registered network may participate as a co-applicant, provided that all other eligibility requirements are respected. This arrangement is permissible and may provide an effective way to combine capacities and expertise, ensuring the successful implementation of the proposed action.</p>
<p>Q2.8. Signed Mandate of members of network should be in original</p>	<p>The signed mandate by network members, applicable only for Lot 1 of this Call for proposals does not have to be in original.</p>
<p>Q2.9. Ако три организации членки на мрежата аплицираат на повикот, дали останатите членки на мрежата имаат право да аплицираат со друга апликација во име на друга мрежа или конзорциум на истиот повик? (If three member organisations of a network apply under the call, are the remaining members of the network allowed to submit another application on behalf of a different network or consortium under the same call?)</p>	<p>According to section <u>5.4. Mandate (for network members) (Applicable only for Lot 1)</u> of Annex A.2 – Grant Application form – Full application, the Network members have to sign Mandate authorizing the Lead applicant to submit the application on behalf of the network. However, signing such a mandate does not exclude these organisations from participating in another application under the same call, either as a lead applicant or as a co-applicant within a different network or consortium, provided that all other eligibility requirements are respected.</p>
<p>Q2.10. Дали може да се аплицира со општина? Дали е потребно да се достават со апликацијата меморандуми за соработка со општината или друг пропратен документ? (Is it possible to submit an application in partnership with a municipality? Are applicants required to provide memoranda of cooperation with the municipality or any other supporting documentation as part of the application?)</p>	<p>Under section <u>2.1.1. Eligibility of applicants (i.e. lead applicant and co-applicant(s))</u> of the Guidelines for Grant Applicants it is stated that the co-applicants must satisfy the same eligibility criteria as the lead applicant and the co-applicant(s). Therefore, municipalities are not eligible to be co-applicant on this Call for proposals.</p> <p>However, municipalities may be involved in the action as associates. In such cases, they should be clearly indicated under Section 4 of the application form. No additional supporting documents, such as memoranda of cooperation or other accompanying documentation, are required to be submitted together with the application.</p>
<p>Q2.11. Дали медиуми како компании може да аплицираат? (Are media outlets registered as companies eligible to apply?)</p>	<p>In line with <u>2.1.1. Eligibility of applicants (i.e. lead applicant and co-applicant(s))</u> of the Guidelines for Grant Applicants, media outlets registered as companies are not eligible to participate as applicants or co-applicants. However, they may be engaged as contractors for the implementation of specific activities under the action. Contractors are subject to the procurement rules set out in Annex IV to the standard grant contract.</p>