Questions and Answers

Call for Proposals: Youth-led advocacy and awareness on youth human rights.

As part of the Intervention:

"Youth Protection & Civic Engagement"

Reference: PSE22002-10014				
QUESTION		ANSWER		
1.	It is mentioned that the applicant must utilize the full amount of the call - 198,000 EUR (One hundred Ninety-Eight thousand Euros) – would this mean that only one proposal will be selected?	Only one proposal will be selected to utilize the full amount of this call.		
2.	There are two pillars: HR advocacy and Climate Action – is it required to include both pillars in a same level in the content of the action?	The reference is made to the two main pillars of Enabel's Portfolio in Palestine, i.e. Youth Empowerment as Pillar One, and Climate and Environment as Pillar Two. This call falls under Intervention Two of Pillar One. The action of this call focuses on youth human rights protection, advocacy and accountability, and civic engagement. Please refer to the expected results on page four of the guidelines.		
3.	As the targeted population are amongst other university students, would the academic entities such as universities or colleges be eligible as applicants/co-applicants? or would they qualify as associate for this call?	The applicant must act individually without any coapplicants and in accordance with the requirement explained in the guidelines. Academic institutions can apply for this call if they meet the admissibility criteria of applicants; please refer to page 5; section 2.1.1. For Associates and Contractors criteria, please refer to pages 6-7; section 2.1.2.		
4.	The application guidelines state that to be admissible for grants, applicants must "be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s), if any, and not be acting as an intermediary" which allows having a co-applicant. However, on the same page, it is stated that "The applicant must act individually without any co-applicants and in accordance with the requirement below" (Admissibility of applicants, p.6). A clarification is requested regarding the admissibility of having a co-applicant.	The first statement does not allow for co-applicants. It is a standard statement that applies to applications with or without co-applicant. Hence the words "if any". For this specific call, and as indicated in the guidelines, "The applicant must act individually without any co-applicants".		
5.	Clarification is requested regarding the inclusion of social and economic rights within the scope of this call for proposals. Can action proposals be aimed at empowering youth and strengthening their civic engagement and participation on issues related to their social and economic rights—including access to basic services such as education, health, water, and electricity—are considered part of the call's scope.	This action does not limit applications to political and civil rights of the youth. As long as all expected results are respected, the youth human rights are to be identified by the applicant, as they see a priority to address.		

6.	Is it possible to incorporate a podcast as part of the project? The aim is to create engaging content that does not only educate but also inspire audience.	Under section 2.1.3. Type of activities, the guidelines provide an indicative list of activities that are suggested for this action. Since this list is not exhaustive, applicants may add additional ideas and are encouraged to go creative.
7.	Should partners be specified by name at this stage? This can be time consuming.	As stated in section 2.1.1. in the guidelines, "The applicant must act individually without any coapplicants". However, if the applicant is cooperating with other organisations to implement this action, they should be identified at this stage.
8.	Is the development of employability skills and entrepreneurship part of the current project?	Under section 2.1.3. Type of activities, the guidelines provide an indicative list of activities that are suggested for this action. As long as the activity is considered contributing to any of the activities listed in the guidelines, it can be considered part of the proposed action.
9.	In this call, the instructions for applicants indicate to act individually without co-applicants. At the same time, they indicate covering both the West Bank and East Jerusalem, what if the applicant organisation works in one of those areas only?	It is always advised that applicant organisations cooperate with other organisations, CBOs, and youth forums which operate in different areas. The applicant organisation is responsible for reaching out to the most vulnerable areas in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. The application must also clarify how access will be ensured.
10.	Is the entity legal form the same as the declaration on honour?	These are two different forms. Both are required to submit as part of the application process, and they are both available in the annexes section of the published call on Enabel's website.
11.	Is it possible to request the template of the communication and visibility plan by Enabel?	Yes. It has also been uploaded to the annexes section of the published call on Enabel's website.
12.	Regarding Annex 7 of the agreement, "Exclusion Grounds," and the Declaration of Honor. Both refer to other sanctions lists besides the UN one. As you know, many Palestinian NGOs did not agree to these imposed conditions. Is there a way to waive these requirements for applicants during the submission and for the grantees in the agreement?	These are standard annexes and forms to be completed and signed by applicants.
13.	Do applicants need to submit a communication and visibility plan?	Yes. The applicant must submit a draft communication and visibility plan.

14. Are applicant organisations expected to reach all universities in the West Bank and East Jerusalem?	There is no limitation to the number of universities engaged in this action. This depends on the proposed action. Meanwhile, the applicant needs to assess the possible activities in relevance to the amounts of funds. The selection of universities needs to be justified on the basis of priority, geographic area, needs, student activity, etc.
15. Is there an expected start date for implementation of project activities?	Normally, implementation starts the day of signature of the grant agreement. The signature is expected in early September 2024.
16. When do applicant organisations need to submit a communication plan?	Applicants need to submit a communication plan along with all application documents by the announced deadline (July 7, 2024). At this stage, it is considered a draft plan, and once the applicant is selected, Enabel will support the selected applicant develops a more comprehensive one.
17. With regards to contingencies, the guideline indicates the need for prior written approval via email when drafting the budget with a reserve of 5%. Could you explain when can applicants do that?	At this stage, the applicant only needs to focus on the three components of the budget (Operational, management, and structure costs) as per budget template. Enabel does not include a contingency reserve of the estimated eligible direct costs anymore.
18. Regarding grant vetting, are there any processes or documents that applicant organisations are expected to go over in the application and awarding process?	Once the applicant is shortlisted, a thorough organizational assessment is conducted to assess the applicant's capacities to implement and sustain the project.
19. Do applicant organisation need to take all results, objectives, and activities, exactly as indicated in the guidelines?	The objectives need to remain the same. As for activities, applicant organisations are encouraged to stick to the activities indicated in the guidelines, and where possible, add to them. Meanwhile, indicators need to be phrased based on how each applicant plans their activities. The indicators in the guidelines can be considered as guiding indicators.
20. Do applicant organisation need to sign the procurement guidelines?	As part of the organizational assessment process, the organisation's procurement capacities are assessed so that the procurement guidelines are adapted accordingly. The current published guidelines document is for applicants' information at this stage.

21. Is it possible to receive an updated list of what applicant organisations need to submit, to avoid confusion?	The following documents are required for the application submission: action proposal, budget, logical framework, legal entity form, communication plan, as well as all supporting documents listed on page 6 of the guidelines.
22. Will all applicants be notified of the decision made? And when?	As indicated in the timetable, notification letters (Either positive or negative) will be communicated to all applicants after completion of the review process.

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