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ADVOCACY AND WATCHDOG ROLE DEVELOPED

CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS

The Bodossaki Foundation, acting as the Fund Operator for the EEA Grants NGO Fund in Greece, announces an open call for NGO proposals for the increased provision of welfare and basic services to defined target groups.

The NGO Programme “We are all Citizens” is part of the implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2009-2014 by which the donor states, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, contribute to the elimination of economic and social inequality in the EEA countries.

The overall priority of the Programme is the strengthening of civil society and the enhancement of NGO contribution to social justice, democracy and sustainable development.

One of the goals of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2009-2014 is the strengthening of relations between the donor states and Greece to promote a stable, peaceful and prosperous Europe. Hence, the Programme aims to promote project partnerships in all programme areas with the goal of developing a long-term bilateral cooperation between non-governmental organizations registered in Greece and the donor states.

The NGO Programme puts a special emphasis and encourages projects that promote horizontal concerns such as: hate speech, extremism and hate crime, racism and xenophobia, homophobia, anti-Semitism, tolerance and multicultural understanding, Roma, sexual harassment, violence against women and trafficking. It is expected that supported projects will actively contribute to the enhancement of these horizontal concerns.



A minimum of 10% of the total grant of this Call will be allocated to children and youth-driven organizations and/or projects targeting children and youth.

1. Objectives

This call and the projects implemented through this aim to strengthen the role of NGOs as advocates of citizens' rights and increase their watchdog capacity towards the Greek authorities, in local, regional and national level.

NGOs will be funded to implement projects that will enhance the role of citizens and make them key drivers in the decision-making process. This call supports activities that monitor and evaluate the work of local, regional and national authorities, legislative initiatives, surveys and viable proposals on social issues. NGOs will be strengthened to create new areas for public consultation, to promote volunteering and mobilize the local community.

All projects selected under this call will need to promote the principles of democracy, transparency, good governance and citizens participation in the decision making process.

The total available funding for this call is € 775.350.

Available funding will be allocated to projects proposed by NGOs through a transparent selection procedure.

2. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are NGOs that are established in Greece and fall within the following definition:

“A non-profit voluntary organisation established as a legal entity, having a non-commercial purpose, independent of local, regional and central government, public entities, political parties and commercial organisations.”

For more information on the eligibility of your organization please consult the guidelines for applicants (<http://www.weareallcitizens.gr/apply/guidelines-for-applicants.html>)



3. Areas of support

The following areas are eligible of support through this Call:

- 1) Democracy
- 2) Good governance and transparency
- 3) Participatory democracy
- 4) Anti-corruption
- 5) Active citizenship and human rights awareness raising
- 6) Protection of the environment and climate change

4. Eligible Activities

Project promoters may choose from among the following eligible activities:

- 1) Awareness-raising activities
- 2) Education and training activities
- 3) Network and coalition building
- 4) Advocacy, watchdog and monitoring activities
- 5) Participation in policy and decision making processes
- 6) Cultural initiatives to promote objectives of this Call

An **indicative** list of more specific eligible activities under this Call are:

- Increase involvement of citizens and grassroots communities in public dialogue and decision making process
- Increase the watchdog role of NGOs, particularly in relation to transparency and accountability of state institutions
- Raise awareness on the damaging effects of corruption and bad governance
- Develop awareness raising activities to promote citizens' rights



- Foster institutional mechanisms and channels of contact between citizens and public authorities
- Increase understanding and cooperation between citizens and national/ regional/ local governments to mutually define policies and solutions for societal problems (social, economic, environmental);
- Generate or improve systems to promote the importance of NGOs in governance's system
- Promote participatory democracy through online tools and platforms
- Promote volunteerism and community mobilization
- Increase monitoring and reporting of governmental activities
- Develop public campaigns to promote democratic values
- Develop educational activities that promote citizens' rights (including European citizens' rights)
- Produce reports / papers / legal documents on issues related to public policies on local, regional or national level;

5. Horizontal concerns

The NGO Programme emphasizes on horizontal concerns such as: hate speech, intolerance and hate crime, racism and xenophobia, homophobia, anti-Semitism, tolerance and multicultural understanding, Roma, sexual harassment, violence against women and trafficking. It is expected that supported projects will actively contribute to the enhancement of these horizontal concerns.

6. Cross-cutting issues

All projects supported under this Call need to comply with the following principles:

- 1) Good governance
- 2) Social sustainability
- 3) Economic sustainability
- 4) protection of the environment

5) Gender equality

7. Size of Grants

The total amount of funds that will be granted through this call amounts to **€775,350**.

The minimum and maximum grant amount per application are:

a) **Small grants:** minimum EUR 10,000; maximum EUR 50,000

b) **Large grants:** minimum EUR 50,001; maximum EUR 250,000

1/3 of the total amount of fund per call will be distributed for the implementation of small projects.

A minimum of 10% of the total grant of this Call will be allocated to children and youth-driven organizations and/or projects targeting children and youth.

8. Co-financing – participation of the project promoter

The Programme can provide up to **90%** of the eligible cost of the NGO project budget. The project promoter shall provide the remaining 10% either in form of cash or in-kind contribution as voluntary work (CO-financing of the project by 10%). The in-kind contribution may constitute up to 50% of the co-financing. For the calculation of the in-kind contribution, the cost for each hour of voluntary work shall be EUR 7.67.

9. Duration of Projects and eligible costs

The duration of the project begins from the signing of the relevant project contract and it ends not later than 30 April 2016.

Eligible project costs must be made no later than 30 April 2016 and be accompanied by supporting documents. Expenditures incurred after 30 April 2016 are not eligible. Eligible costs and payment processes are described in the form 'Guidelines for Applicants' on the Programme website <http://www.weareallcitizens.gr/apply/guidelines-for-applicants.html>.

10. Location of Projects

All projects must be implemented throughout the Greek territory on a local, regional or national level.

Projects located in rural and remote areas are highly encouraged to apply under this call.

11. Partnerships

The applicant may submit the proposal individually or together with project partner organization(s).

A project partner is a public or private entity, with legal status commercial or non-commercial, or non-governmental organizations, whose primary location is (a) in a Donor State, (b) an EEA Beneficiary State, or (c) a country outside the EEA that has a common border with Greece, or any international organization, actively involved in and effectively contributing to, the implementation of a project.

The partner needs to share with the project promoter a common economic or social goal which is to be realized through the implementation of the project. The partner's role needs to be justified and clearly defined in the project proposal.

12. Deadline to apply

The Deadline for receipt of Applications is on **March 24th 2014, at 18.00**

13. How to apply

Applicants must fill in an Application form provided on the Programme web site (available here: <http://www.weareallcitizens.gr/apply/application-form.html>) in accordance with the requirements of the Guidelines for Applicants (available here: <http://www.weareallcitizens.gr/apply/guidelines-for-applicants.html>)

For information regarding eligibility criteria, selection procedure, criteria and scoring, eligible costs, the required documentation, the manner and timing of

payments, terms and content cooperation agreements of the promoter and any partners, please refer to form "Guidelines for Applicants".

In case of a partnership application, a mandatory attachment of the relevant partnership agreement(s) are also required.

All supporting documents must be included in the application.

Only complete applications shall be considered for evaluation and selection purposes. All eligible and complete applications will be evaluated by at least two independent external scorers.

Applicants may choose one of the following two (3) ways to submit their proposal:

- 1) Apply online by completing and uploading electronically the application form available <http://www.weareallcitizens.gr/apply/application-form.html>) and all required supporting documents
- 2) Apply by post in the following address:
- 3) By hand (09:18:00)- at the following address

Bodossaki Foundation
5 Vasileos Georgiou B', 10674, Athens, Greece
Subject: EEA NGO Programme "We are all Citizens"
Delivery can take the form of registered or express mail, by courier or hand delivery (09.00 am to 18.00 hours).

The applicant must submit two (2) hard copies (one original, one copy) of the application in Greek, as well as an electronic format (CD/USB).

14. Contact Information

For information regarding the Application Procedure, Qualification of an applicant, Eligible projects, to receive the application material by post should you not have access to internet, and all other information related to this Call, please contact:



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