

Frequently asked questions

Based on the received inquiries for the Open Call for Proposals for social companies and NGOs for testing innovative approaches and pilot solutions, we are publishing the frequently asked questions and answers that may help in resolving any potential doubts related to the mentioned call.

QUESTION: What % should we should request from the donor and what % of the project is self-financing by us?

ANSWER: On page 5/12 of the Guidelines for the grant applicants, it is indicated that the total cost cannot be co-financed: "Total costs imply total value of the project and cannot be co-financed." meaning the donor will finance 100%.

QUESTION: In N. Macedonia there is no Law for social enterprises - so can you please send me more details regarding the document that proofs the organization is a social enterprise.

We cannot provide this type of document and there is no any institution or state that can provide such document.

ANSWER: We are aware that there is no Law for Social Enterprise in N. Macedonia, therefore we have described in the section 5.8. of the Guidelines for Grant Applicants, Additional information for supporting document no. 3 where you can find the documents that are eligible to apply.

QUESTION: I have an agricultural cooperative that makes a profit as a partner in the project? (in Macedonia, agricultural cooperatives are considered social enterprises)

ANSWER: As defined in the Guidelines for grant applicants' part 5.1. Who can apply, the cooperatives are not eligible for application.

QUESTION: Does the subsidy from the Employment Service need to be shown somewhere in the project proposal?

ANSWER: Through this project, you cannot show the subsidy anywhere.

QUESTION: Does the budget for salaries need to be fully covered by this project?

ANSWER: Funding salaries from the project is not mandatory.

QUESTION: What is the document that we use to prove that we are a social enterprise? Since we do not have a law on social enterprises, what does that mean?

ANSWER: You can prove that you are a nonprofit with your organizational document, which is relevant for who can apply in this segment. It is important that you are a legal entity, a nonprofit organization, and a social enterprise according to the legislation of the country where you are registered, and you need to prove your status. You can prove your status in various ways. You have the option to prove your status with your statute, registration report, or activity report. There are different segments and options to prove your status, regardless of the lack of legislation regulating social enterprises in Montenegro.

QUESTION: Does the statute need to define a specific niche, such as the NGO being involved in the circular economy, or is it sufficient for it to simply be nonprofit?

ANSWER: It is sufficient for it to simply be nonprofit, as defined in section 5.1. 'Who can apply' in the Guidelines for Grant Applicants



QUESTION: What is the dynamics post-application and what does it imply in terms of a time frame?

ANSWER: The timeframe is defined in the Guidelines for Grant Applicants. The administrative check is planned to be completed by June 30th. The tentative date for informing and selecting candidates is September 16th, while the deadline for contract signing is October 1st. These are approximate dates.

QUESTION: If we apply for a project as an NGO, and in the meantime, open a social enterprise, are there any obstacles since the activities will be happening within that period?

ANSWER: No, it is not. On the contrary, it is one of the measurable outcomes, and it is an acceptable activity.

