

**NGO Fund - NGO CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT. NETWORKS AND COALITIONS Component**

**July 2014**

<b>Sub-Components:</b>	
Support for coalitions and networks at regional and national level and for think tanks	Financial allocation: 560,000 Euro
Support for initiatives that contribute to an enabling environment for NGOs in Romania and strengthen the overall sector representation	Financial allocation: 400,000 Euro
Strengthening membership and volunteer base of organisations and increasing participation of members/volunteers in organisations' activities	Financial allocation: 140,000 Euro

<b>General information</b>	
<b>Objective of the Component</b>	The general objective of <b>NGO CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT. NETWORKS AND COALITIONS</b> Component is to support the overall development of the NGO sector in Romania as well as the development of effective networks, coalitions and think tanks.
<b>Contribution to the Programme outcomes</b>	The projects financed under <b>NGO CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT. NETWORKS AND COALITIONS</b> Component have to contribute to one or more of the following outcomes of the Programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active citizenship fostered</li> <li>• Increased involvement of NGOs in policy and decision making process at local, regional and national Governments</li> <li>• Cross-sectoral partnerships developed, particularly with government organisations at local, regional and/or national level</li> <li>• Democratic values, including human rights, promoted</li> <li>• Advocacy and watchdog role developed</li> <li>• Developed networks and coalitions of NGOs working in partnerships</li> <li>• Strengthened capacity of NGOs and an enabling environment for the sector promoted</li> </ul>
<b>Horizontal concerns</b>	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><b>Financial allocation</b></p>	<p>The total allocation for this Component under the second round of Call for proposals is <b>1,100,000 Euro</b>. 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 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>
<p><b>Co-financing</b></p>	<p>The project grant rate may be up to 90% of the total eligible expenditure of the project, except for Sub-Component <b>Support for coalitions and networks at regional and national level and for think tanks</b> where the project grant rate may be up to 80% 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>
<p><b>Support for organisational development</b></p>	<p>In the case of <b>Support for coalitions and networks at regional and national level and for think tanks</b> Sub-Component, the support for organisational development is not limited to a particular percentage from the total eligible costs and will not be reflected separately in the application.</p> <p>In the case of <b>Support for initiatives that contribute to an enabling environment for NGOs in Romania and strengthen the overall sector representation</b> Sub-Component, 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>In the case of <b>Strengthening membership and volunteer base of organisations and increasing participation of members/volunteers in organisations' activities</b> Sub-Component, the support for organisational development is available up to 20% and will be reflected separately in the application only in case of projects which envisage building capacity of organisations other than the Promoter's. In the case of projects which envisage activities aimed at own organisation, the support for organisational development is not limited and will not be reflected separately in the application.</p> <p>More details related to the costs for organisational development will be available in the Guidelines for applicants.</p>
<p><b>Launching and deadline for submissions</b></p>	<p>The second Call for proposals for <b>NGO CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT. NETWORKS AND COALITIONS</b> 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>

<p><b>Number of applications per organisation</b></p>	<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><b>Application procedure</b></p>	<p>For all Components, the application procedure consists of filling the Application form and uploading its annexes <b>exclusively</b> 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><b>Additional information</b></p>	<p>Guidelines for applicants and its specific annexes for the present Call for proposals are available online on the dedicated webpage of the Programme <a href="http://www.fondong.fdsc.ro">www.fondong.fdsc.ro</a>.</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>Adriana Popescu – Senior Grants Officer E-mail: <a href="mailto:ngodevelopment@fdsc.ro">ngodevelopment@fdsc.ro</a>; 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><b>Sub-Component Support for coalitions and networks at regional and national level and for think tanks</b></p>	
<p><b>Objective of the Sub-Component</b></p>	<p>The specific objective of Sub-Component <b>Support for coalitions and networks at regional and national level and for think tanks</b> is to strengthen the internal capacity of coalitions, networks and think tanks for a better support of constituencies and for the implementation of relevant watchdog, policy and advocacy initiatives at regional and national level.</p>
<p><b>Eligible activities</b></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"> <li>• For coalitions and networks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- developing and increasing coalition and network membership, to better</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>include local and regional organisations, particularly grassroots organisations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- creating and improving codes of conduct and internal management and governance systems and procedures</li> <li>- defining and developing the capacity and core functions of the secretariat of coalitions and networks and developing human resource capacities dedicated to policy and advocacy</li> <li>- developing instruments / strategies and mobilising member organisations and experts in broad common policy and advocacy activities, particularly by implementing full-fledged state-of-the-art advocacy campaigns</li> <li>- developing and evaluating existing and new services for members, including training, communication and fundraising support, based on thorough need assessment processes</li> <li>- formulating common and evidence-based policy positions and policy proposals</li> <li>- monitoring and evaluation of local and central authorities' services and performance</li> <li>- transferring good practices among NGOs, particularly among grassroots organisations</li> <li>- establishing and developing new NGO coalitions, networks and platforms especially in civil society fields where they are missing and necessary</li> <li>- developing the fundraising capacity of coalitions and networks</li> <li>- developing and professionalising of coalitions' boards</li> <li>- developing and implementing strategic plans</li> <li>- initiating other actions leading to medium and long-term sustainability</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For think tanks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- establishing partnerships with coalitions and networks around joint advocacy actions where think tanks will provide the research basis and policy formulation component, while networks / coalitions will design and lead advocacy campaigns, mobilising their constituencies, lobbying and working with other stakeholders</li> <li>- promoting a culture of policy dialogue in Romania, where think tanks use adequate and innovative communication instruments to explain and inform citizens and Government representatives on rational policy alternatives and consequences, including through regular engagement of mass media</li> <li>- improving research methodologies and standards, including by involving other experts from the academia in policy oriented research</li> <li>- developing internal capacity to react in real time to new policy priorities in Romania and at EU level</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>In case of coalitions / networks, we recommend potential applicants to verify the list of projects contracted under this Sub-Component in the first round in order to avoid overlapping and ensure complementarity where the case, in terms of areas of interventions covered, membership base and/or representation (national, regional, local etc).</i></p> <p><i>Also, projects in the fields that are not covered under the first round are encouraged (e.g. education, health).</i></p>
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<b>Financial allocation on the Sub-Component</b>	The total allocation for this Sub-Component under the second round of Call for proposals is <b>560,000</b> Euro.	
<b>Types of grants (amount / duration of projects)</b>	<b>One type of grants will be available:</b>	
	<b>Medium grants</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	from 35,001 Euro to 75,000 Euro
	<b>Duration</b>	between 6 and 14 months
<b>Sub-Component Support for initiatives that contribute to an enabling environment for NGOs in Romania and strengthen the overall sector representation</b>		
<b>Objective of the Sub-Component</b>	The specific objective of Sub-Component <b>Support for initiatives that contribute to an enabling environment for NGOs in Romania and strengthen the overall sector representation</b> is to develop an enabling environment for NGOs registration and functioning in Romania and to strengthen the visibility and fundraising capacities towards a better overall sector representation.	
<b>Eligible activities</b>	<p>This Sub-Component will support projects that reduce barriers for NGO registration and operation and/or increase NGO visibility and financial viability.</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"> <li>- analysis / evaluation / monitoring of the current state of affairs concerning NGO registration and operation framework</li> <li>- advocacy campaigns towards the adoption of recommendations for changes in relevant laws, procedures, policies regulating the registration, operation and access to funding for NGOs</li> <li>- support for NGOs (especially local and grassroots NGOs) for better operation and access to funding</li> <li>- interactive / innovative campaigns of awareness raising among Romanian citizens on the role and impact of civil society, including mapping of services provided by NGOs at local, regional and national level</li> <li>- activities engaging mass media to cover NGO stories, to foster a culture of solidarity, civic engagement, associative and philanthropic behaviour in Romania, including production, broadcasting and screening of documentaries and video productions</li> <li>- training, transfer of good practices and instruments, technical assistance for the benefit of PR &amp; Communication staff of NGOs, including for grassroots organisations</li> <li>- training, transfer of good practices and instruments, technical assistance for the benefit of NGO fundraisers, including for grassroots organisations</li> <li>- activities aiming to foster a culture of philanthropy and individual donations at local and national level</li> <li>- development of non-profit branding and marketing instruments and resources for the benefit of the NGO sector in Romania</li> <li>- promotion of NGO initiatives with the aim of fostering civic spirit and respect of human rights among citizens</li> </ul>	

	<i>Under this Sub-Component, initiatives with an impact on the overall NGO sector, at thematic, regional or national level will be supported. Projects which will have as beneficiary only the applicant organisation or a small group of organisations will not be funded.</i>	
<b>Financial allocation on the Sub-Component</b>	The total allocation for this Sub-Component under the second round of Call for proposals is <b>400,000</b> Euro.	
<b>Types of grants (amount / duration of projects)</b>	<b>Two types of grants will be available:</b>	
		<b>Medium grants</b>
		<b>Large grants</b>
	<b>Amount</b>	from 35,001 Euro to 75,000 Euro
	<b>Duration</b>	between 6 and 14 months
	<b>Allocation</b>	250,000 Euro
	150,000 Euro	
<b>Sub-Component Strengthening membership and volunteer base of organisations and increasing participation of members / volunteers in organisations' activities</b>		
<b>Objective of the Sub-Component</b>	The specific objective of Sub-Component <b>Strengthening membership and volunteer base of organisations and increasing participation of members / volunteers in organisations' activities</b> is to support NGOs in attracting and retaining members and/or volunteers and to increase their abilities to extend their areas of intervention and multiply positive impact activities.	
<b>Eligible activities</b>	<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"> <li>- increasing capacity to attract and retain members / volunteers with the aim of implementing new/better/more activities</li> <li>- training, transfer of good practices and instruments and facilitating best practice exchange for/between local and grassroots organisations</li> <li>- initiatives aiming to increase NGOs' abilities to outreach and extend their covered areas of intervention and develop new services and activities</li> <li>- increasing membership involvement in governance of the NGO, as well as in planning, programming, delivery of activities and of policy work conducted by NGOs</li> <li>- actions of capitalizing / multiplying positive impact interventions in new regions and outreach to at-risk target groups with the help of volunteers</li> <li>- develop volunteer base of organisations and developing activities to target groups that face discrimination, exclusion, inequalities and/or to enhance tolerance and mutual understanding</li> <li>- transfer of innovation in volunteers' management from experienced networks and organisations to local organisations and informal groups in the process of becoming NGOs</li> <li>- creating/managing volunteer programmes that recruit and prepare volunteers to work in different organisations on specific projects</li> <li>- promoting the culture of volunteering and involving citizens in volunteering activities</li> <li>- transfer of knowledge, skills and attitudes that enable organisations'</li> </ul>	

	<p>members to better deliver services to beneficiaries (e.g. educational services)</p> <p><i>The following types of interventions are encouraged:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>projects submitted by experienced organisations that clearly transfer and build expertise of small / grassroots organisations on increasing participation of members / volunteers</i></li> <li>- <i>projects submitted by grassroots organisations based in rural and small urban areas that clearly develop their capacity to attract and retain members / volunteers, in order to extend their areas of intervention and multiply positive impact activities</i></li> <li>- <i>projects submitted by (national) organisations acting in key fields want to build their membership base of individuals, enabling them to better reach their members and/or better implement programmes.</i></li> </ul>	
<b>Financial allocation on the Sub-Component</b>	The total allocation for this Sub-Component under the second round of Call for proposals is <b>140,000</b> Euro.	
<b>Types of grants (amount / duration of projects)</b>	<b><i>One type of grants will be available:</i></b>	
		<b><i>Small grants</i></b>
	<b><i>Amount</i></b>	from 5,000 to 35,000 Euro
	<b><i>Duration</i></b>	between 6 and 12 months