

## **FAQs on the 4<sup>th</sup> EUKI Call for project ideas**

### **(Co-)financing**

1. Q: In the Information on Financing you are stating that “it is expected that applicants will make an appropriate contribution to the costs of the project out of their own funds or in the form of third-party funds obtained from other donors” Could you please quantify the expected co-funding rate?

A: The appropriateness can only be decided on a case by case basis and depends inter alia on the financial strength of the applicant, the general availability of funds for non-profit institutions in the respective country etc. A fixed minimum level for co-financing does not exist. For smaller NGOs in the EUKI focus countries a co-financing rate of usually approximately 5% can be deemed appropriate. For implementers or their partners from Northern or Western EU MS the expected co-financing rate is usually a multiple of that number.

2. Q: Can co-financing also be provided “in-kind” e.g. by providing equipment or personnel (Annex 5)?

A: Any non-monetarised in-kind contributions such as provision of equipment, conference venues or volunteer work are not eligible for co-financing. Costs of seconded personnel can only be accepted as co-financing if a regular employment contract is presented and costs are duly booked in the accounting system.

3. Q: Are implementer or implementing partners requested to provide a bank guarantee or other collaterals?

A: No bank guarantee is requested for the release of pre-payments. Though for grant contracts usually 10% of the overall contract value will be withheld until the final report is accepted.

### **Focus countries and eligibility**

4. Q: Do implementers (= lead partners) have to be registered in Germany?

A: No, organisations from any EU Member State may apply as implementer (=lead partner) for funding under EUKI.

5. Q: Are organisations from the Western Balkan Countries (Albania, Bosnia and Hercegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia) and Turkey allowed to apply as implementers (=lead partners)?

A: No, organisations from the Western Balkan countries may only apply as implementing partners.

6. Q. Can institutions from the UK apply for EUKI funds?

A: Any entity receiving a grant from the EUKI must have its official office in an EU MS. Since the UK official left the EU in early 2020 UK-based institutions may not apply.

7. Q: Does it lower our chances to get funding if we are based in Western Europe (Denmark, Belgium etc.)

A: The primary evaluation criterion is the quality of the project outline and good proposals are welcome from across the EU. Though, as stated in the information on financing the EUKI programme focuses on Central, Eastern, Southeastern, and Southern Europe. Hence, the majority of projects selected shall be primarily targeting final beneficiaries in those countries. This does however not exclude partners from Western Europe to be part of the project consortium.

8. Q: Are countries in the EU's Eastern neighbourhood (Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine) and Caucasus eligible for financing?

A: No. Apart from EU Member States only countries from the Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia) and Turkey may participate as implementing partners.

### **Project partnerships/subcontracting**

9. Q: Is it a necessity to establish a consortium to receive funding?

A: It is not mandatory; but we do encourage to form partnerships with other institutions since one of the key aims of the EUKI is to establish and to strengthen sustainable bilateral and multilateral cooperation within the EU.

10. Q: In the „Information on Financing it is stated that subcontractors may only be selected through a competitive procedure. Could you please provide further information on the selection process for sub-contractors?

A: Minimum standards for subcontracting are laid out in Article 6 of the [sample grant agreement](#) and Article 7 of the Zuschussvertrag. Whereas the procedure is laid out in more detail in the [Zuschussvertrag](#) itself the provisions of the grant agreement are supplemented by Annex 4a of the grant agreement which is available [here](#).

11. Q: Can EUKI help in finding project partners?

A: Unfortunately, not.

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## Other

12. Q: Is it possible for an implementer or implementing partner to submit more than one proposal under this call?

A: Yes, there is no formal limit to the number of project outlines an institution may submit both as an applicant or partner.

13. Q: Our project has been favorably evaluated in the previous call and been kept by the EUKI Secretariat on the reserve list for financing. Is it necessary to resubmit the proposal or will it be automatically included in the evaluation process for the current call?

A: Only proposals (re)submitted under the current call will be considered in the evaluation procedure.

14. Q: Regarding Annex 4 "Letter of Support". What is meant with "other suitable body in the target country"?

A: In certain project contexts - esp. where the final beneficiary of the action is not the government - other bodies might be more suitable to provide a credible letter of support. E.g. for projects targeting SMEs such a letter might come from a business association.

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