

4th Call for proposals for supporting Civil Society Organisations

“Strengthening Franco-Croatian partnerships among Civil Society Organisations”

The French Embassy is launching, in partnership with the Office for Cooperation with NGOs of the Government of the Republic of Croatia, a Call for proposals aimed at strengthening Franco-Croatian partnerships among civil society organisations.

What is the objective of the call?

The objective of this Call is to encourage the development of joint projects between Croatian and French civil society organisations in the priority areas mentioned below.

With an estimated budget of 12.000 EUR for 2022, this Call provides an opportunity for Croatian NGOs to benefit from a grant (up to max 3.000 EUR) in order to implement targeted projects involving a French partner/s and/or French expertise.

This Call also allows Croatian NGOs to rely on the assistance of the French embassy throughout the implementation of the project.

This Call is conceived as a flexible instrument ensuring reactivity and minimum administrative constraints for project promoters.

What are the main priorities of the Call?

Priority will be given to the projects dealing with one or more of the following topics:

- **Priority 1: Gender equality and the fight against any type of gender-based discrimination** i.e. actions / activities aimed at:
 - promoting gender equality, for instance in the areas of access to employment, work-life balance, family protection issues (including violence against women), access to education, political participation;
 - fight against discrimination - based on sexual orientation and any other type of discrimination.

- **Priority 2: Reconciliation and promotion of tolerance** i.e. actions / activities aimed at:
 - supporting intercultural and interethnic dialogue processes at local, regional and national levels with the aim to enhance peaceful cohabitation and promote reconciliation;
 - encouraging activities and exchanges of experiences aimed at spreading civic values and at promoting mutual trust and respect.

- **Priority 3: Protection of the environment and the fight against climate change** i.e. actions / activities aimed at:

- protecting marine and terrestrial biodiversity, promoting sustainable waste management, circular and social economy;
- Promoting energy transition, adaptation and climate change mitigation through innovation, awareness and education activities.

This year, in the framework of the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union and the European Youth year, priority will be given to the projects comprising a youth component in their implementation, goals, etc.

Who can apply?

The lead Applicant must be a non-profit civil society organisation registered in the Republic of Croatia and in the Register of Non-profit Organisations at least 12 months.

The Applicant must have a transparent financial reporting (which can be seen in the Register of Non-Profit Organisations, RNO).

All projects must comprise a French component in terms of connection with French expert/s, organisation/s, or institution/s in order to promote mutual understanding and sharing of experiences between the two countries.

If the Applicant has identified a project idea where the French expertise would be relevant but did not succeed in identifying the right partner or organisation, please indicate so in the application form. If the project is selected, the French embassy will support contracted Beneficiaries in their partner search.

Number of applications and grants per applicant:

- The applicant may submit only one application under this Call for Proposals;
- The applicant may be a co-applicant or an affiliated entity in another application at the same time;
- Applicants who were selected in the framework of the previous Calls are eligible but their application will not be considered as a priority.

What types of activities can be supported?

- Organisation of conferences, roundtables, workshops and seminars involving French expertise;
- Activities oriented towards children and youth as target groups within the framework of cross-curricular subjects (on civic education, media literacy...);
- Organisation of study visits to France;
- Awareness raising, citizen mobilization and advocacy activities;
- Joint publications, trainings etc.

This list is not exhaustive. "One-off" conference or event without a clear line of follow-up activities should be avoided. Actions aimed at profit making activities are not eligible.

Online activities can also be supported.

What can the duration of the project be?

The maximum duration of the project is 12 months. Projects should start in 2022 and should be completed by June 2023. Activities occurring prior to May 2022 cannot be funded.

What is the level of co-financing?

The French embassy will co-finance the project up to 70% of the total costs. A minimum of 30% of co-financing is expected from the Croatian partner(s). Please note that selected projects are eligible for co-financing possibilities from the Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs of the Republic of Croatia (<https://udruge.gov.hr/istaknute-teme/financiranje-programa-i-projekata-udruga-iz-javnih-izvora/sufinanciranje/321>).

The maximum grant amount that can be awarded to a project is 3.000 EUR. There is no minimum grant. Operating costs for the NGOs should not exceed 5% of the total budget of the project.

Selected projects will be entitled to use the premises of the French Institute (*Preradovićeva 5, Zagreb*) for their public events during the whole duration of the project.

What are the selection criteria?

- Relevance of the project proposal to the particular needs and challenges faced by the Croatian society and alignment with the priorities of the call,
- Quality and relevance of the Franco-Croatian partnership. The ability of the French expertise to contribute to the expected outcomes of the project (even if such a partner is not known when applying to the Call),
- Feasibility of the proposed activities within the project implementation deadlines and quality of project design,
- Impact of the project at local, regional and national levels,
- **Regional dimension of the project's activities through a cooperation with neighbouring countries will be considered as a real plus (new selection criteria),**
- **Particular attention will also be given to projects contributing to the involvement of youth into public/social life (new selection criteria).**

How to apply?

Project promoters must submit their applications in English. The application consists of the application form and project budget in forms provided under this Call for proposals. Bear in mind that it is obligatory to use only prescribed application and budget forms.

Applications must be sent by e-mail to djuro.zifra@diplomatie.gouv.fr by April 11th, 2022.

! Please do not send your application via JumboMail, WeTransfer and other similar ways.

Application pack that needs to be submitted by email must include the following documents:

1. Application form (attached),
2. Project budget (attached),

3. Registration act of the lead applicant if it is not reachable in the public register (Register of Associations) - it can be in original language,
4. Letter of intent of the French partner (if possible)

Selection process and indicative timetable

Applications will be examined and evaluated by a selection committee composed of representatives of the French Embassy and of the Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs of the Republic of Croatia. Selected applicants will be invited for an interview (personally or via conference call).

- Public announcement of the Call for proposal: March 11th, 2022
- Deadline for submission of Application form: **April 11th, 2022**
- Publication of the results of the selection process: End of April 2022
- Signature of the Contract and start of project: May 2022

Reporting procedure

A narrative and financial report in English has to be sent to the French Embassy by e-mail to the following address: djuro.zifra@diplomatie.gouv.fr within max 2 months after the end of the project.

Contacts:

For any further information regarding this Call please contact the French Embassy at the following address: djuro.zifra@diplomatie.gouv.fr.

All necessary documents can be found on the website of the French Embassy <https://hr.ambafrance.org/>, as well as on the website of the Office for Cooperation with NGOs of the Government of the Republic of Croatia, <https://udruge.gov.hr/>.