



2020 EUACI national call for CSO proposals: answers to applicants' questions regarding full proposal with the budget submission

1. *Whether a foreign university faculty can be a “non-commercial partner” for the purposes of this project?*

“Non-commercial partner” can only be non-governmental, not-for-profit civil society organization registered in Ukraine. But as “project partners” CSO can cooperate with the state agencies, local self-governments, research and educational institutions, including foreign entities (please fill out information on the “project partners” in the Annex 1. Full project proposal template, page 4).

2. *When the latest supported projects should start? In the informational article regarding this call, it is only indicated that the implementation of the proposed projects should start no earlier than November 2020.*

The latest supported project should start no later than January 2021.

3. *When the latest supported project should end? In the informational article regarding this call, it is only indicated that the applicants can propose projects, which may not be lower than 8 months nor exceed 15 months. If we want to start our project much later than November 2020, we would like to know if it is still possible to submit a project proposal for 15 months.*

The latest supported project should not end later than March 2022.

4. *Is it possible to submit project proposals that tackle two components of the EUACI (for example, component 1 and 3)?*

The EUACI Phase II has three components, but this national call for CSO proposal falls under Component 3. The overall goal of Component 3 and this national call for proposal is to encourage and support Ukraine's civil society, business community, and media in the efforts to promote a culture of integrity in the management of public affairs in Ukraine. The specific objective is to support strategic and innovative project initiatives from Ukraine's civil society, investigative media and business networks that are likely to deliver concrete and measurable results in one or more of the following fields: promotion of public integrity, accountability and transparency that might include corruption risk assessments and

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development of mitigation plans in specific sectors; strengthening of society's capacity to perform watchdog and advocacy functions; and improving the public's awareness of citizens' role in and opportunities to hold their elected representatives and public officials to account. The project activities might focus on the engagement/cooperation with the national anti-corruption institutions (EUACI partners under Component 1), but it is not a requirement. As for the EUACI Integrity Cities under Component 2 (Chernivtsi, Chervonohrad, Zhytomyr, Nikopol and Mariupol), the EUACI will be announcing local calls for CSO proposals separately.

- 5. *Is it possible for the NGO to cooperate with universities within project activities to achieve objectives related to component 3, particularly in the development of the educational programs. Universities and their students may be one of the beneficiaries of the activities, however, they will not receive any fundings from the NGOs within the project.***

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- 6. *Is it possible for one organisation to submit more than one application, are we eligible to submit 2 applications for example? If yes, how many applications of one organization can be awarded with the grant?***

One organization can submit only one proposal for this call.

- 7. *Can the central executive body or local government be a partner in this project, not receiving any funds, but providing information for execution of the project? Or only CSOs can be eligible?***

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- 8. *According to the call for proposal, the programme supports three specific objectives: 1) enhanced independence, effectiveness and resilience of anticorruption institutions functioning within a sound strategic framework (Component 1); 2) reduced corruption at the local level in Integrity Cities and in other cities (Component 2); 3) increased culture of integrity issues in Ukraine through engagement of the business sector, the civil society and the media (Component 3). Is this call for proposals aimed at projects covering all the components or should we focus on one of them?***

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This call for CSO proposals does not require proposed project to cover all EUACI Phase II components. Please refer to the answer under question 4.

9. As for Component 1: do you expect the activities supporting it to engage national anticorruption institutions such as NABU, SAPO, ARMA?

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10. As for Component 2: do you expect the Applicant to provide a quantitative measurable result for reduced corruption level by the end of the project?

For the EUACI Integrity Cities under Component 2 (Chernivtsi, Chervonohrad, Zhytomyr, Nikopol and Mariupol), the EUACI will be announcing local calls for CSO proposals separately. The EUACI does not expect projects to be able to deliver measurable reductions in the level of corruption within the relatively short time-span of the projects that will be financed. However, in the assessment of the quality of project proposals, attention will be paid to the results framework and the presentation of indicators that can be used to verify the delivery of results and progress towards outcomes and objectives.

11. Should the project activities predominantly take place in Integrity Cities? If the activities take place in other regions than Integrity cities, will the proposal be evaluated equally to the proposal planned in Integrity Cities?

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As for the national call for CSO proposals under Component 3, the geographical reach of the project is recommended to be beyond Kyiv and Kyiv oblast, focusing on whole country or at least several regions.

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12. Do you expect the Applicant to provide Memoranda of understanding (other partnership documents) with potential partners (local CSOs, public authorities etc.) while applying for this grant opportunity?

The EUACI might ask to provide memoranda only finalists on the stage of preparing grant agreements. Applicants are not required to provide memoranda on the stage of full proposal with the budget submission.

13. If the Applicant suggests to sub-contract other organisations (e.g. to conduct a quantitative survey) or provide sub-grants for local CSOs, do you expect the Applicant to run an open call/procurement procedure for it? Or is sub-contracting prohibited within the project?

Sub-granting/sub-contracting is not prohibited, but it should be processed according to the CSO procurement and sub-granting policies and procedures.

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