CALL FOR PROPOSALS – Lot 2

I. Background

A 3-year DEAR-funded (Development Education and Awareness Raising programme of the European Commission’s Directorate-General for Development and Cooperation) ‘Make Europe Sustainable for All’ project combines the expertise and experience of 25 partners from 14 EU countries, EU and global networks. Its approach responds to the needs for the meaningful, participative and legitimate Agenda 2030 implementation and the necessity of global, holistic and integrated actions, working from the global to the local level. Its aim is to promote an ambitious implementation of Agenda 2030 by and in the EU, making the EU and European governments accountable and ambitious in their implementation. While strengthening the European network SDG Watch Europe and encouraging and supporting the national multi-sectoral civil society coalitions, enhancing cooperation and national and local CSOs capacities, European and national policy and raising-awareness campaigns, we want to substantially increase awareness amongst EU citizens and policymakers about their roles and responsibilities in working for a sustainable future, the transition to more sustainable lifestyles and developing and promoting coherent policies. By encouraging the participation and cooperation of all civil society sectors, we want to ensure that sustainability is at the centre of decision- and policies-making, guaranteeing that none is left behind.

Given the above, one of the key components of the project is the provision of grants (sub-granting scheme) to local groups, grass-root organisations, and other civil society actors working at the local level, in order to strengthen their capacities, knowledge sharing and exchange on the implementation, monitoring of the SDGs, and to raise awareness of the transformative role SDGs can have for every EU citizen and their role in promoting the Agenda 2030.

‘Make Europe Sustainable for All’ project is implemented in the following countries:

*Austria
*Belgium
*Czech Republic
*France
*Germany
*Greece
*Ireland
*Italy
*Lithuania
*Netherlands
*Poland
*Portugal
*Romania
*Slovenia
*Spain

For more information on our national partners, EU and global networks please visit: http://makeeuropesustainableforall.org/our-team/
The project approach is to tackle all 17 SDGs, reflecting on their inter-linkages and interdependencies through the diverse European, national and local actions with a special focus on the thematic campaigns on Fighting Inequalities, Sustainable Food and Agriculture, Sustainable Consumption and Production, integrating in each cross-cutting issues on Gender, Migration and Climate change. For more information on campaigns and project please visit: www.makeeurope sustainableforall.org

II. Objectives, target, expected results and thematic priorities:

Objective of the sub-granting is to raise awareness on SDGs at local level and to engage local population in mobilizing local actors and authorities in commitments and practical actions for the implementation of SDGs.

Sub-grantees in their actions shall target both formal and informal local groups (multiplying effect of the capacity building, awareness-raising) and citizens including schools and students to raise awareness towards SDGs and daily life choices. Those will contribute to the expected results:
- raising-awareness and engaging citizens in promoting the Agenda 2030, in particular, around the thematic focuses of the project, promoting the transition towards more sustainable lifestyles and behaviors,
- strengthening and/or creating exchange space on the implementation, monitoring of the SDGs, in particular at the local level,
- strengthening alliances of actors working in the support of Agenda 2030 at the local level,

Thematic priority:

Local actions developed by the sub-grantees shall contribute to the pan-European campaign focuses on fighting inequalities, sustainable food and agriculture, sustainable consumption and production, as well as to transformation towards achieving SDGs and reaching out and engaging local EU citizens towards sustainable, fair, low-carbon lifestyles.

III. Eligibility criteria

Who can apply?

- Local grass-root organizations/entities
- Local members of national CSOs operating at the local level
- Local citizens groups, including student groups, clubs, civic initiative groups and similar

Note: National civil society organisations are eligible if the action involves local groups and people at the grass-roots level.

In order to be eligible for a sub-grant, applicants must:
a) Be legal persons and/or registered entity.
b) Be non-profit making

c) Be established in one of the project countries.

Note: An applicant can submit only one proposal in the same Call for proposals.

Eligible Activities

Duration: sub-granted activities implementation period starts from the day of the signature of contracts and must be completed by the latest 31st of March 2020. Reports of implementation must be submitted within one month after the end of the selected projects.

Size of grants: Any grant requested under this call for proposals shall not exceed the maximum amount of 7500 euros. Grants are subject to the 85% pre-financing payment of the agreed budget at the start of the project, and 15% balance payment after the submission of the reports based on the actual cost incurred.

Note: In the present call for proposals 6 grants of a max. 7500 euros will be awarded.

Sector or themes: the sub-granted activities must be in line with the objectives and the priorities of the present project on raising awareness on sustainable development, SDGs and Agenda 2030, in particular, actions around 3 main thematic focused campaigns:

- Fight Inequalities
- Sustainable food and agriculture – Good Food for All
- Sustainable consumption and production

Proposals linking their local actions with the European elections and processes are welcomed.

Location: activities must take place at the local level in one of the project countries.

Type of activities: AWARENESS-RAISING/ACTIVIST/CAPACITY BUILDING

List of different types of activities which may be eligible for sub-grants:

- Public events,
- Training events
- Panel discussions
- Educational activities (schools, universities, etc.)
- Stunts,
- Dialogues, including exchange with policy makers
- Street actions,
- Workshops
- Creative and cultural activities
- Youth activities
Note: Following actions are considered to be ineligible:
- Actions concerned only or mainly with individual sponsorships for participation in workshops, seminars, conferences, congresses;
- Actions concerned only or mainly with individual scholarships for studies or training courses;
- Actions supporting political parties;
- Actions concerning fundraising activities
- Core funding of the applicant
- Actions which consist exclusively or primarily in capital expenditure, i.e. IT equipment
- Actions which discriminate against individuals or groups of people on grounds of their gender, sexual orientation, religious beliefs or lack of them, or their ethnic origin;

COSTS ELIGIBILITY:

Costs must be directly related to the implementation of the action. Cost-effectiveness is among the selection criteria. Preference will be given to projects with a favorable ration of costs and potential outreach and with most of the expected expenditure linked to the implementation of the action itself (such as production of materials, costs related to the venue, travel costs for speakers, direct labour costs etc.). Indirect costs will not be covered while staff costs directly related to the project can be included in the proposed budget.

III. Selection criteria

Selection process will take into account, among others, the relevance of the project proposal with overall objectives of Make Europe Sustainable for all – raising awareness on SDGs, 2030 Agenda implementation, citizens’ engagement and transformation towards sustainable lifestyles, giving the priority to the actions tackling the thematic focuses, cross-sectoral approach of the proposed activities, the outreach capacity, in particular the originality and innovative character and engagement of the citizens in the development of the actions, its relevance for the local community, the capacity to increase citizens’ awareness and engagement on sustainable development goals issues and the involvement of other actors, social movements, NGOs, Local Authorities, project impact and sustainability of the results achieved.

Priority will be given to the local grass-root actors working directly with the local communities, as well to those organisations that had participated in the capacity building activities developed within the Make Europe Sustainable for All project at the country level.

All proposals must reflect the inter-sectoral approach, i.e. engagement in their actions of the organisations, groups and individuals from different sectors (at least 3 different sectors represented). Extra points will be allocated for the proposals submitted to be developed with other organisations, coming from different sectors.

Applications will be checked for compliance with eligibility criteria. The selection committee will evaluate and rate the project proposals in line with the selection criteria. The results will be published on the website of the project and winning proposals will be contacted.
IV. Reporting

The beneficiaries will provide the necessary reports (narrative and financial reports accompanied by the justificatory supporting documents), using the templates provided, including photos/pictures and its outreach activities (online links, publications etc).

V. Communication & visibility The selected projects must fully respect the visibility and communication requirements related to the Make Europe Sustainable for All project, including the logos of the project, and of the EU flag (+ the reference “with the financial support of the European Union” and the relevant disclaimer) in all publications, references, documents, news and any other visibility and communication action.

VI. How to apply?

Please submit your Project proposal by filling in the application form. Please attached to your form the proposed budget for the action. See the template in Annex I.

Deadline for submission

The deadline to submit your proposal is the 15th of February 2019, midnight CET.

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