

Call for proposals - 'Building community across generations through media literacy'

Questions received

1. What kind of organisation is considered eligible for the call?

Section 6 of the call for proposals states that the following types of entity are eligible:

- Non-profit organisations working with the primary target groups.
- Care providers for the primary target groups (early childhood care and education, schools, community centres).
- Municipal authorities

Applicants are responsible for demonstrating that they qualify as eligible beneficiaries. It is essential to adhere to the call's eligibility conditions. Compliance will be assessed as explained in section 8 of the call for proposals.

Section 3 of the Guidelines to the call explains how eligible applicants may apply for the grant, including the option of several entities forming one sole applicant.

2. What are the requirements for an organisation to meet the definition of "care provider"?

To be considered as care providers, it is a requirement that organisations provide services for children, adults and older people. Examples of care providers include early childhood care, schools, education facilities, community centres, and/or organisations working with people with mental and physical health issues. No special licence or registration under national or EU law is required. The description of the activities in the statutes or in the act of establishment of the applicant or any equivalent official document would suffice as proof of the care provider's status.

3. What are the requirements for an organisation to meet the definition of "non-profit organisation"?

While there is no EU definition of non-profit organisation, for the purpose of this selection procedure the eligibility will be assessed on the basis of the European System of National Accounts definition: 'A private non-profit institution (NPI) is defined as a legal or social entity acting for the purpose of producing goods and services whose status does not permit them to be a source of income, profit or other financial gains for the units that establish, control or

finance them. Where their productive activities generate surpluses, such surpluses cannot be appropriated by other institutional units'. No special licence or registration under national or EU law is required. The statutes or the act of establishment of the applicant or any equivalent official document would suffice as proof of the non-profit status.

4. What forms of partnership are acceptable?

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5. What kinds of activities are considered eligible?

Regarding the activities that can be funded please refer to section 6 c of the call for proposals document.

6. Where is the budget file? What kind of costs can be covered by the grant?

Section 10, subsections b and c of the call for proposals state that the form of the grant is financing not linked to costs and outline the conditions for payment. A fixed amount of EUR 50.000 will be reimbursed. The full amount of the Union contribution will be paid provided that the activities are implemented as per the activities proposed in the application submitted and attached to the grant agreement.

7. Is subcontracting allowed? What kind of entities can be subcontractors?

As outlined in section 6 b of the call for proposals and section 3.3 of the guidelines to the call, subcontracting is possible if necessary. It should normally constitute a limited part (no more than 30%) of the activities and must be performed by third parties (not by the applicant), regardless of the type of the entities. As long as, these external actors are not beneficiaries, they can be subcontractors.

8. The call for proposals states that 'Financial support to third parties is not allowed'. What exactly does this mean?

The statement 'Financial support to third parties is not allowed' means that cascade funding (a specific type of EU funding whereby beneficiaries can publish calls for other recipients downstream) is not allowed.

9. Could you please confirm whether the same NGO is allowed to submit more than one proposal under this call, provided that the proposals are distinct and address the objectives of the call in different ways?

There is no restriction on the number of proposals a given organisation can submit, provided the eligibility criteria and all other conditions set out in the call for proposals and the guidelines to the call are followed.

10. Could you also confirm whether media literacy activities may focus on a specific thematic area, such as perceptions and stereotypes related to jobs, careers and vocational education, as long as the activities clearly address media literacy, critical thinking, and intergenerational dialogue?

In reply to your question, we note that applicants are responsible for demonstrating that the activities they propose fulfil the eligibility requirements outlined in section 6 c) of the call for proposals and that they are in line with the objectives outlined in section 2 a) of the call. Compliance will be assessed as explained in section 8 of the call for proposals.

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11. Are activities involving the use of artificial intelligence considered eligible and supported within the scope of media literacy projects under this funding programme? If so, we would also appreciate any guidance regarding limitations, conditions, or specific requirements related to the use of AI (e.g. ethical safeguards, transparency, or data protection considerations).

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It goes without saying that any proposed activities must adhere to applicable EU rules and policies. For reference see Annex 5, Grant agreement, article 11.

12. Is it necessary that we provide a proof of payment for all the expenses that will be occurred during the project's life cycle, or is it possible to provide certain invoices to you but we complete the payments of these invoices after the project is completed?

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13. Having reviewed the call documents, we understand that for sole applicants, the obligation is for all parties to comply with the eligibility criteria and sign the appended declaration form. Are there any additional obligations, either of an administrative or legal nature, to meet your requirements?

To be eligible as a sole applicant, the entities involved must comply with the conditions outlined in Section 6 b of the call for proposals. See section 3.2 of the Guidelines to the call for further information.

14. Is a digital signature allowed or should all documents be printed out and signed by hand?

There are no specific requirements about what form of signature is required.

15. Can an extra document (e.g. letter of support) be added to our application file?

Only the four documents requested in the call (Annexes 1-4) are necessary for the application. Any supporting documents will not be taken into consideration for the evaluation of grant proposals. If necessary, the Commission will ask for supporting documents.

16. Can documents be submitted only in Bulgarian/Greek/Romanian or is an English version also mandatory?

As noted in Section 5 of the call for proposals, you can submit your proposal in any official EU language.

17. Can documents be submitted in Excel/Word format in case of technical difficulties with the PDF?

As noted in Section 5 of the call for proposals, documents should be submitted as PDFs. However, if there are technical difficulties with conversion to PDF, please also submit the original file.