



Meeting Minutes

Project: Enhancing Georgia's Capacity in Preventing Violent Extremism and Radicalization - Subgrant Competition

Description: Q&A Session

Date and Time: 15.05.2020 13:00

Attendees: From GCSD - Gogita Ghvedashvili, Ketevan Imerlishvili, Ani Shvelidze, individuals interested in the subgrant competition

1. **Meeting Objective:** To answer the questions related to the subgrant competition

2. **Question (Q) - Answer (A):**

Q: Our organization is registered in April, 2018. Therefore, currently it is the third year of its operation. Is the organization eligible for the competition if three years have not fully elapsed since its registration?

A: The organization is not eligible for the competition unless three years have elapsed since its registration.

Q: In more detail, what are the competition priorities and preferences regarding the target groups?

A: Information on the priority issues of and the target groups is presented in the description of the competition application. There are no additional preferences and criteria in this regard.

Q: Is it possible to submit coalition projects?

A: Yes, submitting a coalition project is possible and considered to be a priority.

Q: Are there any preferred regions that should be covered inside the project? Will the projects covering several regions be favored?

A: Regions populated by the ethnic and religious minorities should be considered as a priority. Yet, the projects are not limited to these region(s). Covering several regions will be regarded as an additional value to the project.

Q: Our organization has recently completed the project in this direction. Within this subgrant competition is it possible to support the extension of an already implemented project in the same or different region? Or is it preferred to submit a new idea?



A: This kind of practice is approved, therefore, it's possible to implement the project in the same or other regions. Yet, it is important for the project to be relevant and compatible to the competition goals and objectives.

Q: Is it possible to find additional donors / partners during the project to diversify its activities?

A: It is possible to obtain co-financing, although it is not mandatory.

Q: Would it be considered a priority if the organization registered in the capital, cooperates with universities and authorized student associations of higher education (ethnic, religious minorities)?

A: In the project, regional organizations are identified as priority. However, consortiums with the cooperation of the capital and regional organizations can be established. Collaboration with educational institutions and universities is a priority, however, it is not mandatory.

Q: Would it influence a decision making process, if the organization has implemented several low budget projects during the past three years?

A: The amount of budget would not play a crucial role in the decision making process.

Q: In the frame of this sub-grant is it acceptable to run a social media campaign?

A: Yes, it is acceptable .

Q: We only have the 2016 audit report. Will it be relevant for the application?

A: Providing an audit report is not mandatory. However, if you possess this document it would be preferable to provide it.

Q: Is it possible to engage specialists/lecturers from other countries in the project?

A: Experts /lecturers invited from other countries can be engaged in the project.

Q: Is it possible for foreign citizens to participate in the project?

A: Yes, it is possible.

Q: How should a partnership with an authorized university / school be presented? (Memorandum, Letter of Consent, etc.)

A: In this case, a letter of consent and a letter on partnership will be sufficient.

Q: How many sub-grants will be awarded within the competition?



A: Only one grant with a maximum budget of GEL 100,000 will be awarded under this competition. Lower-budget projects will also be considered, although submitting projects below GEL 60,000 are not recommended.

Q: How do you define a regional organization? The one registered in the region, or the one operation in the region?

A: It is essential for the organization to work actively in the region / regions. Being registered in the region is not required.

Q: Could the organization registered in Tbilisi implement a project in the region?

A: An organization registered in Tbilisi can implement a project in the region. Preferably, the organizations registered in the capital should have a regional partner to work on the project.

Q: To what extent is it possible to present the previous experience in more details?

A: The information about the organization's experience and the implemented projects can be reflected only in the relevant fields provided in the application form.

Q: What is the estimated starting date of the project?

A: The estimated launch period is September, 2020. The answers are expected to be announced by the end of June.

Q: Should the circumstances caused by the COVID-19 virus be reflected in application as the risks of the project?

A: If the current situation impedes the implementation of any project activity, it is advisable to take this issue into account when assessing the risks.

Q: Can a non-governmental organization working on exchange projects under the Erasmus Program apply for this competition?

A: As described in the evaluation criteria organization's experience will be considered during the evaluation of the application. In this specific case, it is important for the organization to remain in its operational field and at the time stay relevant to the project's goals and objectives.

Q: Are there any specific budget constraints?

A: As stated in the application form, it is permissible to purchase only the items whose purpose is in line with the planned activities and is justified.

Furthermore, there is a component of **indirect costs (5%)** in the budget. It can be used for



expenses such as: tuition, development of organization staff, etc. If such expenses are to be considered in the project, their purpose has to be justified.

Q: Can a private individual apply for a grant competition?

A: Individuals cannot apply for this project.

Q: Can a university submit an application?

A: Yes, universities can apply for this competition .