

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Call for Proposals

Financial Support to Third Parties – FSTP 3a (Regional Networks)

Project “Our Rights, Our Future!” | EU Grant Contract NDICI HR INTPA/2024/459-151

1. **National CSO eligibility:** As a national-level organization, XXXXXXXX does not qualify as a regional network under FSTP 3a. We would like to know whether a separate call for proposals targeting national CSOs or community-based organizations in Indonesia is planned under the OROF project (e.g., FSTP 1 or FSTP 2), and if so, when it will be published.

Answer: Based on the eligibility criteria established for the current FSTP 3a Call for Proposals, only eligible regional networks and coalitions may apply as lead applicants.

The OROF project also includes national-level support mechanisms under other FSTP streams. However, these mechanisms are not expected to be implemented through open calls for proposals. They are linked to a project process that includes prior mapping, assessment, and capacity-strengthening activities with organizations identified during the implementation phase. Consequently, we do not foresee the publication of an open national call under these streams.

2. **Co-applicant participation:** If XXXXXXXX were to partner with an eligible regional network as a co-applicant under Lot 3 (Southeast Asia), would we meet the eligibility criteria as a co-applicant? If so, what conditions would apply?

Answer: The current Call defines eligible lead applicants as regional networks or coalitions that are youth-led or youth-focused and that promote freedom of association and/or peaceful assembly through advocacy and collective action in thematic areas such as human rights, equality, climate justice, labour rights, rule of law, digital rights, freedom of expression, or other areas that contribute to enabling, protecting, or expanding these freedoms.

Based on the information provided, an organization such as XXXXXXXX may participate as a co-applicant in a proposal submitted under FSTP 3a, provided that it partners with an eligible regional network or coalition acting as lead applicant. In such cases, the application should clearly demonstrate the added value of the partnership, explain how the organizations complement each other, and show how their joint action contributes to the objectives, expected results, and networking approach envisaged under the Call.



In addition, both the lead applicant and co-applicant(s) must comply with the eligibility requirements established in the Call, including:

- Being legally registered or having an equivalent form of legal recognition in at least one country within the area of operation of the network;
- Operating within one of the regions covered by the relevant lot;
- Not being in any of the exclusion situations established under EU rules, including insolvency, fraud, corruption, terrorism-related offences, child labour, grave professional misconduct, or other exclusion grounds described in the Call for Proposals.

Please note that the final determination of eligibility can only be made during the evaluation process based on the complete application and supporting documentation submitted.

3. Our network has statutes of association and internal regulations, but is not yet legally registered. Can a legally registered member organisation apply, partnering with the network?

Answer: Yes

4. Can a network active in East Africa (Kenya and Tanzania) apply using its legal registration in Kenya?

Answer: Yes.

5. Is a regional network covering 25 African countries obliged to involve as co-applicants all 25 national networks?

Answer: No. The proposal for regional networks must cover at least 2 countries of the region, but It is not mandatory to work in all the countries in the region or in all countries where the network covers.

6. Will OROF grant only 4 networks (one per region), or is it possible to fund more proposals?

Answer: Initially only 4 grants will be awarded. Nonetheless, if not all applications awarded require the maximum amount and there are still resources to fund another proposal (identified as eligible through the evaluation process), there might be a fifth grant.





7. A network based in Italy can be a co-applicant of a Libyan organisation acting as the applicant, for a project to be implemented in Tunisia?

Answer: Applicants are kindly invited to carefully review the eligibility criteria set out in **Section 3 – Eligibility**, particularly **Sections 3.1 (Eligible Applicants)** and **3.2 (Co-applicants and Partnerships)** of the Call for Proposals. As specified in the Call, co-applicants are permitted, if they also meet all the eligibility requirements applicable to the relevant FSTP stream. Co-applicants must satisfy the eligibility criteria established for applicants under Section 3.1, including those related to legal status, geographical scope and the specific requirements of the relevant Lot.

Eligibility is therefore assessed based on compliance with all the criteria established in the Call for Proposals, and applicants are encouraged to ensure that both the lead applicant and any co-applicant(s) fully meet these requirements before submitting their proposal.

8. We noted that the project adopts a regional approach for Latin America (including references to Latin American youth networks), and during the information session it was explained that projects should ideally involve at least two countries. However, the Call documentation identifies Brazil and Colombia as the eligible countries. To ensure that our proposal is properly aligned with the Call requirements, we would appreciate clarification on the following operational and administrative questions:

- Must the project implementation and administrative management be based exclusively in Brazil and/or Colombia?
- Is it possible to submit a proposal involving other countries in the region (for example, Ecuador, Mexico and Argentina), provided that the project is administered or coordinated from Colombia or Brazil?
- Are proposals that involve other Latin American countries eligible, or are participation and the use of grant funds strictly limited to Brazil and Colombia?

Answer: All countries within the regions covered by the respective Lots are eligible for the implementation of project activities. The lead applicant may be legally registered in any country within the corresponding region and is not required to be established in a specific country, such as Brazil or Colombia. Proposals should demonstrate a clear regional focus, objective and approach, with the regional relevance and scope of the proposed action clearly described in the application, as these aspects will be assessed during the evaluation process. Any country within the relevant region may be involved in the implementation of the action, provided that the proposal adequately reflects its regional dimension through its objectives, target groups, activities and expected results.





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9. Is an organisation that is not formally youth-led but works extensively with young people eligible to apply under this Call for Proposals?
Can a proposal have a regional scope, or must it be limited to activities implemented in one or more OROF project countries?

Answer: Yes. Both youth-led and youth-focused organisations are eligible to apply. Applicants should clearly demonstrate and provide evidence in their application of how youth are meaningfully integrated into their governance, programmes and activities, and explain how their work contributes to advancing the participation, empowerment or rights of young people.

Proposals may have a regional scope and are not required to be limited to a single country or to OROF project countries only. There are no priority countries under this Call for Proposals. Applicants should clearly explain the regional relevance of the proposed action, its expected impact, and how it contributes to the objectives of the Call. The regional scope and added value of the proposal will be assessed as part of the evaluation process.

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