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DEMOCRATIC VALUES, INCLUDING HUMAN RIGHTS, PROMOTED

CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS

The Bodossaki Foundation, acting as the Fund Operator for the EEA Grants NGO Fund in Greece “We are all Citizens”, announces an open call for NGO project proposals for the outcome ‘democratic values, including human rights, promoted’. This is the third open call for this Programme with an allocated amount of € 1,9m.

The NGO Fund Programme “We are all Citizens” (€ 7,34m) is part of the implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2009-2014 in Greece by which the Donor states, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, contribute to the elimination of economic and social inequality in the EEA countries.

The overall objective of the Programme is the strengthening of civil society and the enhancement of the 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 NGOs in Greece and entities in the Donor states with a view to promoting project partnerships and joint activities, the exchange of knowledge and best practices.

The NGO Programme puts special emphasis on 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 promotion of horizontal concerns.

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

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1. Objective

The aim of this call is to promote democratic values, including human rights, in Greece. The projects that will be selected will aim to strengthen democracy, including participatory democracy and active citizenship, promote respect for and the enjoyment of human rights for all while taking into consideration the special needs of migrants/refugees/asylum seekers, the Roma, women and children, and the conditions created by the economic crisis. This call gives special attention to horizontal concerns, which include hate speech, extremism and hate crime, racism and xenophobia, homophobia, anti-Semitism, tolerance and multicultural understanding, Roma, sexual harassment, violence against women and human trafficking.

The available funding will be allocated to projects proposed by NGOs through a transparent selection procedure. See the [Guidelines for Applicants](#) for more information about the selection procedure, including the selection criteria.

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.”

Associations (Civil Code Art. 78-107), Civil non-profit companies (Civil Code Art. 741-748) and Foundations (Civil Code Art. 108-121) are considered eligible NGOs as long as they fulfill the above requirements.

At the deadline for the submission of proposals, eligible NGOs must have completed two (2) years of operation since their legal establishment. If the funding for the proposed project is small (up to 50.000 euros) it is sufficient that they have completed one (1) year of operation since their legal establishment.

NGOs that are participating as project promoters in at least two proposals that have been selected for funding, cannot be funded, either as partners or as project promoters. Entities that are participating as partners in one project that has been selected for funding, cannot be funded as partners.

For more information on the eligibility of potential applicants, please, consult the [Guidelines for Applicants](#).

3. Areas of support

The following areas are eligible for support in the context of this call:

- a) Democracy;
- b) Human rights including minorities rights (in particular Roma, immigrants, migrants and asylum seekers);
- c) Good governance and transparency;
- d) Participatory democracy;
- e) Combat racism, xenophobia and hate crime;
- f) Anti-discrimination on all grounds, including sexual orientation;
- g) Social inequalities, poverty and exclusion, including in rural areas;
- h) Gender equality;
- i) Gender-based violence;
- j) Anti-corruption;
- k) Trafficking in human beings;
- l) Capacity building;
- m) Active citizenship and human rights awareness-raising;
- n) Networking and coalition building among NGOs;
- o) Protection of the environment and climate change.

as long as the project proposal focuses on promoting democracy, including human rights.

4. Eligible Activities

Under this call, NGOs will be supported to undertake activities that will promote democratic values, including human rights.

Project promoters can choose from among the following eligible activities:

- a) Advocacy, watchdog and monitoring activities;
- b) Awareness-raising activities;
- c) Capacity-building activities and organisational support to NGOs;
- d) Cultural initiatives to promote democratic values including human rights;
- e) Education and training activities;
- f) Multicultural dialogue activities;
- g) Mutual learning and dissemination;
- h) Network and coalition building;
- i) Participation in policy and decision making processes;
- j) Provision of welfare and basic services.

An **indicative** list of more specific eligible activities under this call includes:

- Provision of legal support to victims of hate crime
- Advocacy for the welfare rights of the Roma
- Participation in policy and decision making processes with a view to ensuring transparency in environmental legislation
- Education and training activities that promote gender equality
- Networking and coalition building with respect to safeguarding the enjoyment of social rights at a time of economic crisis
- Cultural initiatives that promote greater awareness and appreciation of human rights among the general public
- Multicultural dialogue initiatives that aim to support the smooth integration of refugees to the Greek society

- Mutual learning and dissemination activities about the rights of children, especially those at risk of discrimination, poverty, etc.
- Watchdog activities that promote transparency and good governance in state procurement processes

5. Cross-cutting issues

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

- Good governance
- Social sustainability
- Economic sustainability
- Environmental sustainability
- Gender equality

For more information on the cross-cutting issues, see the [Programme website](#).

6. Horizontal Concerns

The NGO Programme puts special emphasis on and encourages projects that promote horizontal concerns, including 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 promotion of horizontal concerns.

7. Size of Grants

The total available funding for this call is € 1.900.000.

The funding will be allocated to two types of grants:

- a) **Small grants:** minimum € 10,000; maximum € 50,000
- b) **Large grants:** minimum € 50,001; maximum € 150,000

8. Co-financing

The Programme can provide **up to 90%** of the eligible cost of the NGO project final and full budget. Funded organisations will be required to provide or obtain the remaining 10% of project costs in the form of cash or in-kind contribution, such as voluntary work. The in-kind contribution may constitute up to 50% of the co-financing required by the Programme for the project. For the calculation of the in-kind contribution, the value for each hour of voluntary work is fixed at € 7.67.

9. Duration of Projects and eligible expenses

The projects can begin from the signing of the project contract. The duration of small projects cannot exceed six (6) months and that of large projects twelve (12) months.

All eligible expenses must be completed and submitted before the 30th of April 2016. Eligible project costs must be made no later than the 30th of April 2016 and be accompanied by all supporting documents. Expenditures incurred after the 30th of April 2016 are not eligible. Eligible costs and payment processes are described in the Guidelines for Applicants.

10. Location of Projects

- 1) The activities of the selected projects can be carried out throughout the Greek territory and projects can be implemented on a local, regional or national level.
- 2) NGOs are encouraged to submit proposals regarding projects to be carried out in rural and remote areas.
- 3) Extra marks will be given to NGOs that are established in rural or remote areas

11. Partnerships

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

A project partner is a public or private entity, commercial or non-commercial, or non-governmental organisation, whose primary location is in a Donor State, Beneficiary State, or a country outside the European Economic Area that has a common border with Greece, or any inter-governmental organisation, which is actively involved in and effectively contributing to the implementation of a project. Non-NGO partners include think-tanks and academic institutions, statutory bodies and agencies.

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

12. Deadline for application submission

The deadline for receipt of Applications is **November 24th, 2014** at 18.00 (local time in Greece).

13. How to apply

Applicants must fill in an application form (in Greek) provided on the Programme [website](#) in accordance with the requirements of the [Guidelines for Applicants](#). Please refer to the Guidelines for more information and clarifications related to issues, such as the eligibility criteria; eligibility of costs; excluded costs; procurement, and selection criteria.

All supporting documents detailed in the [Guidelines](#) must be included in the application. In case of a partnership application, a mandatory attachment of the partnership agreement is also required.

Only complete applications will be considered for evaluation and selection purposes.

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

- 1) Apply online by completing and uploading electronically the [application form](#) available and all required supporting documents (zip files – max 500 MB)



- 2) Apply by post (simple, registered or express mail or courier) in the address below
- 3) Hand delivery (9 am to 6 pm) to the following address:

Bodossaki Foundation
5 Vasileos Georgiou B', 10674, Athens, Greece
Subject: EEA NGO Programme "We are all Citizens"
For the open call on "Democratic values, including human rights, promoted"

The applicant must submit one original hard copy of the application in Greek, as well as in electronic format (CD or USB stick). The application form must be submitted in word format and the budget form in excel format.

14. Contact Information

The team responsible for this call consists of:

- Ms Artemis Papatheodorou, Programme Officer
- Ms Irene Chazapis, Assistant Programme Officer

For information regarding the submission process, eligible applicants, eligible activities, etc., please, read carefully the relevant documents in the Programme website [hyperlink], where one can find all information and the documents for this call, the Guidelines for Applicants as well as the FAQs.

For further information and clarifications, you may contact Ms Artemis Papatheodorou by email: (artemis@bodossaki.gr).