

NGO Fund - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT Component

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<p>Objective of the Component</p>	<p>The general objective of the SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT Component is to support sustainable development and the improvement of the environment in Romania through the contribution of the NGOs and through public participation.</p>
<p>Contribution to the Programme outcomes</p>	<p>The projects financed under SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 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 • Increased contribution to sustainable development achieved
<p>Horizontal concerns</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Eligible activities</p>	<p>This Component will support projects under the following main areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change • Biodiversity and landscape protection • Ecotourism • Environmental advocacy and watchdog activities • Environmental education. <p>Examples of activities that may be included in projects supported under this Component (non-exhaustive list):</p> <p>Climate change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - capacity and expertise development of NGOs related to climate change - increasing awareness and improving access to objective and reliable information of the public about climate change through participatory approaches - promotion of the wider use of non-motorized and public transport (including bicycles), and alternative modes of transport (practical projects) - contribution to the development and/or feedback on public policies (developed by state institutions) related to climate change and adaptation, on both local and national level - awareness raising and education regarding climate change by providing

appropriate information and knowledge

Biodiversity and landscape protection

- specific activities on nature protection, actions related to habitat and species protection, such as: habitat reconstruction, management of invasive species, species reintroduction, ex-situ species protection (in captivity, animal and bird sanctuaries)
- initiatives supporting the implementation of NATURA 2000 network in Romania for increasing the acceptance level of NATURA 2000 framework at the general public level
- community based protected area management
- traditional landscape protection: it can include projects related to sustainable rural development and preservation of sustainable livelihoods

Ecotourism

- development and promotion of ecotourism destinations in areas that are fulfilling the ecotourism destination principles

Environmental advocacy and watchdog activities

- improvement of the environmental law enforcement and monitoring it on local and national level through the direct involvement of NGOs and citizens
- environmental policy analysis and dialogue between NGOs and local and national decision makers
- awareness raising and stepping up against environmentally destructive development and infrastructure projects through NGO and public involvement
- initiating and implementing campaigns and activities for raising public awareness and involving broader constituencies in advocacy work
 - increasing the awareness level of the public about environmental issues through participatory approaches and improving access to objective and reliable information (e.g. on climate change, biodiversity, urban environmental issues, etc.), concrete actions, development and implementation of effective tools and systems for public participation on environmental decision making

Environmental education

- providing opportunities for youth to connect with the natural world by participation in practical environmental educational experiences through outdoor programs and field activities, working in conjunction with a variety of schools and other youth-focused nonprofit organisations. These experiences will provide academic, practical and creative environmental education opportunities in order for youth to gain a better understanding and appreciation of natural resource management objectives, and by that help developing knowledgeable and responsible students, teachers, and citizens
- targeted education activities – teacher oriented programmes / projects to increase capacity for long term education

Financial allocation	<p>The total allocation for this Component under the second round of Call for proposals is 1,400,000 Euro.</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 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></p>			
Types of grants (amount / duration of projects)	Three types of grants will be available:			
		Small grants	Medium grants	Large grants
	Amount	from 5,000 to 35,000 Euro	from 35,001 Euro to 75,000 Euro	from 75,001 Euro to 150,000 Euro
	Duration	between 6 and 12 months	between 6 and 14 months	between 12 and 14 months
	Allocation	150,000 Euro	350,000 Euro	900,000 Euro
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 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 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>			

<p>Application procedure</p>	<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>
<p>Additional information</p>	<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 and also on www.repf.ro.</p> <p>All potential applicants must periodically check the Programme website in order to stay updated with regard of any information related to this Call for Proposals or to the financing programme.</p> <p>Questions related to this Call for 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>Csilla Péter – Programme Manager E-mail: environment@repf.ro; phone: 0266 310 678; fax no. 0266 310 678.</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>