

NGO Fund - SOCIAL JUSTICE Component

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Sub-Components:	
Rural interethnic communities development	Financial allocation: 3,000,000 Euro
Fighting social inequalities, poverty and exclusion	Financial allocation: 780,000 Euro

General information	
Objective of the Component	<p>The general objective of SOCIAL JUSTICE Component is to contribute to combating social exclusion and reducing disparities within society and between various groups of society.</p> <p>The focus of the component is on actions demonstrating measurable results in combating poverty and social inequalities.</p>
Contribution to the Programme outcomes	<p>The projects financed under SOCIAL JUSTICE Component have to contribute to one or more of the following outcomes of the Programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active citizenship fostered • Increased involvement of NGOs in policy and decision making processes with local, regional and national governments • Cross-sectoral partnerships developed, particularly with government organisations at local, regional and/or national level • Democratic values, including human rights, promoted • Advocacy and watchdog role developed • Developed networks and coalitions of NGOs working in partnership • Strengthened capacity of NGOs and an enabling environment for the sector promoted • Provision of welfare and basic services to defined target groups increased • Empowerment of vulnerable groups
Horizontal concerns	<p>Project proposals are encouraged to tackle the following horizontal concerns of the Programme: hate speech, extremism and hate crime, racism and xenophobia, homophobia, anti-Semitism, tolerance and multicultural understanding, Roma, sexual harassment, violence against women and trafficking.</p>
Financial allocation	<p>The total allocation for this Component under the first round of Call for proposals is 3,780,000 Euro. The detailed amounts are specified under each Sub-Component.</p> <p><i>Please note that reallocations for each types of grants will be possible, based on the results of the evaluation process.</i></p>

<p>Co-financing</p>	<p>The project grant rate may be up to 90% of the total eligible expenditure of the project.</p> <p>The co-financing shall be provided in the form of cash (financial, including electronic transfers) or in-kind contribution. In-kind contribution may only take the form of voluntary work and may constitute up to 50% of the co-financing required by the Component for the project.</p>
<p>Support for organisational development</p>	<p>It will be possible to allocate up to 20% from the total eligible costs of the project for activities meant to contribute to the organisational development of the applicant organisation and/or of the Romanian partner NGOs.</p> <p>More details related to the costs for organisational development will be available in the Guidelines for applicants.</p>
<p>Launching and deadline for submissions</p>	<p>The first call for proposals for SOCIAL JUSTICE Component will be launched on May 07, 2013 (tentative date).</p> <p>Starting from the launching date, at least 30 days will be allowed for submitting the letters of intent (deadline for submissions will be specified in the Guidelines for Applicants).</p>
<p>Number of applications per organisation</p>	<p>An applicant organisation may submit a maximum number of 3 letters of intent under SOCIAL JUSTICE Component for this Call for proposals, out of which maximum 2 letters of intent under a Sub-Component.</p> <p><i>Please note that all applicants that will not follow the above mentioned rule will have all their letters of intent under this Component rejected.</i></p>
<p>Application procedure</p>	<p>The application procedure consists in two stages:</p> <p><i>Stage 1 – Submission of letter of intent</i> The applicants will submit their letters of intent online using the following link: http://fondong.fdsc.ro/formular.php.</p> <p><i>Stage 2 – Submission of full application dossier</i> <i>Only in case the letter of intent is shortlisted, the applicant will be requested to submit full application dossier. Shortlisted applicants will have 45 days to develop their project proposals.</i></p> <p>Please note that the complete information on the application procedure will be found in the respective Guidelines for Applicants for each Sub-Component.</p> <p>The Guidelines for Applicants will also include information on the evaluation process, selection criteria, evaluation grid, monitoring of projects, reporting and payments.</p>
<p>Additional information</p>	<p>Guidelines for applicants and its specific annexes (Letter of intent template, Application Form, Budget of the Project, Declaration of eligibility etc.) for the present Call for proposals are available online on the dedicated webpage of the Programme http://fondong.fdsc.ro.</p> <p>All potential applicants must periodically check the Programme website in order to stay updated with regard of any information related to this Call for Proposals or to the financing Programme.</p> <p>Information sessions will be organized and the dates and locations will</p>

	<p>be announced on the above-mentioned website.</p> <p>During the preparation of the concept note and of the full project proposal, questions related to this Call for Proposals may be addressed by potential applicants by e-mail, phone or fax no later 5 working days before the deadline for submission of applications to the following contact persons, depending on the sub-Component:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - for Rural interethnic communities development: Radu Lacatus – Senior Grants Officer E-mail: rural@romacenter.ro; phone: 0264 420 474; fax: 0264 420470. - for Fighting social inequalities, poverty and exclusion: Oana Tiganescu – Senior Grants Officer E-mail: socialjustice@fdsc.ro; phone: 021 310 01 81; fax: 021 310 01 80 <p>Answers will be given no later than 3 working days before the deadline.</p> <p>Questions that may be relevant to other applicants, together with the answers, will be published on the Programme website.</p>
Subcomponent <i>Rural interethnic communities development</i>	
Objective of the Sub-Component	The specific objective of Sub-Component Rural interethnic communities development is to contribute on medium and long term to the development of the disadvantaged interethnic communities and improvement of Roma situation.
Eligible activities	<p>Eligible projects under this Sub-Component are those that fulfill the following cumulative conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ensure active participation of the community members, including the Roma and most disadvantaged ones, and - ensure a balanced participation of all ethnic groups. <p>This Sub-Component will support projects that focus on the following activities (non-exhaustive list):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - fostering active citizenship and participatory democracy including grassroots/local level – involvement of vulnerable groups in the process: information, consultation, decision-making and solving the community problems (including participation in public debates on local budgets, development of local strategies, promoting the Roma community problems in the local strategy etc.) - dissemination of relevant community information / awareness raising that will support transparency on the decision making and uses of local funds, information about sources of funding and local problems etc. - involving community members in identifying local resources and decisively contributing to solving local problems - promote self-help and mutual-help initiatives that provide practice in taking on responsibilities, carrying out tasks cooperatively and learning new skills needed in the running of community organizations that maintain and promote employability and participation in the economic life of the community

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - organising multicultural dialogue activities that bring together Roma and non Roma community members (sport, educational and cultural events, local celebrations etc) - strengthening membership base of organisations in targeted communities and increase participation of members in organisation activities and decision-making - elaboration of community action plans that respond to the needs of the most disadvantaged members of the community - networking with other local NGOs or stakeholders in order to work together and apply pressure on decision-makers for solving local problems - education and training activities (e.g. School after school activities, mentorship for disadvantaged pupils, adult education, community centers, vocational counseling, vocational training courses, IT courses, foreign language courses, entrepreneurship training, etc.) according to identified needs and oriented to achieving concrete results strengthening the capacity of the NGOs in these communities to contribute to the active participation of the community members, to mobilize the local human, financial and material resources in order to solve the problems faced by the community, to integrate the most disadvantaged groups, including Roma - empowerment of disadvantaged women in order to protect their rights: involvement of Roma and non Roma disadvantaged women in finding solutions for their problems (reproductive rights, fighting domestic violence, trafficking, gender-based discrimination, ensuring access to public services etc.) - training and consultancy for disadvantaged individuals, members of the community, to legally register and develop income generating activities (PFA, Individual Enterprise, Limited Company, cooperative, family association etc), elaborate a business plan, use financing opportunities - development of integrated community programmes that will contribute to economic and employment alternatives through sustainable use of local natural and cultural resources - advocacy activities for local entrepreneurs and employers aiming at hiring and maintaining disadvantaged members of the community - participation in events for the general public with the aim of promoting local/traditional products (e.g. trade fairs) <p>Also, under this Sub-Component, applicants should take into consideration the objectives and measures that are part of <i>“The Strategy of the Government of Romania for the Inclusion of the Romanian Citizens Belonging to the Roma Minority for the Period 2012-2020”</i> (available at: www.anr.gov.ro).</p>
<p>Location of the project activities</p>	<p>The target communities in which the main activities will take place will have to fulfill the following cumulative conditions :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - they are located in a rural area - they have at least two different ethnic groups in their constituency

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - one of the ethnic groups envisaged is Roma. <p>Evidence of the presence of Roma population will be required in the description of the project proposals.</p>		
Financial allocation on the Sub-Component	<p>The total allocation for this Sub-Component is 3,000,000 Euro.</p> <p>For this Sub-Component launching of a single Call for proposals is foreseen within the Programme (under the first round).</p>		
Types of grants (amount / duration of projects)	Two types of grants will be supported:		
		Small grants	Medium grants
	Amount	from 5,000 to 35,000 Euro	from 35,001 Euro to 75,000 Euro
	Duration	between 6 and 18 months	between 6 and 28 months
	Allocation	1,200,000 Euro	1,800,000 Euro
Sub-Component <i>Fighting social inequalities, poverty and exclusion</i>			
Objective of the Sub-Component	<p>The specific objective of Sub-Component <i>Fighting social inequalities, poverty and exclusion</i> is to generate systemic changes for combating social inequalities, more specifically to propose measures to combat poverty and address causes of social exclusion, leading to a more socially just environment and decisions vital to achieve social justice.</p>		
Eligible activities	<p>This Sub-Component will support projects which focus on the following activities (non-exhaustive list):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - promoting awareness and education among the general public and decision makers on social injustice and solidarity for those who are disadvantaged and excluded in society (including through art and culture) - promoting self-help and empowerment strategies for combating social exclusion and increasing economic participation of vulnerable groups - facilitating the access to information and data in regards with the needs of the vulnerable people from impoverished rural and urban communities - supporting networking and cooperation among all actors involved in addressing social injustice - building NGO activists, community organisers and social workers' capacity of conducting social justice (e.g. through workshops, trainings) - campaigning and advocating, among decision-makers, disadvantaged, inactive groups of the population and those living through subsistence or informal economy, for increased employment and self-employment opportunities - designing, promoting and implementing policies and practices in order to increase investment and opportunities for enterprises of the socially excluded - improving income levels and security health and social insurance of the poor through improved employment and self-employment opportunities - mapping and promoting experiences and good practices for 		

	<p>combating poverty, fostering social justice and generating economic opportunities for vulnerable groups in deprived areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - evaluating the economic and social effects of policies and programs on specific populations and proposing policy changes - pilot innovatory approaches to tackling social exclusion and injustice - research, analysis and policy debates on poverty and social exclusion and injustice, including cooperation with academia - developing, demonstrating and promoting effective workforce and economic development strategies and policies for specific populations - initiatives tackling security and equity issues of deprived communities - monitoring actions undertaken to reduce poverty and social exclusion and proposing correcting measures for systematic changes - design and promotion of specific income and asset policies and practices that increase the equitable distribution of income and assets. <p><i>Under this Call for proposals will not be supported projects that exclusively fight for the protection of social rights or exclusively provide welfare and basic services.</i></p>												
<p>Financial allocation on the Sub-Component</p>	<p>The total allocation for this Sub-Component under the under the first round of Call for proposals is 780,000 Euro.</p> <p>Out of this amount, minimum 90,000 Euro are allocated for projects addressing children and youth or submitted by children and youth organisations.</p>												
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