



PROJECT:

EU4Dialogue: Support to Conflict Transformation in the South Caucasus and the Republic of Moldova (Component 2)

EU4Dialogue Component 2 Grant Scheme – Round 1 aiming at improving the socio-economic conditions and human security of conflict-affected communities with an emphasis on driving progress towards gender equality and improving the prospects of children and youth and the most vulnerable groups of society.

Consultation Meeting Minutes
24 December 2021
11:10 – 12:00
Zoom meeting

45 participants completed the pre-registration form for the Zoom meeting. 30 of the registered participants representing the civil society and grassroots organizations in Georgia attended the consultation meeting.

At the outset, Mariam Begiashvili, EU4Dialogue Project Coordinator at UNDP, welcomed the potential grantees and partners and provided brief information about the background and activities of the UNDP as well as the overall objective of the EU4Dialogue project. Mariam Begiashvili, together with Guranda Bursulaia, EU4Dialogue Project Officer, provided a brief presentation about the grant scheme and CFP requirements. M. Begiashvili discussed the difference between Lot A and Lot B of the grant scheme and talked about different eligibility criteria for both Lots. In addition, M. Begiashvili emphasized priority areas for the grant scheme and the importance of community participation in the project design. Next, G. Bursulaia described the opportunities that EU4Dialogue offers for capacity building, including online training for proposal writing and project design, as well as an individual mentorship opportunity for interested applicants. Participants were asked to register for these opportunities upfront and were shared the registration link. In addition, G. Bursulaia briefly reviewed the application template and discussed the differences between Lot A and Lot B grant applications.

Questions and Answers Session

- 1. Does the main applicant organization satisfy the eligibility criteria for Lot B if its staff members or an implementing partner organization meets the work experience requirement, but not the applicant organization itself?
 - For Lot B, the organization applying for the grant must have at least 5 years of experience in implementing projects in the conflict-sensitive setting. Team member CVs will also be reviewed additionally.
- 2. Is there a specific geographic location where the grant must be implemented?

There is no geographic target specified in the CFP. The initiative must aim to improve the living conditions, promote socio-economic opportunities, and enhance the human security of conflict-affected communities.

3. Are there any restrictions regarding beneficiaries' age?

There are no such restrictions. The target group must represent conflict-affected communities. Proposals demonstrating the strong involvement of women and youth as agents of change within conflict-affected communities will be given preference.

4. In reference to the grant budget, what is the percentage for administrative costs?

Administrative costs related to the implementation of proposed grants (salaries, travel, office, and other operational costs) must not exceed 25% of the total allocated amount. Overhead costs are ineligible.

5. Could an organization participate in the Call with an initiative that includes activities in the field of environment protection?

CFP priority areas are broad, however, proposed initiatives must aim to improve the living conditions of conflict-affected populations.

6. Is a Tbilisi-based organization eligible to apply?

For Lot A, an applicant organization must have a physical presence in the target area of the grant. For Lot B, an applicant can be a Tbilisi-based organization, however, the proposal must clearly demonstrate community engagement in the project design process.

7. Is there a co-funding requirement? Can an applicant organization provide in-kind contribution? There is no such requirement, however, co-funding is welcome, including in-kind contributions.

8. How many grants will be issued?

The number of grants to be issued is not specified and depends on the quality of received applications.

9. Can an initiative include organizing an online conference or conducting research?

The initiative can include "soft" components such as research and training, however, it must be complemented with "hard" activities.

10. Can an experienced organization register for the offered capacity building training?

Yes, interested applicants may register for capacity-building training by completing this <u>form</u> before December 31, 2021.

Signatures:

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