

**NGO Fund - NGO CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT. NETWORKS AND COALITIONS Component**

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<b>Sub-Components:</b>	
Support for coalitions and networks at regional and national level and for think tanks	Financial allocation: 900,000 Euro
Support for initiatives that contribute to an enabling environment for NGOs in Romania and strengthen the overall sector representation	Financial allocation: 510,000 Euro
Strengthening membership and volunteer base of organisations and increasing participation of members/volunteers in organisations' activities	Financial allocation: 240,000 Euro

<b>General information</b>	
<b>Objective of the Component</b>	The general objective of <b>NGO CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT. NETWORKS AND COALITIONS</b> Component is to support the overall development of the NGO sector in Romania as well as the development of effective networks, coalitions and think tanks.
<b>Contribution to the Programme outcomes</b>	The projects financed under <b>NGO CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT. NETWORKS AND COALITIONS</b> Component have to contribute to one or more of the following outcomes of the Programme: <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> </ul>
<b>Horizontal concerns</b>	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.
<b>Financial allocation</b>	The total allocation for this Component under the first round of Call for proposals is <b>1,650,000 Euro</b> . The detailed amounts are specified under each Sub-Component.

	<i>Please note that reallocations between Sub-Components and allocations for each types of grants will be possible, based on the results of the evaluation process.</i>
<b>Co-financing</b>	<p>The project grant rate may be up to 90% of the total eligible expenditure of the project, except for Sub-Component <b>Support for coalitions and networks at regional and national level and for think tanks</b> where the project grant rate may be up to 80% 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> <p>In the case of <b>Support for coalitions and networks at regional and national level and for think tanks</b> Sub-Component, the support for organisational development is not limited to a particular percentage from the total eligible costs and will not be reflected separately in the application.</p>
<b>Launching and deadline for submissions</b>	<p>The first Call for proposals for <b>NGO CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT. NETWORKS AND COALITIONS</b> Component will be launched on May 14, 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 a <b>maximum number of 2 project proposals</b> under <b>NGO CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT. NETWORKS AND COALITIONS</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>Civil Society Development Foundation</b>  <b>21 Nerva Traian St., Bucharest, district 3, zip code 031044, Romania.</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 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</p>

	process, selection criteria, evaluation grid, monitoring of projects, reporting and payments.
<b>Additional information</b>	<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>.</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>Adriana Popescu – Senior Grants Officer E-mail: <a href="mailto:ngodevelopment@fdsc.ro">ngodevelopment@fdsc.ro</a>; phone: 021 310 01 81; fax: 021 310 01 80.</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>
<b>Sub-Component Support for coalitions and networks at regional and national level and for think tanks</b>	
<b>Objective of the Sub-Component</b>	The specific objective of Sub-Component <b>Support for coalitions and networks at regional and national level and for think tanks</b> is to strengthen the internal capacity of coalitions, networks and think tanks for a better support of constituencies and for the implementation of relevant watchdog, policy and advocacy initiatives at regional and national level.
<b>Eligible activities</b>	<p>This Sub-Component will support projects which focus on the following activities (non-exhaustive list):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For coalitions and networks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- developing and increasing coalition and network membership, to better include local and regional organisations, particularly grassroots organisations</li> <li>- creating and improving codes of conduct and internal management and governance systems and procedures</li> <li>- defining and developing the capacity and core functions of the secretariat of coalitions and networks and developing human resource capacities dedicated to policy and advocacy</li> <li>- developing instruments/strategies and mobilising member organisations and experts in broad common policy and advocacy activities, particularly by implementing full-fledged state-of-the-art advocacy campaigns</li> <li>- developing and evaluating existing and new services for members, including training, communication and fundraising support, based on thorough need assessment processes</li> <li>- formulating common and evidence-based policy positions and policy</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>proposals</li> <li>- monitoring and evaluation of local and central authorities' services and performance</li> <li>- transferring good practices among NGOs, particularly among grassroots organisations</li> <li>- establishing and developing new NGO coalitions, networks and platforms especially in civil society fields where they are missing and necessary</li> <li>- developing the fundraising capacity of coalitions and networks</li> <li>- developing and professionalising of coalitions' boards</li> <li>- developing and implementing strategic plans</li> <li>- initiating other actions leading to medium and long-term sustainability</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For think tanks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- establishing partnerships with coalitions and networks around joint advocacy actions where think tanks will provide the research basis and policy formulation component, while networks/coalitions will design and lead advocacy campaigns, mobilising their constituencies, lobbying and working with other stakeholders</li> <li>- promoting a culture of policy dialogue in Romania, where think tanks use adequate/innovative communication instruments to explain and inform citizens and Government representatives on rational policy alternatives and consequences, including through regular engagement of mass media</li> <li>- improving research methodologies and standards, including by involving other experts from the academia in policy oriented research</li> <li>- developing internal capacity to react in real time to new policy priorities in Romania and at EU level</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>Financial allocation on the Sub-Component</b>	The total allocation for this Sub-Component under the first round of Call for proposals is <b>900,000 Euro</b> .		
<b>Types of grants (amount / duration of projects)</b>	<b>Two types of grants will be supported:</b>		
		<b>Medium grants</b>	<b>Large grants*</b>
	<b>Amount</b>	from 35,001 Euro to 75,000 Euro	from 75,001 to 150,000 Euro
	<b>Duration</b>	between 6 and 28 months	between 12 and 28 months
	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>600,000 Euro</b>	<b>300,000 Euro</b>
	<i>*Think tanks and establishment of coalitions can only be financed through medium grants.</i>		
<b>Sub-Component Support for initiatives that contribute to an enabling environment for NGOs in Romania and strengthen the overall sector representation</b>			
<b>Objective of the Sub-Component</b>	The specific objective of Sub-Component <b>Support for initiatives that contribute to an enabling environment for NGOs in Romania and strengthen the overall sector representation</b> is to develop an enabling environment for NGOs in Romania and to strengthen the overall sector representation.		

<b>Eligible activities</b>	<p>This Sub-Component will support projects that reduce barriers for NGO registration and operation and/or increase NGO visibility and financial viability, which focus on the following activities (non-exhaustive list):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- analysis/evaluation/monitoring of the current state of affairs concerning NGO registration and operation framework</li> <li>- advocacy campaigns towards the adoption of recommendations for changes in relevant laws, procedures, policies regulating the registration, operation and access to funding for NGOs</li> <li>- support for NGOs (especially local and grassroots NGOs) for better operation and access to funding</li> <li>- interactive/innovative campaigns of awareness raising among Romanian citizens on the role and impact of civil society, including mapping of services provided by NGOs at local, regional and national level</li> <li>- activities engaging mass media to cover NGO stories, to foster a culture of solidarity, civic engagement, associative and philanthropic behaviour in Romania, including production, broadcasting and screening of documentaries and video productions</li> <li>- training, transfer of good practices and instruments, technical assistance for the benefit of PR &amp; Communication staff of NGOs, including for grassroots organisations</li> <li>- training, transfer of good practices and instruments, technical assistance for the benefit of NGO fundraisers, including for grassroots organisations</li> <li>- activities aiming to foster a culture of philanthropy and individual donations at local and national level</li> <li>- development of non-profit branding and marketing instruments and resources for the benefit of the NGO sector in Romania</li> <li>- promotion of NGO initiatives with the aim of fostering civic spirit and respect of human rights among citizens</li> </ul> <p>Under this Sub-Component will be supported initiatives with an impact on the overall NGO sector, at thematic, regional or national level. The Programme will not provide funding for visibility and fundraising activities for individual organisations.</p>		
<b>Financial allocation on the Sub-Component</b>	The total allocation for this Sub-Component under the first round of Call for proposals is <b>510,000 Euro</b> .		
<b>Types of grants (amount / duration of projects)</b>	<b>Two types of grants will be supported:</b>		
		<b>Medium grants</b>	<b>Large grants</b>
	<b>Amount</b>	from 35,001 Euro to 75,000 Euro	from 75,001 to 250,000 Euro
<b>Duration</b>	between 6 and 28 months	between 12 and 28 months	
<b>Sub-Component Strengthening membership and volunteer base of organisations and increasing participation of members/volunteers in organisations' activities</b>			
<b>Objective of the Sub-Component</b>	The specific objective of Sub-Component <b><i>Strengthening membership and volunteer base of organisations and increasing participation of</i></b>		

	<b>members/volunteers in organisations' activities</b> is to support NGOs in attracting and retaining members and/or volunteers and to increase their abilities to extend their areas of intervention and multiply positive impact activities.	
<b>Eligible activities</b>	<p>This Sub-Component will support projects which focus on the following activities (non-exhaustive list):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- increasing capacity to attract and retain members/volunteers with the aim of implementing new/better/more activities</li> <li>- training, transfer of good practices and instruments and facilitating best practice exchange for/between local and grassroots organisations</li> <li>- initiatives aiming to increase NGOs' abilities to outreach and extend their covered areas of intervention and develop new services and activities</li> <li>- actions of capitalising/multiplying positive impact interventions in new regions and outreach to at-risk target groups with the help of volunteers</li> <li>- develop volunteer base of organisations and developing activities to target groups that face discrimination, exclusion, inequalities and/or to enhance tolerance and mutual understanding</li> <li>- transfer of innovation in volunteers' management from experienced networks and organisations to local organisations and informal groups in the process of becoming NGOs</li> <li>- creating/managing volunteer programmes that recruit and prepare volunteers to work in different organisations on specific projects</li> <li>- promoting the culture of volunteering and involving citizens in volunteering activities</li> <li>- transfer of knowledge, skills and attitudes that enable organisations' members to better deliver services to beneficiaries (e.g. educational services)</li> </ul>	
<b>Financial allocation on the Sub-Component</b>	The total allocation for this sub-Component under the first round of Call for proposals is <b>240,000 Euro</b> .	
<b>Types of grants (amount / duration of projects)</b>	<b>One type of grants will be supported:</b>	
		<b>Small grants</b>
	<b>Amount</b>	from 5,000 to 35,000 Euro
	<b>Duration</b>	between 6 and 18 months