

NGO Fund - ENGAGE Component

July 2014

Sub-Components:	
Participation in decision-making and community engagement	Financial allocation: 800,000 Euro
Volunteer	Financial allocation: 500,000 Euro
Encouraging democratic values	Financial allocation: 1,100,000 Euro

General information	
Objective of the component	The general objective of ENGAGE Component is to encourage active citizenship and participation in community life, to ensure the respect and practice of fundamental democratic values.
Contribution to the Programme outcomes	<p>The projects financed under ENGAGE Component have to contribute to one or more of the following outcomes of the Programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active citizenship fostered • Increased involvement of NGOs in policy and decision making process at local, regional and national Governments • Cross-sectoral partnerships developed, particularly with government organisations at local, regional and/or national level • Democratic values, including human rights, promoted • Advocacy and watchdog role developed • Developed networks and coalitions of NGOs working in partnerships • Strengthened capacity of NGOs and an enabling environment for the sector promoted • Empowerment of vulnerable groups
Horizontal concerns	Project proposals are encouraged to tackle the following horizontal concerns of the Programme: hate speech, extremism and hate crime, racism and xenophobia, homophobia, anti-Semitism, tolerance and multicultural understanding, Roma, sexual harassment, violence against women and trafficking.
Financial allocation	<p>The total allocation for this Component under the second round of Call for proposals is 2,400,000 Euro. The detailed amounts are specified under each Sub-Component.</p> <p><i>Please note that reallocations for each types of grants will be possible, based on the results of the evaluation process. Also, additional funds from the first round that remain unspent (if the case) will be automatically reallocated to the second round, thereby increasing the total allocation for this component indicated above. In the event that additional funding is allocated to this</i></p>

	<i>component, project applications that have been put on the reserve list may receive funding from the additional allocation. The projects on the reserve list will be selected for funding in decreasing order of their ranking, up to the total absorption of the allocation.</i>
Co-financing	<p>The project grant rate may be up to 90% of the total eligible expenditure of the project.</p> <p>The co-financing shall be provided in the form of cash (financial, including electronic transfers) or in-kind contribution. In-kind contribution may only take the form of voluntary work and may constitute up to 50% of the co-financing required by the Component for the project.</p>
Support for organisational development	<p>It will be possible to allocate up to 20% from the total eligible costs of the project for activities meant to contribute to the organisational development of the applicant organisation and/or of the Romanian partner NGOs.</p> <p>More details related to the costs for organisational development will be available in the Guidelines for applicants.</p>
Launching and deadline for submissions	<p>The second Call for proposals for ENGAGE Component will be launched in July – August 2014.</p> <p>Starting from the launching date, at least two months will be allowed for submitting the applications (the deadline for submissions will be specified in the Guidelines for Applicants).</p>
Number of applications per organisation	<p>An applicant organisation may submit a maximum number of 2 project proposals under the second round, out of which only 1 proposal for Large grants. Organisations that contracted and/or are in the precontracting phase with 2 or more projects under the first round (cumulative on all Components) may submit maximum 1 project proposal under the second round.</p> <p>The maximum number of project proposals submitted by an organisation refers to all Components that are launched within the second round. The number of projects contracted by an organisation under the first round will be calculated, as well, taking into account all Components launched under the first round.</p>
Application procedure	<p>For all Components, the application procedure consists of filling the Application form and uploading its annexes exclusively through an online application system. Originals of documents will be requested only for project proposals recommended for financing, after the selection process.</p> <p>Please note that specific information and more details on the application procedure and deadlines will be available in the respective Guidelines for Applicants for this Component.</p> <p>The Guidelines for Applicants will also include information on the evaluation process, selection criteria, evaluation grid, monitoring of projects, reporting and payments.</p>
Additional information	<p>Guidelines for applicants and its specific annexes for the present Call for proposals will be available online on the dedicated webpage of the Programme www.fondong.fdsc.ro.</p> <p>All potential applicants must periodically check the Programme website in order to stay updated with regard to any information related to this Call for Proposals or to the financing Programme. Questions related to this Call for</p>

	<p>Proposals may be addressed by potential applicants by e-mail, phone or by fax no later than 5 working days before the deadline for submission of applications to:</p> <p>Vlad Dumitrescu – Senior Grants Officer E-mail: engage@fdsc.ro; phone: 021 310 01 81; fax: 021 310 01 80.</p> <p>Answers will be given no later than 3 working days before the deadline.</p> <p>Questions that may be relevant to other applicants, together with the answers, will be published on the Programme website.</p>
<p>Sub-Component <i>Participation in decision-making and community engagement</i></p>	
<p>Objective of the Sub-Component</p>	<p>The specific objective of Sub-Component Participation in decision-making and community engagement is to support NGO initiatives that increase citizens' engagement in the community and in decision making processes and that improve communities and public policies through active citizenship.</p>
<p>Eligible activities</p>	<p>Examples of activities that may be included in projects supported under this Sub-Component (non-exhaustive list):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - identifying community needs and mobilising citizens, groups, local authorities and the local business community to solve concrete local problems with local resources - community organising, facilitation processes and empowerment of communities - transferring good practices and know-how in democratic, participatory decision-making and project-based result oriented approaches and instruments by NGOs to public bodies (local authorities, decentralised bodies, school boards etc) - developing solidarity mechanisms, mutual help attitudes and practices at community level - reclaiming and animating urban public space and neighbourhoods through integrated actions and long-term initiatives for the benefit of local communities through combined efforts of local actors (NGOs, local business community, local authorities, schools, artists, philanthropists etc) - using reportage, photography and documentary in integrated community organising and facilitation processes to develop community solidarity and citizens' engagement with local communities - implementing innovative civic education activities involving children and youth, using interactive methods and focused on putting into practice acquired knowledge and skills - developing and using instruments for accessible, transparent and participatory public decision-making - initiating and facilitating effective public consultations and participatory public decision-making processes (organising public debates on local budgets and local development strategies etc) - initiating, influencing, monitoring and evaluating specific public policies and processes (through complex advocacy campaigns, research and analysis, policy work etc) - enhancing responsiveness and accountability of elected public officials and of public authorities at local and central level towards citizens and civil society organisations

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - monitoring and advocating for the enforcement of legislation and procedures of transparency and access of citizens and civil society groups to public information and to the decision making process at local and central level, including through court litigation. <p><i>A non-exhaustive list of eligible interventions is presented in the section above, but we strongly encourage projects that could generate measurable and qualitative outputs with respect to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>enhanced responsiveness and accountability of public officials / public authorities towards citizens and CSOs</i> - <i>participative public policies formulation and implementation (at different levels: definition, elaboration, monitoring and evaluation etc)</i> - <i>engagement of local actors in animating public space and neighbourhoods for the benefit of local communities.</i> 		
Financial allocation on the Sub-Component	<p>The total allocation for this Sub-Component under the second round of Call for proposals is 800,000 Euro.</p> <p>Out of this amount, minimum 250,000 Euro are allocated for projects addressing children and youth or submitted by children and youth organisations.</p>		
Types of grants (amount / duration of projects)	Two types of grants will be supported:		
		Small grants	Medium grants
	Amount	from 5,000 to 35,000 Euro	from 35,001 Euro to 75,000 Euro
	Duration	between 6 and 12 months	between 6 and 14 months
	Allocation	300,000 Euro	500,000 Euro
Sub-Component Volunteer			
Objective of the Sub-Component	The specific objective of Sub-Component Volunteer is to encourage initiatives that make a valuable contribution in the community by providing opportunities for all ages and social groups to engage in volunteering activities.		
Eligible activities	<p>Examples of activities that may be included in projects supported under this Sub-Component (non-exhaustive list):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • organising structured volunteering programs based on models such as the European Voluntary Service, by targeting Romanian volunteers (but not exclusively) • advocating for and promoting official recognition of skills gained through volunteering • solving community problems through volunteer work camps, time banks initiatives etc. • mobilising community members to volunteer for disadvantaged groups (education support for disadvantaged children through mentoring or afterschool programmes, services for elderly or disabled persons etc) • developing youth centers, community centers, volunteer centers in culture houses, schools and other public or private spaces etc. • exchange of good practices through internships or job shadowing activities in Romania and donor countries • initiating volunteering programmes in urban and rural areas relying on direct community involvement 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> encouraging volunteer initiatives undertaken by all ages (undergraduates, elderly people) enhancing the virtual volunteering through involvement of people of all ages in online social media activities, especially on actions tackling the horizontal concerns of the Programme organising volunteering activities focused on specific themes (e.g. environmental, social, educational etc) initiating volunteer programmes with the aim of developing activities in public institutions such as libraries, museums, cultural houses, theatres etc. <p><i>A non-exhaustive list of eligible interventions is presented in the section above, but we strongly encourage projects that could generate measurable and qualitative outputs with respect to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>exchange of good practices through internships or job shadowing activities in Romania and donor countries</i> <i>solving community problems through volunteering</i> <i>volunteer initiatives undertaken by all ages and/or focusing on specific themes</i> 	
Financial allocation on the Sub-Component	<p>The total allocation for this Sub-Component under the second round of Call for proposals is 500,000 Euro.</p> <p>Out of this amount, minimum 250,000 Euro are allocated for projects addressing children and youth or submitted by children and youth organisations.</p>	
Types of grants (amount / duration of projects)	One type of grants will be supported:	
	Small grants	
	Amount	from 5,000 to 35,000 Euro
	Duration	between 6 and 12 months
Sub-Component <i>Encouraging democratic values</i>		
Objectives of the Sub-Component	The specific objective of Sub-Component Encouraging democratic values is to support initiatives that contribute to promoting and respecting fundamental democratic values and human rights.	
Eligible activities	<p>Examples of activities that may be included in projects supported under this Sub-Component (non-exhaustive list):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> combating discrimination and extremism - racism, xenophobia, homophobia, anti-Semitism, hate speech and hate crime (through awareness raising and advocacy campaigns, watchdog initiatives, counseling and legal assistance etc) combating discrimination, racism and hatred in public discourse, mass media and on the internet (through training, informing and mobilising journalists, bloggers, opinion-makers on issues related to respecting human rights, fighting hate speech, promoting democratic values) monitoring and advocating for the adoption or enforcement of the legal framework and legal procedures to protect the integrity of the person and the exercise of basic human rights, including minorities' rights (through awareness raising and advocacy campaigns addressing 	

	<p>discrimination, exclusion, inequality, respect for human rights and democratic principles and processes, children and consumer rights etc)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - monitoring the respect of the rule of law and contributing to the justice reform (monitoring the justice system, producing analysis and evaluation reports, organising public debates on related issues, advocating for relevant reforms etc) - improving citizens' and CSOs' access to justice (through information, awareness raising, counseling and legal assistance, capacity building etc) - raising awareness on human rights and promoting the exercise of civil rights - addressing good governance, anti-corruption and transparency (through monitoring of public institutions, analysis and evaluation reports, litigation etc) - ensuring citizens' access to objective public information through quality investigative journalism and ethical mass media - using art and culture to promote social justice and anti-discrimination (participatory art, street and urban art etc). <p><i>A non-exhaustive list of eligible interventions is presented in the section above, but we strongly encourage projects that could generate measurable and qualitative outputs with respect to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - enhanced mobilization of journalists, bloggers, opinion-makers on issues related to combating discrimination, racism and hatred in public discourse, mass media and on the internet - access to objective public information through quality investigative journalism and ethical mass media - awareness raising on individual and collective perception regarding discrimination based on social inequalities and other differences - sensitising and actively involving citizens in anti-discrimination campaigns (inclusively through innovative artistic / cultural / educational actions). 																
<p>Financial allocation on the Sub-component</p>	<p>The total allocation for this sub-Component under the first round of Call for proposals is 1,100,000 Euro</p> <p>Out of this amount, minimum 150,000 Euro will be allocated for projects tackling hate speech.</p>																
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