



The National Foundation for Civil Society Development (hereinafter: National Foundation), pursuant to Article 3(2) and Article 15 of the Act on the National Foundation for Civil Society Development (Official Gazette 173/03), Articles 5 and 25 of the Statute of the National Foundation for Civil Society Development, provisions of the Ordinance on the criteria and procedure for the allocation of funds for the fulfilment of the National Foundation's purpose, Regulation on the criteria, benchmarks and procedures of financing and contracting programmes and projects of interest for the public benefit implemented by associations, and the Decision of the National Foundation's Management Board, hereby launches the following

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

FOR COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF TRAINING AND KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

A) TYPE OF APPLICATION – FINANCIAL GRANT AMOUNT – APPLICATION DEADLINE

The call for expression of interest for cooperation with the National Foundation and the Anna Lindh Foundation (ALF) regarding cooperation in the area of training and knowledge exchange in the Euro-Mediterranean through the training programme at IMPACT: Euro-Mediterranean Academy for Philanthropy and Social Development implies:

TRAINING AND KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE EXCHANGE THROUGH cooperation of the representatives of organised civil society in the Euro-Mediterranean within the national networks of civil society organisations from ALF member countries.

This Call is open to:

- **Representatives of civil society organisations** registered as members of the national networks of the Anna Lindh Foundation from the countries brought together in the Union for the Mediterranean.

Type of financial grant: **co-financing of training and knowledge exchange.**

Number of grants to be approved: **one application from each of the 41 member countries of the ALF – up to 41 grants in total.** In case of several high quality applications from one country, and at the same time lack of applications from some other countries, participation in the training programme for more than one person from one member country of the ALF network may be approved (with the exception of the Republic of Croatia, where the procedure has already been carried out).

Deadline for applications: **15 February 2021**

Deadline for the conclusion of agreements: **15 days prior to the commencement of the training/knowledge exchange.**

B) APPLICATION CRITERIA

Eligible applicants

This Call is applied to by individuals from member organisations of the national ALF networks from 41 countries through a structured questionnaire, after the national networks have first expressed interest in participation in the Programme.

The national networks express their interest by submitting the Application Form which constitutes an integral part of this Call.

The deadline for application submission is 14 days from the launch of this Call.

Once the national networks (through their coordinating organisations) have expressed interest, the National Foundation will send them the link to the Questionnaire, which they should forward to all members of their national network.

Upon receiving (completed) Questionnaires, the coordinating organisations of each national network will, in cooperation with the National Foundation, select one (or more) person(s) who could participate in the training programme.

C) HOW TO APPLY

All the applications of representatives of civil society organisations from the member states of the Union for the Mediterranean, which organisations must be members of the Anna Lindh Foundation's national network in their respective country, will be received exclusively by the coordinating organisations of the national ALF networks from the said countries, where after the submission of applications a selection will be made on the basis of the previously completed questionnaire.

After thus pre-selected applications have been received, the applicants will be contacted directly and all the necessary details will be agreed on for participation in the training/knowledge exchange at IMPACT: Euro-Mediterranean Academy for Philanthropy and Social Development.

The training/knowledge exchange will take place mostly online and by attending lectures at the IMPACT Centre Zadar, once the conditions for it are created following the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, and will be organised by IMPACT: Euro-Mediterranean Academy for Philanthropy and Social Development, using appropriate platforms. Upon completion, the attendees will receive an official diploma, valid in all EU Member States.

D) APPLICATION DOCUMENTATION

Descriptive application form for the expression of interest (on the National Foundation's standard form in English).

After the Questionnaire is completed by the applicant(s) from a given national network that has expressed interest in cooperation, the National Foundation will also require the following documentation:

- 1) CV of the person for whose participation in activities the grant is being applied for (on the National Foundation's standard form), and
- 2) Certificate by the national ALF network coordinator in the applicant's country, from which it is evident that the applicant's organisation is a member of the ALF network of the respective country.

E) AVAILABILITY OF THE APPLICATION DOCUMENTATION

The documentation is available solely on the National Foundation's website <http://zaklada.civilnodrustvo.hr>.

Specific questions related to the applications for the call for expression of interest can be sent by e-mail to keep@zaklada.civilnodrustvo.hr or by fax to + 385 1 23 99 111.

F) ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATION QUALITY

Pursuant to Article 7 of the Ordinance on the criteria and procedure for the allocation of funds for the fulfilment of the National Foundation's purpose, the applications meeting the stipulated criteria of the Call will be referred for evaluation to the Committee of the National Foundation's specialist department, which will analyse the completed Questionnaire in cooperation with the national coordinator of the ALF network in the applicant's country and decide on the application's eligibility.

The Committee submits the final proposals for cooperation to the Management Board, which in turn renders a Decision on the approval of grants.

G) PUBLICATION OF RESULTS

The deadline for the publication of accepted applications for this Call is February/March 2021. The decision of the National Foundation's Management Board will be published on the National Foundation's website: <http://zaklada.civilnodrustvo.hr>.

H) FINALITY OF THE DECISION

The National Foundation's decisions on approving or not approving grants are final.

I) MEASURES TO PROTECT FROM POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

With regard to a potential conflict of interest that may arise if a member of the National Foundation's Management Board or other body decides on issues pertaining to a legal entity of which they are a member, in the management of which they participate or in which they have a financial interest, the provisions of Article 11(1) of the Act on the National Foundation for Civil Society shall apply, in such a way that in that case such a member of the National Foundation's Management Board or other body (evaluation and other professional bodies) cannot vote i.e. take part in decision-making.
