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1st Public Call for Proposals for Local Socio-Economic Development through Cultural Heritage Grants

RE-CRAFT THE PAST: Build up the future

- Are you a civil society organization (CSO) seeking a way to help communities reconnect to Albania's cultural sites?
- Are you a group of artisans that are inspired by the cultural heritage monuments near you?
- As a tour operator, are you doing enough to promote Albania's cultural heritage?
- As a Social Business Organization, are you empowering the communities and promoting social inclusion?
- As a Culture, Business, or Tourism Innovation hub are you promoting creativity and spurring innovation through cultural heritage?

If your answer is yes, this opportunity is for you.

UNOPS in close cooperation with the Albanian Ministry of Culture is implementing the 4-year EU Funded programme ***EU4Culture: Revitalizing Albania's cultural heritage in response to the 2019 Albania Earthquake, 2020-2024***. This initiative aims to mitigate the impact of the earthquake on Albania's cultural heritage by revitalizing and valorizing earthquake-affected cultural heritage sites and monuments, consequently helping to stimulate Albania's socio-economic recovery by increasing the country's tourism potential.

About the Grant Scheme

UNOPS is launching the 1st Public Call for Proposals for Local Socio-Economic Development through Cultural Heritage. This Call aims to promote and support social and economic growth of communities by modelling and fostering partnerships between local and national civil society development actors operating in close proximity to cultural heritage monuments, in addition to public institutions and academia.

Through this Call for Proposals, EU4Culture programme will fund projects that are undertaken by civil society organisations in partnership with local and community development NGOs operating in the municipalities of Durrës, Kavaja and Rrogozhina. The funded projects will center on actions that seek to meet these objectives:

1. **Creation and development of socio-economic growth opportunities for local communities** by establishing sustainable linkages between organisations operating in the cultural and creative

sectors, near cultural heritage sites, and through environmentally friendly and innovative forms of tourism;

2. **Raising and enhancing public and institutional awareness on the role of cultural heritage** as a driver of sustainable socio-economic development by promoting growth models that show consideration for social inclusion and gender equality.

Award:

The approved projects will receive funding ranging from 30,000 to 60,000 USD. The Implementation period of the selected projects will last from nine to twelve-months, indicatively starting from April 2022.

Criteria for the participation in the programme:

- Entities legally registered in accordance with the applicable laws in the Republic of Albania as ***not for profit*** and which can prove they exercise their activities on the administrative territory of one of the 3 local self-government units with an active status at the time of application.
- To be one of the following types of Organizations:
 - Not-for-profit organizations or associations operating in the Cultural and Creative Sectors and other non-profit NGOs including, but not limited to:
 - *civil society organizations (CSOs)*
 - *associations of artisans*
 - *associations of touristic operators*
 - *business associations*
 - Social business organizations
 - Culture, Business and Tourism Innovation hubs and labs (only when registered as not-for-profit, as per the applicable law)
 - Research Institutes and Academic Centers (only when registered as not-for-profit, as per the applicable law)

How to apply:

The application period will **be open until 31 January 2022**. The project proposals (required documentation listed below) must be submitted electronically to the UNOPS office in Tirana at grants.albania@unops.org. Only applications submitted in the English language will be accepted.

The applicant must submit the following application forms:

- *Application Form (Annex A)*
- *Application Budget (Annex B)*
- *Logical Framework (Annex C)*
- *Statement of Applicant (Annex D)*
- *Statement of Partner organization (Annex E)*
- *Application Checklist (Annex F)*
- *Supporting documents in English and/or Albanian language (as listed in Annex F)*