

Combined Questions & Answers
for the Public Call for Proposals for non-profit organisations
"Recraft the Past: Build Up the Future 2"
(CFP 10-2022)

This document serves as a record of clarifications provided to interested parties related to the Public Call for Proposals for Non Profit Organisations "Recraft the Past: Build Up the Future 2" (CFP 10-2022) in response to their enquiries received within the set deadline for submission of enquiries. Questions were received through different channels defined in the Guidelines of this Call, including verbally during EU4Culture information sessions related to the Call, through written emails, and also during meetings and through phone calls. The answers to received questions are summarised in this document.

Q. Can the local government or another public organisation be a partner in an application?

A. Local government institutions (municipalities, regional councils, prefectures, et cetera) as well as de-concentrated central government institutions can be neither applicants nor implementing partners in this CfP. However, any preliminary memoranda of understanding or agreements of collaboration between the applicant(s) and those institutions may be considered as contributing to enhancing the project's sustainability and may positively affect the project proposal's evaluation score.

Q. How far may the operational radius of a project reach? Should it be limited to the listed sites (of cultural heritage) or should it apply to the entire municipality?

A. The projects that will be funded through this Call will only operate within the administrative boundaries of the six municipalities defined in this CfP, namely Tirana, Mirdita, Durrës, Kavaja, Rogozhina, and Kruja. It is possible for the activities to be implemented in more than one municipal territory, as long as: a) those territories are part of these six municipalities, AND b) in the project proposal and during implementation - the latter in case of successful award, - a clear connection is shown between cultural heritage sites where EU4Culture has intervened or is intervening and the surrounding communities.

Q. Can the Municipality participate in an application as a partner?

A. Municipalities, as institutions, are not eligible to participate in this CfP as applicants or as implementing partners. However, any preliminary memoranda of understanding or agreements of collaboration between the applicant(s) and those institutions may be considered as contributing to enhancing the project's sustainability and may positively affect the project proposal's evaluation score.

Q. Is it possible for training of youngsters and digitization of crafts (such as traditional clothing) to be funded through this Call, perhaps making it part of a curriculum?

A. In this Call it is permissible to submit proposals, the objective and scope of which must contribute directly to the achievement of the main objective of the Call through activities aimed at achieving one or both of the specific objectives. Failure to indicate the links to any of the stated objectives may disqualify the proposal. Moreover, the connection of specific activities with the stated objectives of the project and those of the Call is part of the evaluation criteria [10. Evaluation Criteria] and will be scored respectively.

Q. Which Youth Organisations are eligible to apply?

A. Youth organisations that will be financed through the Dedicated Funding Frame for Youth Organisations must fulfill the requirements of Article 3 (Definitions) of Law 75/2019 "On Youth", points (d) and (dh). Regarding their "non-profit" status, according to **Section 9: [General Eligibility Criteria] of the Guideline to this Call**, only legal entities registered in accordance with the laws in the Republic of Albania as non-profit with active status at the time of application are eligible to apply.

Q. Does the HR expenses threshold of 25% of total project expenses include only project staff expenses or all human resources?

A. The Human Resources expenses threshold includes eligible costs for the project team that will be permanently involved throughout the project implementation by means of employment contracts with the implementing organisation. Depending on the nature of the project, the organisation can also make use of expert services, which can be engaged through individual contracts with individual experts or through procurement of services. Regardless of the contracting modality, the engagement of staff or experts in a proposal will be recognised only if it is in a fair and reasonable proportion to the number, intensity and difficulty in implementing the planned activities.

Q. Will VAT be included in the supporting documents of expenses?

A. Value Added Tax (VAT) is not an eligible expense and will not be (re)funded through this Call as per **Section 6.1: [Ineligible Costs] of the Guidelines for this Call**. In case a supporting document (invoice) will also comprise the VAT value, then that value will not be recognized as an eligible expense.

Q. Can a non-governmental organisation contract an expert from the public sector?

A. The non-governmental organisations that will be funded from the grants that will be selected through this CfP are expected to observe the Albanian laws in force regarding employment and procurement of services as well as their Human Resources and Procurement of Services guidelines.