

**NGO Fund - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT Component**

**April 2013**

<p><b>Objective of the Component</b></p>	<p>The general objective of <b>SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</b> Component is to support sustainable development and the improvement of the environment in Romania through the contribution of the NGOs and through public participation.</p>
<p><b>Contribution to the Programme outcomes</b></p>	<p>The projects financed under <b>SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</b> Component have to contribute to one or more of the following outcomes of the Programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active citizenship fostered</li> <li>• Increased involvement of NGOs in policy and decision making process at local, regional and national Governments</li> <li>• Cross-sectoral partnerships developed, particularly with government organisations at local, regional and/or national level</li> <li>• Democratic values, including human rights, promoted</li> <li>• Advocacy and watchdog role developed</li> <li>• Developed networks and coalitions of NGOs working in partnerships</li> <li>• Strengthened capacity of NGOs and an enabling environment for the sector promoted</li> <li>• Increased contribution to sustainable development achieved</li> </ul>
<p><b>Horizontal concerns</b></p>	<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>
<p><b>Eligible activities</b></p>	<p>This Component will support projects under the following main areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate change</li> <li>• Biodiversity and landscape protection</li> <li>• Ecotourism</li> <li>• Environmental advocacy and watchdog activities / increased environmental awareness and public participation in environmental decision-making</li> <li>• Environmental education</li> </ul> <p><b>and</b> which focus on the following activities (non-exhaustive list):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Climate change</b></li> </ul> <p>- capacity and expertise development of NGOs related to climate change          - increasing awareness and improving access to objective and reliable information of the public about climate change through participatory approaches          - promotion of the wider use of non-motorized and public transport (including bicycles), and alternative modes of transport (practical projects)          - contribution to the development and/or feedback on public policies (developed by state institutions) related to climate change and adaptation, on both local and national level</p>

- awareness raising and education regarding climate change by providing appropriate information and knowledge

- **Biodiversity and landscape protection**

- concrete nature protection activities, actions related to habitat and species protection, such as: habitat reconstruction, management of invasive species, species reintroduction, ex-situ species protection (in captivity, animal and bird sanctuaries)

- initiatives supporting the implementation of NATURA 2000 in Romania for increasing the acceptance level of NATURA 2000 framework at the general public level

- community based protected area management

- traditional landscape protection: it can include projects related to sustainable rural development, preservation of sustainable livelihoods, and promotion of traditional local products

- **Ecotourism**

- development and promotion of ecotourism destinations in areas that are fulfilling the ecotourism destination principles

- **Environmental advocacy and watchdog activities/Increased environmental awareness and public participation in environmental decision-making**

- improvement of the environmental law enforcement and monitoring it on local and national level through the direct involvement of NGOs and citizens

- environmental policy analysis and dialogue between NGOs and local and national decision makers

- awareness raising and stepping up against environmentally destructive development and infrastructure projects through NGO and public involvement

- initiating and implementing campaigns and activities for raising public awareness and involving broader constituencies in advocacy work

- increasing the awareness level of the public about environmental issues through participatory approaches and improving access to objective and reliable information (e.g. on climate change, biodiversity, urban environmental issues, etc.), concrete actions, development and implementation of effective tools and systems for public participation on environmental decision making

- **Environmental education**

- provide opportunities for youth to connect with the natural world by participating in hands-on environmental educational experiences through outdoor programs and field classrooms, working in conjunction with a variety of schools and other youth-focused nonprofit organisations. These experiences will provide academic, experiential and creative environmental education opportunities in order for youth to gain a better understanding and appreciation of natural resource management objectives, and by that help developing knowledgeable and responsible students, teachers, and citizens

- targeted education activities – teacher oriented programmes / projects to increase capacity for long term education

<b>Financial allocation</b>	<p>The total allocation for this Component under the first round of Call for proposals is <b>2,100,000 Euro</b>.</p> <p><i>Please note that reallocations between each types of grants within the Component will be possible, based on the results of the evaluation process.</i></p>			
<b>Types of grants (amount / duration of projects)</b>	<b>Three types of grants will be supported:</b>			
		<b>Small grants</b>	<b>Medium grants</b>	<b>Large grants</b>
	<b>Amount</b>	from 5,000 to 35,000 Euro	from 35,001 Euro to 75,000 Euro	from 75,001 Euro to 150,000 Euro
	<b>Duration</b>	between 6 and 18 months	between 6 and 28 months	between 12 and 28 months
<b>Allocation</b>	300,000 Euro	700,000 Euro	1,100,000 Euro	
<b>Co-financing</b>	<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>			
<b>Support for organisational development</b>	<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>			
<b>Launching and deadline for submissions</b>	<p>The first call for proposals for <b>SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</b> Component will be launched on April 29, 2013 (tentative date).</p> <p>Starting from the launching date, at least two months will be allowed for submitting the applications (the deadline for submissions will be specified in the Guidelines for Applicants).</p>			
<b>Number of applications per organisation</b>	<p>An applicant organisation may submit <b>a maximum number of 2 project proposals</b> under <b>SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</b> Component for this Call for proposals, out of which <b>only 1 proposal for Large grants</b>.</p> <p><i>Please note that all applicants that will not follow the above mentioned rule will have all their applications under this Component rejected.</i></p>			
<b>Application procedure</b>	<p>The application dossier shall be submitted in <b>3 hard copies</b> (1 original and 2 copies), in Romanian language together with an <b>electronic copy</b> (for example CD) comprising all application documents.</p> <p>Application dossiers shall be submitted in a sealed envelope by registered mail, private courier service or by hand-delivery at the address below:</p> <p><b>Romanian Environmental Partnership Foundation</b>  <b>13 Arsenalului Street, Miercurea-Ciuc, Harghita county, zip code 530120</b></p> <p>An additional step required to all applicants is to fill in an online form containing general identification data related to the applications using the following link: <a href="http://fondong.fdsc.ro/formular.php">http://fondong.fdsc.ro/formular.php</a>.</p> <p>Please note that specific information and more details on the application</p>			

	<p>procedure and deadlines will be available in the respective Guidelines for Applicants for this 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><b>Additional information</b></p>	<p>Guidelines for applicants and its specific annexes (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 <a href="http://fondong.fdsc.ro">http://fondong.fdsc.ro</a> and also on <a href="http://repf.ro/programok.php?id=7">http://repf.ro/programok.php?id=7</a>.</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 organised and the dates and locations will be announced on the above-mentioned website.</p> <p>Questions related to this Call for Proposals may be addressed by potential applicants by e-mail, phone or by fax no later than 5 working days before the deadline for submission of applications to:</p> <p>Imola Antal – Programme Manager E-mail: <a href="mailto:environment@repf.ro">environment@repf.ro</a>; phone: 0266 310 678; fax no. 0266 310 678.</p> <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>