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0. Introduction

This is a call for proposals for EU **action grant** in the field of youth in the outermost regions (OR) under the **Technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission for ERDF, CF and JTF (ERDF-TA)** under cohesion policy.

The regulatory framework for this EU Funding Programme is set out in:

- Regulation 2024/2509 ([EU Financial Regulation](#))¹
- the basic act (ERDF Regulation [2021/1058](#))².

The call is launched in accordance with the 2026 Work Programme³ and will be managed by the **European Commission, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban policy (DG REGIO)**.

Cohesion policy helps to deliver on the EU policy objectives, aiming to reduce economic, social, and territorial disparities across all EU regions and its citizens. Therefore, the present call for proposals will cover a broad range of EU policy areas to support youth in the outermost regions.

The call covers the following **topic**:

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We invite you to read the **call documentation** carefully, and in particular this Call document, the Model Grant Agreement, the [EU Funding & Tenders Portal Online Manual](#) and the [EU Grants AGA — Annotated Grant Agreement](#).

These documents provide clarifications and answers to questions you may have when preparing your application:

- the [Call document](#) outlines the:
 - background, objectives, scope, activities that can be funded and the expected results (sections 1 and 2)
 - timetable and available budget (sections 3 and 4)
 - admissibility and eligibility conditions (including mandatory documents; sections 5 and 6)
 - criteria for financial and operational capacity and exclusion (section 7)
 - evaluation and award procedure (section 8)
 - award criteria (section 9)
 - legal and financial set-up of the Grant Agreements (section 10)
 - how to submit an application (section 11)

¹ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast) ('EU Financial Regulation') (OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.9.2024).

² Regulation (EU) 2021/1058 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 on the European Regional Development Fund and on the Cohesion Fund (OJ L 231, 30.6.2021, p. 60–93).

³ Commission Implementing Decision C(2026) 747 final of 11/02/2026 concerning the adoption of the work programme for 2026 and the financing decision for the implementation of 2026.

- the [Online Manual](#) outlines the:
 - procedures to register and submit proposals online via the EU Funding & Tenders Portal ('Portal')
 - recommendations for the preparation of the application
- the [AGA — Annotated Grant Agreement](#) contains:
 - detailed annotations on all the provisions in the Grant Agreement you will have to sign in order to obtain the grant (*including cost eligibility, payment schedule, accessory obligations, etc*).

You are also encouraged to visit the [Inforegio website](#) to consult the types of projects funded.

1. Background

The EU outermost regions and the Treaty

The outermost regions⁴ (OR) are fully fledged parts of the EU and ensure the Union's presence in the world through the following sea basins: Caribbean-Amazonia, south-west Indian Ocean and Macaronesia. The OR are Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Martinique, Mayotte, Réunion, Saint-Martin (France), the Azores, Madeira (Portugal) and the Canary Islands (Spain).

The EU outermost regions face several permanent constraints linked to their remoteness, small size, vulnerability to climate change and (mostly) insularity. Article 349 of the Treaty⁵ of Functioning of the European Union provides for specific measures and tailored approach to EU laws, funds and programmes for these regions. Several Commission strategies, since 2004, have ensured the implementation of the Treaty⁶.

The Executive Vice-President for cohesion of reforms announced in 2025, in the frame of the mid-term review of the cohesion policy⁷, a new strategy for the outermost regions. The new strategy will propose concrete measures to improve the living conditions of their five million inhabitants and set out tailored actions to foster growth in these regions, in line with Article 349 of the Treaty.

The need for a new project for the youth in the outermost regions

The first action from the 2022 OR strategy⁸ was the launch of the pioneer YOUTH4OR project⁹, in line with the European Year of Youth and the European Year of Skills. The new strategy will similarly include a similar initiative as one of its early flagship commitments. This demonstrates the Commission's commitment to the outermost regions and in particular their youth. This new youth OR project is the subject of this call.

The outermost regions face some shared challenges to some of the most vulnerable regions in Europe mainland, but which are worsened by their specific challenges and

⁴ [Inforegio website on the EU outermost regions](#)

⁵ [Article 349 consolidated version](#)

⁶ 2004, 2007, 2008, 2012, 2017, 2022.

⁷ COM (2025)163 final

⁸ COM(2022)198 final

⁹ [YOUTH 4 OUTERMOST REGIONS – Supporting a New Generation of Young Changemakers for Inclusive and Sustainable Development](#)

constraints. The 2024 implementation report¹⁰ of the 2022 Strategy evidenced their lack of opportunities and the need for further action towards youth in the OR.

Without exception, young people aged 15 to 24 in all outermost regions face higher rates of unemployment, early school leaving and NEET status (young people who are not in education, employment or training) than in their respective Member States, and some of the lowest youth employment rates in the EU. The unemployment rate for young people aged 15 to 24 is over 50% in Mayotte and over 30% in Guadeloupe, Martinique, French Guiana and Réunion far above France's national average of 19%. In the Canary Islands the average unemployment rate for young people aged 15 to 24 is 28.5%, also higher than the Spanish average: 26.5%.¹¹

Youth in the new political guidelines 2024-2029

The European Union needs the engagement and the participation of young people to build a better future. The EU outermost regions are a clear example to showcase their very diverse environments and cultural living heritage. Promoting and safeguarding the intrinsic culture of all these regions via the youngster generation is a recognition for the OR communities who bear this heritage.

The new project aligns with the 2024-2029 European Commission political guidelines, which highlight how the young people are key in shaping our future, and the critical role that they can play in driving social change, promoting cultural diversity, and ensuring the long-term sustainability of our societies. The 2024-2029 political guidelines also call for facilitating the access of young people to our rich cultural heritage, to labour markets and housing, protecting the mental health of children and young people, especially online.

The creation of the President's Youth Advisory Board and the annual Youth Policy Dialogues with European Commissioners as well as the Commission youth check put young people at the heart of the EU's policymaking and ensure their active participation in shaping its future. Several other key Commission priorities are also linked to this new project.

The recently adopted Strategy on Intergenerational Fairness sets out how the EU can strengthen communication between generations and ensure that interests of present and future generations are respected throughout the Union's policy and law making. Closely related to this, the future Strategy on "the right to stay" will set the vision for ensuring that everyone can effectively exercise their right to stay in the place they call home, by increasing the attractiveness of territories.

The lessons learned from the previous OR youth project

The success of this new project YOUTH4OR2 builds on the lessons learned on the previous YOUTH4OR initiative, and the overall very positive feedback received. The previous project also provided a number of recommendations to the Commission¹². The high interest received during the first project (195 applications, and a success rate of 36%) already called at the time for a new youth project in the outermost regions.

Via a targeted survey, previous participants consistently valued the programme's accessibility, the sense of belonging to a wider European community, and the opportunity to gain practical experience in project design and implementation. Participants reported tangible benefits, including improved self-confidence, skills development, and stronger motivation to engage in civic life and EU programmes.

¹⁰ COM(2024) 435 final

¹¹ Source: Eurostat 2024

¹² [YOUTH4ORs Recommendations – YOUTH 4 OUTERMOST REGIONS](#)

Importantly, the project demonstrated the capability of youth in the outermost regions to lead concrete small-scale grants, which produced both tangible results in their local realities and also fostered trust and sense of belonging between youth and the EU.

Building on this success, the new project will sustain the momentum within the outermost regions' youth community. It will take into consideration – to the extent possible- the recommendations provided in the previous project and will continue with the bottom-up approach for the sub-grants to be carried out by youth, including across a very diverse range of areas and EU policies – but not limited to. This will continue empowering youth in their local communities, as actors of change, via the support of EU cohesion policy funds across EU policies to reduce territorial disparities.

2. Objectives — Themes and priorities — Activities that can be funded — Expected impact

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Objectives

The objective of the grant is to further **empower and mobilise youth**¹³ in the outermost regions, making them actors and promoters of change in the definition and implementation of solutions in their local communities.

The total budget earmarked for co-financing under this call for proposals is **EUR 1 000 000 with a total duration of the grant of 24 months**.

There will be two clear distinct phases:

- The 1st phase, **object of the present call**, is related to the **selection of one organization** only (the beneficiary) that will function as the secretariat and will manage the project.
- The 2nd phase is related to the **administration and the implementation of the awarded grant**. During this phase the selected organisation (the beneficiary) will launch the calls for sub-grants (“financial support to third parties”) on a broad range of EU policies for youth¹⁴ exclusively from the outermost regions, provide support for the selection of the sub-grants, and monitor the sub-grants (third parties).

The applicants under the call for proposals should consider the lessons learned and the feedback¹⁵ received from the previous OR youth project. For instance, including a new coaching and a mentorship scheme for the selected youth sub-grants.

The beneficiary will be responsible for promoting, organising and evaluating the results of at least¹⁶ two separate calls for sub-grants under the grant scheme: one for young

¹³ Young people that are legal residents in one of the nine EU outermost regions.

¹⁴ Youth is to be understood as people aged between 15 to 24 years old at the call for sub-grants closing date, during the implementation phase. When sub-grants are submitted by a team, all the identified team members must stick to the same condition.

¹⁵ [YOUTH4ORs Recommendations – YOUTH 4 OUTERMOST REGIONS](#)

¹⁶ The applicants are free to propose and further elaborate on alternative ways of structuring the calls (e.g. launching additional calls for sub-grants). In case applicants decide to do so, the target groups of the proposed calls for sub-grants must be well-defined and all the proposed calls for sub-grants are to be fully actionable within the grant implementation period (24 months).

individuals and another for youth associations¹⁷. The grant should demonstrate how it will aim to increase knowledge, shared experiences and enhanced capacities of youth in the outermost regions.

The call for sub-grants dedicated to youth in the outermost regions

The call for sub-grants launched by the beneficiary should result in the selection of a **minimum of 70 sub-grants**. Emphasis should be given to the specific call for sub-grants from young individuals. The selected beneficiary is to launch the calls for sub-grants at the latest during month 4 of the start of the grant implementation period.

The sub-grants should be of small size (in terms of budget requested) and have a maximum duration of up to 12 months, e.g. adjusting to the academic year. The selected sub-grants, as a result of evaluation, will receive **funding between EUR 5 000 and EUR 10 000**.

Young people will be invited to submit their applications for the calls for sub-grants in **French, Portuguese or Spanish**, or in English if the sub-grant entails co-operation with other regions; and will be encouraged to communicate about their projects in these languages - or in English - when promoting their work through a web information portal or through their own social media channels.

The applicants should ensure adequate solutions for the granting of funds to young applicants below the age of majority.

The beneficiary selected under this call - which will then provide the sub-grants mentioned here above - will report to the Commission on the results, best practices and lessons learned from the actions implemented via the sub-grants.

The regional contact points in the outermost regions

The applicants to the grant should demonstrate adequate links (or proposed ways to achieve them) with the reality of youth in the outermost regions.

The organisations/entities that apply to this call will also have to identify several regional contacts points. At least:

- one contact point from the Caribbean-Amazonia basin;
- one contact point from the south-west Indian Ocean sea basin;
- and two contact points from the Macaronesia sea basin (one from Azores/Madeira and one from the Canary Islands).

In this respect (regional contact points that are to be identified), applicants have to submit:

- curriculum vitae of the (at least four) contact points from the different basins and a declaration on honour declaring that they have legally resided in one of the outermost regions and will be legally residing in that outermost region during the whole project implementation;
- Applicants must prove the capacity to evaluate and process submissions in English, French, Portuguese and Spanish.

¹⁷ The application must be submitted by a non-profit association or educational institution (public or private) that develops activities with or targeting young people aged between 15 to 24 years and is legally based in one of the outermost regions. Non-profit association or educational institutions must be supported by a team of young people aged between 15 to 24 years old at the call for sub-grants closing date and legal residents in one of the outermost regions.

Evidence: CVs of the outermost regions contact persons. The basin contact points have to submit a proof of their (current or past) legal residence in an outermost region; and a declaration on honour declaring they will be residing in an outermost region during the whole project implementation.

Themes and priorities (scope)

Many EU policies are relevant to support the personal, social and professional development of youth. The YOUTH4OR2 initiative will have a **bottom-up approach** to allow for a broad coverage of youth concerns across the outermost regions.

There is **no particular theme or subject** that the sub-grants proposed by youth should cover. The proposed sub-grants can also be linked to the 2024-2029 EU priorities¹⁸ (while this is not a pre-condition and it will not be mandatory). As source of inspiration, the sub-grants from the previous youth OR project¹⁹ promoted for example (non-exhaustive list) support to local businesses, safeguarding the local environment and biodiversity, skills development and training, increasing solidarity and equal opportunities for (younger and elderly) people.

The requests for subgrants proposed by the young people should generate added value and improvements in each respective region; these can also include intra-regional cooperation (for example within the same archipelago), or co-operation with other outermost regions – but not mandatorily.

The beneficiary is highly encouraged to seek partnerships with regional and/or local youth organisations and/or local entities to maximize the impact of this initiative. Relevant partnerships with national and/or European youth organisations will also be positively considered.

Activities that can be funded

The proposal should demonstrate how it intends to provide tailored support to young people in the outermost regions to help overcome the challenges linked to their remoteness and their particular conditions, as described in Article 349 of the Treaty.

The beneficiary is expected to perform all the activities described below:

1. Set-up and maintain a **project information portal** in English, French, Portuguese and Spanish;

The beneficiary should develop and provide in all languages referred above all relevant information about the projects and the calls for sub-grants, online training, advisory and coaching / mentoring services to the grantees on how to prepare and run the project. It will also provide a virtual space for networking between the grantees (e.g. event, collaborative space).

2. Prepare, organise and promote the **calls for sub-grants for youth exclusively in the outermost regions**, after approval from the Commission.

The beneficiary should launch the calls for sub-grants in French, Portuguese and Spanish in the dedicated website, and will communicate and disseminate them in the appropriate social media tools and via other multipliers.

3. Manage the **calls for sub-grants** (launch the calls; receive applications; evaluate applications; select the applications on the basis of the established criteria and

¹⁸ [Commission 2024-2029 priorities](#)

¹⁹ [Awarded Actions – YOUTH 4 OUTERMOST REGIONS](#)

award the grants; monitor the implementation of the sub-grants; make payments);

The selected beneficiary should strive towards ensuring a geographic balance in the representation of the 9 outermost regions of the European Union when awarding sub-grants from youth, even if there is no budget earmarked for individual regions. This also principle applies across all stages, including the promotion of the call for sub-grants, the evaluation and selection procedure, and allocation of sub-grants to young people/youth organisations.

4. **Communicate about the sub-grants** through the project information portal as well as identifying other appropriate media channels including, but not limited to, social media, press, tv, radio, advertising, publications;

The beneficiary should implement a communication strategy for the young people to maximise their participation and outreach (e.g. taking into account languages and cultures of the regions, ethnic and linguistic aspects; and gender aspects, using appropriate communication channels).

The beneficiary should also give special emphasis to the external communication and dissemination activities related to the achievements of the different youth sub-grants (e.g. kick-off awareness campaign targeted to youth, regular newsletters with success stories, video testimonials, strong social media presence, a final booklet with the subgrants selected and their achievements, and a final dissemination event).

5. Propose a **coaching scheme**. The coaching scheme should be introduced throughout the implementation of the selected sub-grants. Designed as a collaborative support mechanism, this initiative will enhance and maximise continuous learning for young people from the outermost regions (OR) during their sub-grant activities.

6. Propose a **mentorship scheme** right at the end of the implementation of the sub-grants. This mentorship scheme is envisaged to support the young people to find appropriate ways to continue or further develop their projects after the sub-grant is ended. This could be done for example with the help of experienced people from the fields of the projects or with experts or professional mentors.

7. **Organizational framework**

In light of the above activities, the proposals from the applicants should indicate in their proposals the **organizational framework** to deliver all necessary arrangements to manage the project, including the following:

- 1) Work plan of the project, with time and sequence of implementation of the various tasks.
- 2) The methodology to implement the full cycle of the calls for sub-grants, including the following elements:
 - a) promotion of the calls for sub-grants in the appropriate channels and languages among eligible youth and groups of youth resident in the outermost regions;
 - b) process to manage the incoming applications and ways to cope with (potentially) high numbers of applications;
 - c) evaluation and selection process, including how to manage applications in different languages;
 - d) measures to support youth, e.g. online training, advisory services, coaching and mentoring schemes, virtual space for networking, virtual engagement activities;

- e) implementation, monitoring and support to sub-grants;
 - f) dissemination activities about successful sub-grants and communication products in English, French, Portuguese and Spanish;
 - g) financial management; and
 - h) evaluation and reporting.
- 3) Description of the main features of the project's information portal and multi-language translation tools.
 - 4) Financial allocation by task, taking into consideration that the beneficiary should allocate **at least 65%** of the total grant to **a minimum of 70 sub-grants**.
 - 5) Personnel costs **cannot go beyond 25% of the total budget**.
 - 6) Measures to ensure quality control and management of risks, for the whole project implementation and for the calls for sub-grants in particular.

The beneficiary is expected to work in close contact with the European Commission throughout the implementation process of the grant. In particular, the following elements will have to be **validated by the Commission prior to their implementation**:

- The text of the calls for sub-grants in French, Portuguese or Spanish, in particular description of the selection process and material prepared to assist youth in submitting their applications.
- The nomination of the call for sub-grants' evaluation committee(s). A representative of the Commission can take part in these committee(s) as an observer.
- The call for sub-grants evaluation reports, including the final list of young people and youth organisations selected to benefit from financial support and statistics per language and region.
- Communication strategy and design of the project's information portal.

Expected impact

At the end of the project, the beneficiary should have achieved the following impact and results:

- 1) Increased participation and involvement of young people from the outermost regions into their local communities.
- 2) A set of low-cost innovative sub-grants implemented by young people and youth organisations which have supported local communities or which have contributed in a visible way to improving the local living conditions, and/or local/regional priorities.
- 3) A number of concrete sub-grants with tangible results on the ground, which reinforce the sense of belonging of youth with their region, and to promote entrepreneurship that can bring economic opportunities.
- 4) Achieve a reinforced sense of educational (and professional) growth and confidence from the OR youngsters, thus improving the chances of long-term success in educational (and professional) settings.
- 5) Set the path for the sub-grants in case youngsters want to continue developing their project, via the mentoring scheme.

3. Available budget

The estimated available call budget is **EUR 1 000 000**.

We expect to fund 1 project.

We reserve the right not to award all available funds or to redistribute them between the call priorities, depending on the proposals received and the results of the evaluation.

4. Timetable and deadlines

Timetable and deadlines (indicative)	
Publication of the call	17 June 2026
<u>Deadline for submitting applications</u>	<u>30 July 2026 – 17:00:00 CET (Central European Time)</u>
Evaluation period	September 2026
Information to applicants on results:	October 2026
GA signature:	November 2026

5. Admissibility and documents

Proposals must be submitted before the **call deadline** (see *timetable section 4*).

Proposals must be submitted **electronically** via the Funding & Tenders Portal Electronic Submission System (accessible via the Topic page in the [Calls for proposals](#) section). Paper submissions are NOT possible.

Proposals (including annexes and supporting documents) must be submitted using the forms provided *inside* the Submission System (⚠ NOT the documents available on the Topic page — they are only for information).

Proposals must be **complete** and contain all the requested information and all required annexes and supporting documents:

- Application Form Part A — contains administrative information about the participants (future coordinator, beneficiaries and affiliated entities) and the summarised budget for the project (*to be filled in directly online*)
- Application Form Part B — contains the technical description of the project (*template to be downloaded from the Portal Submission System, completed, assembled and re-uploaded*)
- **mandatory annexes and supporting documents** (*templates to be downloaded from the Portal Submission System, completed, assembled and re-uploaded*):
 - detailed budget table: not applicable
 - CVs (standard) of core project team
 - activity reports of last year
 - list of previous projects (key projects for the last 4 years) (*template available in Part B*)

At proposal submission, you will have to confirm that you have the **mandate to act** for all applicants. Moreover, you will have to confirm that the information in the application is correct and complete and that all participants comply with the conditions for receiving EU funding (*especially eligibility, financial and operational capacity, exclusion, etc*). Before signing the grant, each beneficiary and affiliated entity will have to confirm this again by signing a declaration of honour (DoH). Proposals without full support will be rejected.

Your application must be **readable, accessible and printable** (please check carefully the layout of the documents uploaded).

Proposals are limited to maximum **70 pages** (Part B). Evaluators will not consider any additional pages.

You may be asked at a later stage for further documents (*for legal entity validation, financial capacity check, bank account validation, etc*).

 For more information about the submission process (including IT aspects), consult the [Online Manual](#).

6. Eligibility

Eligible participants (eligible countries)

In order to be eligible, the applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must:

- be legal entities (public or private bodies)
- be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.:
 - EU Member States
- not be authorities in charge of the implementation of Cohesion policy within the meaning of Article 71 of the CPR Regulation [2021/1060](#).

Beneficiaries and affiliated entities must register in the [Participant Register](#) — before submitting the proposal — and will have to be validated by the Central Validation Service (REA Validation). For the validation, they will be requested to upload documents showing legal status and origin.

Other entities may participate in other consortium roles, such as associated partners, subcontractors, third parties giving in-kind contributions, etc (*see section 13*).

Specific cases and definitions

Exceptional funding — Entities from other countries (not listed above) are exceptionally eligible, if the granting authority considers their participation essential for the implementation of the action.

Natural persons — Natural persons are NOT eligible (with the exception of self-employed persons, i.e. sole traders, where the company does not have legal personality separate from that of the natural person).

International organisations — International organisations are eligible. The rules on eligible countries do not apply to them.

Entities without legal personality — Entities which do not have legal personality under their national law may exceptionally participate, provided that their representatives have the capacity to undertake legal obligations on their behalf, and offer guarantees

for the protection of the EU financial interests equivalent to that offered by legal persons²⁰.

EU bodies — EU bodies (with the exception of the European Commission Joint Research Centre) can NOT be part of the consortium.

Associations and interest groupings — Entities composed of members may participate as 'sole beneficiaries' or 'beneficiaries without legal personality'²¹. ⚠ Please note that if the action will be implemented by the members, they should also participate (either as beneficiaries or as affiliated entities, otherwise their costs will NOT be eligible).

Countries currently negotiating association agreements — Beneficiaries from countries with ongoing negotiations for participating in the programme (*see list of participating countries above*) may participate in the call and can sign grants if the negotiations are concluded before grant signature and if the association covers the call (i.e. is retroactive and covers both the part of the programme and the year when the call was launched).

EU restrictive measures — Special rules apply for entities subject to [EU restrictive measures](#) under Article 29 of the Treaty on the European Union (TEU) and Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU)²². Such entities are not eligible to participate in any capacity, including as beneficiaries, affiliated entities, associated partners, subcontractors or recipients of financial support to third parties (if any).

EU conditionality measures — Special rules apply for entities subject to measures adopted on the basis of EU Regulation 2020/2092²³. Such entities are not eligible to participate in any funded role (beneficiaries, affiliated entities, subcontractors, recipients of financial support to third parties, etc.). Currently such measures are in place for the Hungarian public interest trusts established under the Hungarian Act IX of 2021 or any entity they maintain (see [Council Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2022/2506](#), as of 16 December 2022).

 For more information, see [Rules for Legal Entity Validation, LEAR Appointment and Financial Capacity Assessment.](#)]

Consortium composition

n/a

Eligible activities

Applications will only be considered eligible if their content corresponds wholly (or at least in part) to the topic description for which they are submitted.

Eligible activities are the ones set out in section 2 above.

The following activities are not considered as eligible for funding under this call:

- activities that are excluded from the scope of the ERDF according to Article 7 of the ERDF Regulation

²⁰ See Article 200(2)(c) EU Financial Regulation [2024/2509](#).

²¹ For the definitions, see Articles 190(2) and 200(2)(c) EU Financial Regulation [2024/2509](#).

²² Please note that the EU Official Journal contains the official list and, in case of conflict, its content prevails over that of the [EU Sanctions Map](#).

²³ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2092 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2020 on a general regime of conditionality for the protection of the Union budget (OJ L 325, 20.12.2022, p. 94).

- activities that do not comply with the do no significant harm principle

Projects should take into account the results of projects supported by other EU funding programmes. The complementarities must be described in the project proposals (Part B of the Application Form).

Projects must comply with EU policy interests and priorities (such as environment, social, etc). Projects must also respect EU values and European Commission policy regarding reputational matters (*e.g., awareness raising, communication, dissemination, etc*).

Financial support to third parties is allowed in ERDFTA-2026-YOUTH4OR2 — Empowering youth in the EU Outermost Regions – YOUTH 4 OUTERMOST REGIONS 2 for grants under the following conditions:

- the calls for sub-grants must be open, published widely and conform to EU standards concerning transparency, equal treatment, conflict of interest and confidentiality
- the calls for sub-grants must remain open for at least two months
- the outcome of the calls for sub-grants must be published on the participants' websites, including a description of the selected projects, award dates, project durations, and final recipient legal names and countries

Your project application must clearly specify why financial support to third parties is needed, how it will be managed and provide a list of the different types of activities for which a third party may receive financial support. The proposal must also clearly describe the results to be obtained.

Geographic location (target countries)

Proposals must relate to activities taking place in the eligible countries (*see above*).

Duration

The total duration of this grant is of 24 months.

Extensions are possible, if duly justified and through an amendment.

Project budget

Project budget (requested grant amount) is expected to be around EUR 1 000 000.

The grant awarded may be lower than the amount requested.

7. Financial and operational capacity and exclusion

Financial capacity

Applicants must have **stable and sufficient resources** to successfully implement the projects and contribute their share. Organisations participating in several projects must have sufficient capacity to implement all projects.

The financial capacity check will be carried out on the basis of the documents you will be requested to upload in the [Participant Register](#) during grant preparation (*e.g. profit*

and loss account and balance sheet, business plan, audit report produced by an approved external auditor, certifying the accounts for the last closed financial year, etc). The analysis will be based on neutral financial indicators, but will also take into account other aspects, such as dependency on EU funding and deficit and revenue in previous years.

The check will normally be done for all beneficiaries, except:

- public bodies (entities established as public body under national law, including local, regional or national authorities) or international organisations
- if the individual requested grant amount is not more than EUR 60 000.

If needed, it may also be done for affiliated entities.

If we consider that your financial capacity is not satisfactory, we may require:

- further information
- an enhanced financial responsibility regime, i.e. joint and several responsibility for all beneficiaries or joint and several liability of affiliated entities (*see below, section 10*)
- prefinancing paid in instalments
- (one or more) prefinancing guarantees (*see below, section 10*)

or

- propose no prefinancing
- request that you are replaced or, if needed, reject the entire proposal.

 For more information, see [Rules for Legal Entity Validation, LEAR Appointment and Financial Capacity Assessment](#).

Operational capacity

Applicants must have the **know-how, qualifications** and **resources** to successfully implement the projects and contribute their share (including sufficient experience in projects of comparable size and nature).

This capacity will be assessed together with the 'Quality' award criterion, on the basis of the competence and experience of the applicants and their project teams, including operational resources (human, technical and other) or, exceptionally, the measures proposed to obtain it by the time the task implementation starts.

If the evaluation of the award criterion is positive, the applicants are considered to have sufficient operational capacity.

Applicants will have to show their capacity via the following information:

- general profiles (qualifications and experiences) of the staff responsible for managing and implementing the project
- description of the consortium participants
- applicants' activity reports of last year
- list of previous projects (key projects for the last 4 years) (*template available in Part B*).

Additional supporting documents may be requested, if needed to confirm the operational capacity of any applicant.

Public bodies, Member State organisations and international organisations are exempted from the operational capacity check.

Exclusion

Applicants which are subject to an **EU exclusion decision** or in one of the following **exclusion situations** that bar them from receiving EU funding can NOT participate²⁴:

- bankruptcy, winding up, affairs administered by the courts, arrangement with creditors, suspended business activities or other similar procedures (including procedures for persons with unlimited liability for the applicant's debts)
- in breach of social security or tax obligations (including if done by persons with unlimited liability for the applicant's debts)
- guilty of grave professional misconduct²⁵ (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant)
- committed fraud, corruption, links to a criminal organisation, money laundering, terrorism-related crimes (including terrorism financing), child labour or human trafficking (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant)
- shown significant deficiencies in complying with main obligations under an EU procurement contract, grant agreement, prize, expert contract, or similar (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant)
- guilty of irregularities within the meaning of Article 1(2) of EU Regulation [2988/95](#) (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant)
- created under a different jurisdiction with the intent to circumvent fiscal, social or other legal obligations in the country of origin or created another entity with this purpose (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant)
- intentionally and without proper justification resisted²⁶ an investigation, check or audit carried out by an EU authorising officer (or their representative or auditor), OLAF, the EPPO, or the European Court of Auditors.

²⁴ See Articles 138 and 143 of EU Financial Regulation [2024/2509](#).

²⁵ 'Professional misconduct' includes, in particular, the following: violation of ethical standards of the profession; wrongful conduct with impact on professional credibility; breach of generally accepted professional ethical standards; false declarations/misrepresentation of information; participation in a cartel or other agreement distorting competition; violation of IPR; attempting to influence decision-making processes by taking advantage, through misrepresentation, of a conflict of interests, or to obtain confidential information from public authorities to gain an advantage; incitement to discrimination, hatred or violence or similar activities contrary to the EU values where negatively affecting or risking to affect the performance of a legal commitment.

²⁶ 'Resisting an investigation, check or audit' means carrying out actions with the goal or effect of preventing, hindering or delaying the conduct of any of the activities needed to perform the investigation, check or audit, such as refusing to grant the necessary access to its premises or any other areas used for business purposes, concealing or refusing to disclose information or providing false information.

Applicants will also be rejected if it turns out that²⁷:

- during the award procedure they misrepresented information required as a condition for participating or failed to supply that information
- they were previously involved in the preparation of the call and this entails a distortion of competition that cannot be remedied otherwise (conflict of interest).

8. Evaluation and award procedure

The proposals will have to follow the **standard submission and evaluation procedure** (one-stage submission + one-step evaluation).

An **evaluation committee** will assess all applications. Proposals will first be checked for formal requirements (admissibility, and eligibility, *see sections 5 and 6*). Proposals found admissible and eligible will be evaluated against the operational capacity and award criteria (*see sections 7 and 9*) and then ranked according to their scores.

For proposals with the same score a **priority order** will be determined according to the following approach:

Successively for every group of *ex aequo* proposals, starting with the highest scored group, and continuing in descending order:

- 1) Projects focusing on a theme that is not otherwise covered by higher ranked projects will be considered to have the highest priority.
- 2) The *ex aequo* proposals will be prioritised according to the scores they have been awarded for the award criterion 'Relevance'. When these scores are equal, priority will be based on their scores for the criterion 'Impact'. When these scores are equal, priority will be based on their scores for the criterion 'Quality'.

All proposals will be informed about the evaluation result (**evaluation result letter**). Successful proposals will be invited for grant preparation; the other ones will be put on the reserve list or rejected.

No commitment for funding — Invitation to grant preparation does NOT constitute a formal commitment for funding. We will still need to make various legal checks before grant award: *legal entity validation, financial capacity, exclusion check, etc.*

Grant preparation will involve a dialogue in order to fine-tune technical or financial aspects of the project and may require extra information from your side. It may also include adjustments to the proposal to address recommendations of the evaluation committee or other concerns. Full compliance will be a pre-condition for signing the grant.

If you believe that the evaluation procedure was flawed, you can submit a **complaint** (following the deadlines and procedures set out in the evaluation result letter). Please note that notifications which have not been opened within 10 days after sending will be considered to have been accessed and that deadlines will be counted from opening/access (*see also [Funding & Tenders Portal Terms and Conditions](#)*). Please also be aware that for complaints submitted electronically, there may be character limitations.

²⁷ See Article 143 EU Financial Regulation [2024/2509](#).

9. Award criteria

The **award criteria** for this call are as follows:

1. Relevance (40 points):

- Clarity and consistency of the action
- Relevant objectives and added value to the EU cohesion policy
- Contribution to the EU strategic and legislative context
- European/trans-national or interregional dimension
- Impact/interest for a number of partners and stakeholders of EU cohesion policy

2. Quality (40 points):

- Logical links between the identified problems, needs and solutions proposed (logical frame concept)
- Quality of the consortium and project teams
- Appropriate procedures and problem-solving mechanisms for cooperating within the project teams and consortium
- Methodology for implementing the project (concept and methodology, organisation of the work (procedures and allocation of resources), management, involvement of subcontractors, timetable, risks and risk management, monitoring and evaluation)
- Cost effectiveness (sufficient/appropriate budget for proper implementation; best value for money)

3. Impact (20 points):

- Ambition and expected long-term impact of results on target groups/general public
- Appropriate dissemination strategy
- Possibility to use the results in other countries
- Sustainability of results after EU funding ends.

Award criteria	Minimum pass score	Maximum score
Relevance	21	40
Quality	21	40
Impact	11	20
Overall (pass) scores	60	100

Maximum points: 100 points.

Individual thresholds per criterion: 21/40, 21/40 and 11/20 points.

Overall threshold: 60 points.

Proposals that pass the individual thresholds AND the overall threshold will be considered for funding — within the limits of the available budget (i.e. up to the budget ceiling). Other proposals will be rejected.

10. Legal and financial set-up of the Grant Agreements

If you pass evaluation, your project will be invited for grant preparation, where you will be asked to prepare the Grant Agreement together with the EU Project Officer.

This Grant Agreement will set the framework for your grant and its terms and conditions, in particular concerning deliverables, reporting and payments.

The Model Grant Agreement that will be used (and all other relevant templates and guidance documents) can be found on [Portal Reference Documents](#).

Starting date and project duration

The project starting date and duration will be fixed in the Grant Agreement (*Data Sheet, point 1*). Normally the starting date will be after grant signature. A retroactive starting date can be granted exceptionally for duly justified reasons — but never earlier than the proposal submission date.

Project duration: *see section 6 above*.

Milestones and deliverables

The milestones and deliverables for each project will be managed through the Portal Grant Management System and will be reflected in Annex 1 of the Grant Agreement.

Form of grant, funding rate and maximum grant amount

The grant parameters (*maximum grant amount, funding rate, total eligible costs, etc*) will be fixed in the Grant Agreement (*Data Sheet, point 3 and art 5*).

Project budget (requested grant amount): *see section 6 above*.

The grant will be a budget-based mixed actual cost grant (actual costs, with unit cost and flat-rate elements). This means that it will reimburse ONLY certain types of costs (eligible costs) and costs that were *actually* incurred for your project (NOT the *budgeted* costs). For unit costs and flat rates, you can charge the amounts calculated as explained in the Grant Agreement (*see art 6 and Annex 2 and 2a*).

The costs will be reimbursed at the funding rate fixed in the Grant Agreement (**100%** for the costs for providing financial support to third parties and **95%** for all other cost categories).

Grants may NOT produce a profit (i.e. surplus of revenues + EU grant over costs). For-profit organisations must declare their revenues and, if there is a profit, we will deduct it from the final grant amount (*see art 22.3*).

Moreover, please be aware that the final grant amount may be reduced in case of non-compliance with the Grant Agreement (*e.g. improper implementation, breach of obligations, etc*).

Budget categories and cost eligibility rules

The budget categories and cost eligibility rules are fixed in the Grant Agreement (*Data Sheet, point 3, art 6 and Annex 2*).

Budget categories for this call:

- A. Personnel costs
 - A.1 Employees, A.2 Natural persons under direct contract, A.3 Seconded persons
 - A.4 SME owners and natural person beneficiaries
 - A.5 Volunteers
- B. Subcontracting costs
- C. Purchase costs
 - C.1 Travel and subsistence
 - C.2 Equipment
 - C.3 Other goods, works and services
- D. Other cost categories
 - D.1 Financial support to third parties
- E. Indirect costs

Specific cost eligibility conditions for this call:

- personnel costs:
 - SME owner/natural person unit cost²⁸ Yes
 - volunteers unit cost²⁹: Yes (with indirect costs)
- travel and subsistence unit cost³⁰: Yes³¹
- equipment costs: depreciation
- other cost categories:
 - costs for financial support to third parties: allowed for grants; maximum amount per third party EUR 10 000, unless a higher amount is required

²⁸ Commission [Decision](#) of 20 October 2020 authorising the use of unit costs for the personnel costs of the owners of small and medium-sized enterprises and beneficiaries that are natural persons not receiving a salary for the work carried out by themselves under an action or work programme (C(2020)7115).


²⁹ Commission [Decision](#) of 10 April 2019 authorising the use of unit costs for declaring personnel costs for the work carried out by volunteers under an action or a work programme (C(2019)2646).

³⁰ Commission [Decision](#) of 12 January 2021 authorising the use of unit costs for travel, accommodation and subsistence costs under an action or work programme under the 2021-2027 multi-annual financial framework (C(2021)35).

³¹ See [EU Grants AGA — Annotated Grant Agreement](#), art 6 on eligible costs: travel and subsistence costs must be declared using the unit cost according to Annex 2a of the grant agreement. If a particular instance of travel, accommodation or subsistence in the action is not covered by one of the unit costs mentioned in Decision C(2021)35 the actual costs may be used.

because the objective of the action would otherwise be impossible or overly difficult to achieve and this is duly justified in the Application Form

- indirect cost flat-rate 7% of the eligible direct costs (categories A-D, except volunteers costs and exempted specific cost categories, if any)
- VAT: non-deductible/non-refundable VAT is eligible (but please note that since 2013 VAT paid by beneficiaries that are public bodies acting as public authority is NOT eligible)
- other:
 - in-kind contributions for free are allowed, but cost-neutral, i.e. they cannot be declared as cost
 - kick-off meeting: costs for kick-off meeting organised by the granting authority are eligible (travel costs for maximum 2 persons, return ticket to Brussels and accommodation for one night) only if the meeting takes place after the project starting date set out in the Grant Agreement; the starting date can be changed through an amendment, if needed
 - project websites: communication costs for presenting the project on the participants' websites or social media accounts are eligible; costs for *separate* project websites are not eligible
 - other ineligible costs: No

 **Volunteers costs** — Volunteers costs are not a classic cost category. There are no costs because volunteers work for free, but they may nonetheless be added to the budget in the form of a prefixed unit cost (per volunteer) and thus allow you to benefit from the volunteers' work for the grant (by increasing the amount of reimbursement up to 100% of the normal costs, i.e. cost categories other than volunteers). More information is available in the [AGA — Annotated Grant Agreement, art 6.2.A.5](#).

If indirect costs for volunteers costs are eligible, you can add them manually to the volunteers costs category in Annex 2 (calculate the 7% flat-rate on the amount of volunteers costs calculated as unit costs and then add them on top).

Reporting and payment arrangements

The reporting and payment arrangements are fixed in the Grant Agreement (*Data Sheet, point 4 and art 21 and 22*).


After grant signature, you will normally receive a **prefinancing** to start working on the project (float of normally **45%** of the maximum grant amount; exceptionally less or no prefinancing). The prefinancing will be paid 30 days from entry into force/financial guarantee (if required)— whichever is the latest.

There will be one or more **interim payments** with cost reporting through the use of resources report.

In addition, you will be expected to submit one or more progress reports not linked to payments.

Payment of the balance: At the end of the project, we will calculate your final grant amount. If the total of earlier payments is higher than the final grant amount, we will ask you (your coordinator) to pay back the difference (recovery).

All payments will be made to the coordinator.

 Please be aware that payments will be automatically lowered if you or one of your consortium members has outstanding debts towards the EU (granting authority or other EU bodies). Such debts will be offset by us — in line with the conditions set out in the Grant Agreement (*see art 22*).

Please also note that you are responsible for **keeping records** on all the work done and the costs declared.

Prefinancing guarantees

If a prefinancing guarantee is required, it will be fixed in the Grant Agreement (*Data Sheet, point 4*). The amount will be set during grant preparation and it will normally be equal or lower than the prefinancing for your grant.

The guarantee should be in euro and issued by an approved bank/financial institution established in an EU Member State. If you are established in a non-EU country and would like to provide a guarantee from a bank/financial institution in your country, please contact us (this may be exceptionally accepted, if it offers equivalent security).

Amounts blocked in bank accounts will NOT be accepted as financial guarantees.

Prefinancing guarantees are normally requested from the coordinator, for the consortium. They must be provided during grant preparation, in time to make the prefinancing (scanned copy via Portal AND original by post).

If agreed with us, the bank guarantee may be replaced by a guarantee from a third party.

The guarantee will be released at the end of the grant, in accordance with the conditions laid down in the Grant Agreement (*art 23*).

Certificates

Depending on the type of action, size of grant amount and type of beneficiaries, you may be requested to submit different certificates. The types, schedules and thresholds for each certificate are fixed in the Grant Agreement (*Data Sheet, point 4 and art 24*).

Liability regime for recoveries

The liability regime for recoveries will be fixed in the Grant Agreement (*Data Sheet, point 4.4 and art 22*).

For beneficiaries, it is one of the following:

- limited joint and several liability with individual ceilings — *each beneficiary up to their maximum grant amount*
- unconditional joint and several liability — *each beneficiary up to the maximum grant amount for the action*

or

- individual financial responsibility — *each beneficiary only for their own debts.*

In addition, the granting authority may require joint and several liability of affiliated entities (with their beneficiary).

Provisions concerning the project implementation

IPR rules: *see Model Grant Agreement (art 16 and Annex 5):*

- rights of use on results: Yes

Communication, dissemination and visibility of funding: *see Model Grant Agreement (art 17 and Annex 5):*

- additional communication and dissemination activities: Yes

Specific rules for carrying out the action: *see Model Grant Agreement (art 18 and Annex 5):* n/a

Other specificities

Consortium agreement: No

Non-compliance and breach of contract

The Grant Agreement (chapter 5) provides for the measures we may take in case of breach of contract (and other non-compliance issues).

 For more information, *see [AGA — Annotated Grant Agreement](#)*.

11. How to submit an application

All proposals must be submitted directly online via the Funding & Tenders Portal Electronic Submission System. Paper applications are NOT accepted.

Submission is a **2-step process**:

a) create a user account and register your organisation

To use the Submission System (the only way to apply), all participants need to [create an EU Login user account](#).

Once you have an EU Login account, you can [register your organisation](#) in the Participant Register. When your registration is finalised, you will receive a 9-digit participant identification code (PIC).

b) submit the proposal

Access the Electronic Submission System via the Topic page in the [Calls for proposals](#) section (or, for calls sent by invitation to submit a proposal, through the link provided in the invitation letter).

Submit your proposal in 3 parts, as follows:

- Part A includes administrative information about the applicant organisations (future coordinator, beneficiaries, affiliated entities and associated partners) and the summarised budget for the proposal. Fill it in directly online
- Part B (description of the action) covers the technical content of the proposal. Download the mandatory word template from the Submission System, fill it in and upload it as a PDF file
- Annexes (*see section 5*). Upload them as PDF file (single or multiple depending on the slots). Excel upload is sometimes possible, depending on the file type.

The proposal must keep to the **page limits** (*see section 5*); excess pages will be disregarded.

Documents must be uploaded to the **right category** in the Submission System, otherwise the proposal may be considered incomplete and thus inadmissible.

The proposal must be submitted **before the call deadline** (*see section 4*). After this deadline, the system is closed and proposals can no longer be submitted.

Once the proposal is submitted, you will receive a **confirmation e-mail** (with date and time of your application). If you do not receive this confirmation e-mail, it means your proposal has NOT been submitted. If you believe this is due to a fault in the Submission System, you should immediately file a complaint via the [IT Helpdesk webform](#), explaining the circumstances and attaching a copy of the proposal (and, if possible, screenshots to show what happened).

Details on processes and procedures are described in the [Online Manual](#). The Online Manual also contains the links to FAQs and detailed instructions regarding the Portal Electronic Exchange System.

12. Help

As far as possible, ***please try to find the answers you need yourself***, in this and the other documentation (we have limited resources for handling direct enquiries):

- [Online Manual](#)
- Topic Q&A on the Topic page (for call-specific questions in open calls; not applicable for actions by invitation)
- [Portal FAQ](#) (for general questions).

Please also consult the Topic page regularly, since we will use it to publish call updates. (For invitations, we will contact you directly in case of a call update).

Contact

For individual questions on the Portal Submission System, please contact the [IT Helpdesk](#).

Non-IT related questions should be sent to the following email address: REGIO-CONTRACTS@ec.europa.eu.

Please indicate clearly the reference of the call and topic to which your question relates (*see cover page*).

13. Important



IMPORTANT

- **Don't wait until the end** — Complete your application sufficiently in advance of the deadline to avoid any last minute **technical problems**. Problems due to last minute submissions (*e.g. congestion, etc*) will be entirely at your risk. Call deadlines can NOT be extended.
- **Consult** the Portal Topic page regularly. We will use it to publish updates and additional information on the call (call and topic updates).
- **Funding & Tenders Portal Electronic Exchange System** — By submitting the application, all participants **accept** to use the electronic exchange system in accordance with the [Portal Terms & Conditions](#).
- **Registration** — Before submitting the application, all beneficiaries, affiliated entities and associated partners must be registered in the [Participant Register](#). The participant identification code (PIC) (one per participant) is mandatory for the Application Form.
- **Consortium roles**— When setting up your consortium, you should think of organisations that help you reach objectives and solve problems.

The roles should be attributed according to the level of participation in the project. Main participants should participate as **beneficiaries** or **affiliated entities**; other entities can participate as associated partners, subcontractors, third parties giving in-kind contributions. **Associated partners** and third parties giving in-kind contributions should bear their own costs (they will not become formal recipients of EU funding). **Subcontracting** should normally constitute a limited part and must be performed by third parties (not by one of the beneficiaries/affiliated entities). Subcontracting going beyond 30% of the total eligible costs must be justified in the application.

- **Coordinator** — In multi-beneficiary grants, the beneficiaries participate as consortium (group of beneficiaries). They will have to choose a coordinator, who will take care of the project management and coordination and will represent the consortium towards the granting authority. In mono-beneficiary grants, the single beneficiary will automatically be coordinator.
- **Affiliated entities** — Applicants may participate with affiliated entities (i.e. entities linked to a beneficiary which participate in the action with similar rights and obligations as the beneficiaries, but do not sign the grant and therefore do not become beneficiaries themselves). They will get a part of the grant money and must therefore comply with all the call conditions and be validated (just like beneficiaries); but they do not count towards the minimum eligibility criteria for consortium composition (if any). If affiliated entities participate in your project, please do not forget to provide documents demonstrating their affiliation link to your organisation as part of your application.
- **Associated partners** — Applicants may participate with associated partners (i.e. partner organisations which participate in the action but without the right to get grant money). They participate without funding and therefore do not need to be validated.
- **Consortium agreement** — For practical and legal reasons it is recommended to set up internal arrangements that allow you to deal with exceptional or unforeseen circumstances (in all cases, even if not mandatory under the Grant Agreement). The consortium agreement also gives you the possibility to redistribute the grant money according to your own consortium-internal principles and parameters (for instance, one beneficiary can reattribute its grant money to another beneficiary). The consortium agreement thus allows you to customise the EU grant to the needs inside your consortium and can also help to protect you in case of disputes.

- **Balanced project budget** — Grant applications must ensure a balanced project budget and sufficient other resources to implement the project successfully (*e.g. own contributions, income generated by the action, financial contributions from third parties, etc*). You may be requested to lower your estimated costs, if they are ineligible (including excessive).
- **Completed/ongoing projects** — Proposals for projects that have already been completed will be rejected; proposals for projects that have already started will be assessed on a case-by-case basis (in this case, no costs can be reimbursed for activities that took place before the project starting date/proposal submission).
- **No-profit rule** — Grants may NOT give a profit (i.e. surplus of revenues + EU grant over costs). This will be checked by us at the end of the project.
- **No cumulation of funding/no double funding** — It is strictly prohibited to cumulate funding from the EU budget (except under 'EU Synergies actions'). Outside such Synergies actions, any given action may receive only ONE grant from the EU budget and cost items may under NO circumstances be declared under two EU grants; projects must be designed as different actions, clearly delineated and separated for each grant (without overlaps).
- **Combination with EU operating grants** — Combination with EU operating grants is possible, if the project remains outside the operating grant work programme and you make sure that cost items are clearly separated in your accounting and NOT declared twice (*see [AGA — Annotated Grant Agreement, art 6.2.E](#)*).
- **Multiple proposals** — Applicants may submit more than one proposal for *different* projects under the same call (and be awarded funding for them).

Organisations may participate in several proposals.

BUT: if there are several proposals for *very similar* projects, only one application will be accepted and evaluated; the applicants will be asked to withdraw the others (or they will be rejected).

- **Resubmission** — Proposals may be changed and re-submitted until the deadline for submission.
- **Rejection** — By submitting the application, all applicants accept the call conditions set out in this this Call document (and the documents it refers to). Proposals that do not comply with all the call conditions will be rejected. This applies also to applicants: All applicants need to fulfil the criteria; if any one of them doesn't, they must be replaced, or the entire proposal will be rejected.
- **Cancellation** — There may be circumstances which may require the cancellation of the call. In this case, you will be informed via a call or topic update. Please note that cancellations are without entitlement to compensation.
- **Language** — You can submit your proposal in any official EU language (project abstract/summary should however always be in English). For reasons of efficiency, we strongly advise you to use English for the entire application. If you need the call documentation in another official EU language, please submit a request within 10 days after call publication (for the contact information, *see section 12*).

- **Transparency** — In accordance with Article 38 of the [EU Financial Regulation](#), information about EU grants awarded is published each year on the [Europa website](#).

This includes:

- beneficiary names
- beneficiary addresses
- the purpose for which the grant was awarded
- the maximum amount awarded.

The publication can exceptionally be waived (on reasoned and duly substantiated request), if there is a risk that the disclosure could jeopardise your rights and freedoms under the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights or harm your commercial interests.

- **Data protection** — The submission of a proposal under this call involves the collection, use and processing of personal data. This data will be processed in accordance with the applicable legal framework. It will be processed solely for the purpose of evaluating your proposal, subsequent management of your grant and, if needed, programme monitoring, evaluation and communication. Details are explained in the [Funding & Tenders Portal Privacy Statement](#).