

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

EU Civil Society Facility and Media Programme in favour of the Western Balkans and Turkey for 2021-2023 (IPA III)

Multi-country annual action plan in favour of the Western Balkans and Türkiye for 2024 (IPA III)

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1.	<p>Is it possible to be a lead applicant in one project proposal, and on the other to be a co-applicant?</p> <p>Can one organisation be a co-applicant or partner in one consortium and lead applicant in another Consortium in Different Lots?</p>	<p>Yes, this is possible. The same one organisation can participate in maximum two submitted applications – one as main applicant, one as co-applicant, under two different lots, with the exception of the organisations being Coordinators/lead-applicants of ongoing grant contracts awarded as a result of the Call for Proposals ref. no. EuropeAid/174154/DH/ACT/Multi that can only participate as co-applicants in one application only (as specified above). If this rule is not respected, all concerned applications will be rejected.</p> <p>See Section 2.1.3 Eligible actions, Number of applications and grants per applicants / affiliated entities, pg. 22 of the Guidelines for Applicants (GfA).</p>
2.	<p>Is it possible to apply jointly with organisation from France and other countries?</p> <p>Can an NGO based in Germany but with a wide range of expertise in the WB apply?</p> <p>Can an organisation based in Brussels be the lead applicant but the activities would be in the eligible regions as per the call? If not lead, can it be co-partner?</p>	<p>The participation of CSOs or CSO networks established in an EU Member State is encouraged as appropriate and <u>only in the form of optional co-applicants, in addition to (and not in replacement of) the mandatory co-applicants.</u></p> <p>Such optional co-applicants from EU Member States must satisfy the eligibility criteria as applicable to the lead applicant him/herself, with the exception of being established in an IPA III Beneficiary under the Instrument of Pre-accession Assistance.</p> <p>See section 2.1.1. Eligibility of applicants, Optional co-applicants, pg. 12 of the GfA document.</p>
3.	<p>Is anything specific (i.e. financial capacity) needed of organisations for this type of call?</p>	<p>Yes, there are a number of specific requirements related to this Call and the</p>



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		<p>adequate capacities of the applicants. For example, to have a minimum of two years (i.e. 24 months) experience in the field of the lot under which the concept note/full application is submitted; to be registered since at least November 2021; the lead applicant should have stable and sufficient sources of finance and its turnover/annual budget indicate a capacity to deal with a grant of the size requested under the call.</p> <p>Please refer to the evaluation grid page 36 of the GfA document - 1. Financial and operational capacity.</p>
4.	<p>Can the CSO from Türkiye submit a Project for specific objective 1?</p>	<p>Yes. However, please note there are a number of requirements for lead applicant and mandatory co-applicants (i.e. a number of mandatory co-applicants from other IPA III beneficiaries) presented in detail under the section section 2.1.1. Eligibility of applicants, pg. 10 of the GfA document.</p>
5.	<p>Regarding the Eligibility of applicants, at page 11 of the guidelines is stated: „With the exception of Lot 11, the lead applicant must act with co-applicant(s) as specified hereafter. For Lot 11, the involvement of co-applicants is optional.</p> <p>Does this mean that we can really apply without partners and that we can propose activities that will be implemented only in our country?</p> <p>Also, what this mean if regarding location is stated: „For all Lots except Lot 10 and 12, actions must take place in the Western Balkans and Türkiye and must cover a minimum of 5 of these IPA III beneficiaries. „</p> <p>How we can apply without co-applicants and then to implement action in five countries?</p>	<p>Please note that Corrigendum no. 1 is published regarding the described situation and is available here.</p> <p>The information presented for Lot 11 refers actually to Lot 12 (EU Award for Roma Integration). Involvement of co-applicants under Lot 12 is optional while under all other Lots is mandatory. With the exception of Lot 12, the lead applicant must act with co-applicant(s).</p> <p>For all Lots except Lots 10 and 12, actions must take place in the Western Balkans and Türkiye and must cover a minimum of 5 of these IPA III beneficiaries.</p> <p>For Lot 10, actions must take place in the Western Balkans and Türkiye and must cover a minimum of 2 of these IPA III beneficiaries.</p> <p>For Lot 12, actions must focus on the Western Balkans and Türkiye and must cover all 7 IPA III beneficiaries. The core activities (organisation of the award) must take place in Belgium.</p> <p>A limited number of activities – strictly related to dissemination, promotion and exchange purposes (such as conferences, seminars, study visits) - could take place in EU Member States. These activities should in</p>



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		<p>any case benefit target groups from the involved IPA III beneficiaries. The exception being Lot 12, which will mostly take place in Belgium.</p> <p>See also section Eligible actions, Location, pg. 18 of the GfA document</p>
6.	<p>Are businesses eligible as partners?</p> <p>Are businesses eligible as partners under Lot 8?</p>	<p>Co-applicants must satisfy the eligibility criteria as applicable to the lead applicant him/herself including to be a non-profit making.</p> <p>Profit-making organisations are not eligible partners under Lot 8.</p> <p><u>For the proposals submitted under Lot 11:</u> As an exception to the requirement of being non-profit-making and exclusively for actions under Lot 11, profit-making media outlets are eligible as co-applicants as long as those align with the state aid and competition rules in the given country (e.g., <i>de minimis</i> aid). Additionally, all products, which resulted from the project activities, should be disseminated for public use free of charge.</p> <p>See the Section 2.1.2. Eligibility of applicants, pg. 10 – 14 of the GfA document and Annex M - Overview of the eligibility criteria per lots.</p>
7.	<p>Under which lot would the projects aiming at improving the health of women fall into? If the project falls into more than one lot, i.e. if Roma women would have a special focus on this project, how are we supposed to move forward?</p>	<p>It is up to each applicant to identify the most suitable lot for their proposal.</p> <p>Please consult carefully the detailed description of each lot in Section 2.1.3 Eligible actions, pg. 14 – 17 of the GfA document.</p>
8.	<p>Having in mind min and max amount proposed - does it mean that only one project per Lot will be awarded?</p>	<p>The final number of the awarded grants and their division per Lots is subject to the evaluation of the applications submitted.</p> <p>Please note that the contracting authority reserves the right not to award all available funds. Also, if the allocation indicated for Lots from 1 to 11 cannot be used due to insufficient quality or number of proposals received, the contracting authority reserves the right to reallocate the remaining funds to another of these lots.</p>



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		See section 1.3. Financial allocation provided by the contracting authority, pg. 6 – 9 of the GfA document.
9.	Regarding section 2.1.1 Eligibility criteria, the 2 criteria are mutually contradictory, it is necessary to confirm and clarify the following: "• have as a minimum two years (i.e. 24 months) experience in the field of the lot under which the concept note/full application is submitted (...) • be registered until at least November 2021. In case the lead applicant is a network of CSOs, at least two members of the network must be registered until at least November 2021." Is it a mistake in the second bullet, and should it be "at the latest November 2021" instead of "at least November 2021," or "until November 2021 at the latest"? If it is not a mistake, then the two criteria mentioned are in conflict. Based on the wording of this criterion, the interpretation is that entities need to be registered from November 2021 onwards, which would be problematic because then it would not be possible to meet the criterion above related to a minimum of 24 months of experience.	The stated rules clearly present the minimum criteria to apply under this Call which are (among others listed in Section 2.1.1. Eligible applicants, pg. 10 – 11 of the GfA document) having at least two years of experience in the field of the lot under which the concept note/full application is submitted, and having a legal entity as registered CSO or CSO network in a period of at least 2 years meaning they are registered since at least November 2021.
10.	Can a newly established organisation apply if there is less than 12 months from the launch of the call? Can a new-founded NGO be co-applicant?	No. See above response no. 9 and read the Section 2.1.2. Eligibility of applicants, pg. 10 – 14 of the GfA document.
11.	Regarding potential project partners, are entities like universities or worker unions eligible to serve as co-partners, particularly if the leading partner is a Civil Society Organisation?	Co-applicants must satisfy the eligibility criteria as applicable to the lead applicant him/herself and must be CSO or CSO network. As an exception to the requirement of being non-profit-making and exclusively for actions under Lot 11, profit-making media outlets are eligible as co-applicants as long as those align with the state aid and competition rules in the given country (e.g., <i>de minimis</i> aid). Additionally, all products, which resulted from the project activities, should be disseminated for public use free of charge. Please, check the detailed definition of Civil Society Organisation provided under ft. 18, pg. 10 of the GfA document.

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12.	Could you clarify the number of partners required for the project?	<p><u>For the actions submitted under all the Lots except Lots 10 and 12:</u> co-applicants must represent CSOs or CSOs networks from a minimum of four (4) different IPA III Beneficiaries, different from the IPA III Beneficiary where the Lead Applicant is located. The proposed consortium (including both Lead Applicant and Co-applicants) must thus represent a minimum of five (5) organisations, established in five (5) different IPA III beneficiaries in the Western Balkans and Türkiye (i.e., minimum one lead-applicant and four co-applicants). Networks covering all IPA beneficiaries are encouraged.</p> <p><u>For the proposals submitted under Lot 10:</u> co-applicants must represent CSOs or CSOs networks from a minimum of one (1) IPA III Beneficiary, different from the IPA III Beneficiary where the Lead Applicant is located. The proposed consortium (including both Lead Applicant and Co-applicants) must thus represent a minimum of two (2) organisations, established in two (2) different IPA III beneficiaries (i.e. minimum one lead-applicant and one co-applicant).</p> <p><u>For the proposals submitted under Lot 12:</u> the involvement of co-applicants is optional.</p> <p>Please see Annex M - Overview of the eligibility criteria per lots.</p>
13.	Under Lot.7: Should there be any threshold for the expenditures on regional activities (joint meetings, conferences, exchanges)?	No.
14.	If in the envelope of the FSTP, we have to include also the costs for launching, promoting the call, and mentoring for instance, does this mean that staff costs dedicated to this should be included in this 30% minimum? Otherwise in the budget, these staff costs shall go under which heading then?	<p>Costs dedicated to the implementation of the FSTP-related component of the project should be presented within different budget headings in line with the structure of Annex B: Budget.</p> <p>For all lots – <u>except for Lot 12</u> – it is <u>compulsory</u> to allocate <u>no less than 30%</u> of the action’s total eligible costs to <u>financial support to third parties</u>, with the purpose of reaching, and building capacities of, such organisations active at local level and enabling them to participate in the regional networks.</p>



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		This includes all related FSTP implementation costs, including the costs of external expertise engaged in the development of the FSTP-related activities (e.g. in the development of the guidelines for applicants or in the evaluation of proposals). These costs should in any case represent a marginal part of the total FSTP component.
15.	Can the lead applicant be based in the EU specifically for lot 12?	<p>No. The lead applicant must be established in an IPA III Beneficiary under the Instrument of Pre-accession Assistance - the IPA III Beneficiaries taken into consideration for the present call for proposals are: The Republic of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, The Republic of North Macedonia, The Republic of Serbia, The Republic of Türkiye.</p> <p>Please refer to GFA point 2.1.1 Eligibility of applicants (i.e. lead applicant and co-applicant(s) and Annex M - Overview of the eligibility criteria per lots.</p>
16.	<p>Regarding the PADOR registration, it is necessary (a must) to comply with the following instruction: "Provide information about the organisations involved in the action. To this end, lead applicants, co-applicants and affiliated entities must register in PADOR. Lead applicants must register at the concept note step. Co-applicants and affiliated entities must register at the full application step;"</p> <p>Is it mandatory to register co-applicants in the Full application phase, or can it be done earlier? If it must be done in the Full application phase, is it because of one of the options in the Applicant's Guide that allows the possibility of changing or deleting co-applicants (of course, with justification) in the Full application phase, so as not to practically double the work?</p>	<p>All applicants (lead applicant, co-applicants, affiliated entities) can register in PADOR any time and in advance, even when there is no Call published.</p> <p>As stated in the Section 2.2. How to apply and procedures to follow, GfA document starting from pg. 26:</p> <p><i>It is strongly recommended to register in PADOR well in advance and not to wait until the last minute before the deadline to submit your application in PROSPECT.</i></p> <p>Please note, that the deadlines presented in the GfA document refer to the latest registration and submission of information by the interested applicants.</p>
17.	How is the contribution calculated in the FSTP grants? Is contribution by partners calculated on the total budget including the FSTP amount as well?	<p>The EU contribution % is applicable on the total eligible costs of the project that are listed in the budget - ANNEX B (the FSTP component being part of the budget).</p> <p>The level of co-financing is subject to agreement among the beneficiaries of the</p>



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		<p>grant (lead applicant/coordinator, co-applicants and affiliated entities).</p> <p>Please note that the minimum EU contribution is 51% of the total eligible costs of the action and the maximum EU contribution is 90% of the total eligible costs of the action for all Lots except Lot 12 where the EU contribution is 100% of the total eligible costs of the action.</p> <p>See Section Size of grants in the GfA document pg. 7 – 8.</p>
18.	<p>Regarding FSTP, except for the sub grants to NGOs, could you share an example of the other activities of support that you mentioned earlier? You mentioned capacity building, publishing calls, etc.</p>	<p>When defining the financial support to third parties, applicants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the guide <i>“Enhanced Outreach to Civil Society Organisations: a Collection of Good Practices of Financial Support to Third Parties in the Neighbourhood and Enlargement Countries”</i>.</p> <p>You can read and download this document from the EU TACSO 3 project web page: https://www.tacso.eu/enhanced-outreach-to-civil-society-organizations/.</p> <p>In the TACSO library, you can find also other FSTP-related materials from the recent events organised.</p> <p>We recommend joining the FSTP Community of Practice operative at LinkedIn. You can join here.</p>
19.	<p>Regarding FSTP - are the sub-grantees expected to comply with the reporting requirements of the main grantees, or are the more simplified models possible for them?</p>	<p>No, reporting requirements can be modified. The coordinator/lead applicant and/or partners/co-applicants will become contracting authorities for the FSTP-related components of their projects. This includes the development of the reporting procedures for the recipients of the FSTP grants (sub-grants).</p> <p>It is recommended to adapt reporting procedures to the capacities of grant beneficiaries and the size of grants.</p>
20.	<p>Does the minimum one grant for LOT 5 Roma inclusion have to be 700 thousand EUR?</p>	<p>Yes, since this is the minimum grant amount that should be requested under this Lot.</p>
21.	<p>Should each proposal contain the component of FSTP (Financial support to third parties)?</p>	<p>Yes. For all lots – <u>except for Lot 12</u> – it is <u>compulsory</u> to allocate <u>no less than 30%</u> of the action’s total eligible costs to <u>financial support</u></p>



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		<p>to <u>third parties</u>, with the purpose of reaching, and building capacities of, such organisations active at local level and enabling them to participate in the regional networks. The size of the financial support should be adapted to the level of capacities of beneficiaries and to the type of activities to be supported.</p> <p>If the requirement of including a FSTP component is not respected, the relevant proposal may be rejected on that sole basis.</p> <p>See section 1.3. Financial allocation provided by the contracting authority, Size of grants (pg. 8 of the GfA document).</p>
22.	<p>"Associates cannot benefit from the grant. Associates or affiliated entity(ies) cannot be also contractors in the project": does this include that Associates cannot benefit from grants to third parties, if they win via a competitive process?</p>	<p>According to the GfA document, pg. 14, Section 2.1.2 Associates and contractors is stated the following: „<i>Other organisations or individuals may be involved in the action. Such associates play a real role in the action but <u>may not receive funding from the grant, with the exception of per diem or travel costs.</u></i>“</p>
23.	<p>Are branch offices registered as organizations governed by the national law of IPA beneficiary’s countries eligible under this call, if these branch offices have their head quarter office established in a non-EU member state?</p>	<p>In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must (among other requirements) be established in an IPA III Beneficiary under the Instrument of Pre-accession Assistance - the IPA III Beneficiaries taken into consideration for the present call for proposals are: The Republic of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, The Republic of North Macedonia, The Republic of Serbia, The Republic of Türkiye.</p> <p>This will be determined on the basis of the organisation’s statutes, which should demonstrate that it has been established by an instrument governed by the national law of the country concerned and that its head office is located in an eligible country. In this respect, any legal entity whose statutes have been established in another country cannot be considered an eligible local organisation, even if the statutes are registered locally or a ‘Memorandum of Understanding’ has been concluded.</p> <p>See Section 2.1.1. Eligibility of applicants, Lead applicant, pg. 10 – 11, ft. 20 of the GfA document.</p>



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24.	In order to be an eligible lead partner do our organization need to have experience in FSTP?	<p>Previous experience in FSTP implementation is not a requirement for the lead applicant; however, having this type of experience is certainly an advantage.</p> <p>The management in-house capacity of the applicants and, if applicable, of their affiliated entity(ies), including in relation to support to third parties, will be subject to assessment.</p> <p>Furthermore, the lead applicant needs to have as a minimum two years (i.e. 24 months) experience in the field of the lot under which the concept note/full application is submitted. In case the lead applicant is a network of CSOs, this applies also to its members.</p> <p>See Section 2.1.1. Eligibility of applicants, Lead applicant, pg. 10 – 11 of the GfA document, and Section 2.3 Evaluation and selection of applications, pg. 32-38 of the GfA document.</p>
25.	Can the financing to third parties be for Social Enterprises or only CSOs are eligible?	<p>The Call does not specify the entities who may become recipients of FSTP grants. The Applicants/Beneficiaries of the grant are expected to define the FSTP (sub-granting) eligible applicants and grant beneficiaries.</p>
26.	Can we distribute regional grants?	<p>Yes. FSTP support should in particular strengthen the participation of grassroots CSOs and small/local/”mission” media in regional networks and carry out activities linked to the overall objective of the action. To do so, the grantees of this Call should mentor third parties in the implementation of their own activities and share methodologies and knowledge with them.</p> <p>See section 2.1.3. Eligible actions, Financial support to third parties, pg. 20 of the GfA document.</p>
27.	The call states during full application stage: “The lead applicant may add, remove or replace one or more co-applicant(s) or affiliated entity (ies) only in duly justified cases” p.27 Is it a “justifiable reason” if a concept note did not pass, and an organisation that was part of that concept note as a co-applicant is also a member of a pre-existing coalition that applied under another lot, and therefore can now be eligible to join the full	<p>As stated in your question removal or replacement of one or more co-applicant(s) or affiliated entity (ies) only in duly justified cases is possible by the lead applicant.</p> <p>In addition to this, please note that in the GfA document is also stated the following:</p> <p><i>An explanation/justification of the relevant replacements/adjustments shall be included in Annex A.2 – Instructions for drafting the Full</i></p>



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	application of the other application (where it was not previously possible)?	<p><i>Application, section 2.1.1, point viii. Should the explanation/justification not be accepted by the evaluation committee, the proposal may be rejected on that sole basis.</i></p> <p>However, the potential replacement of one or more co-applicant(s) or affiliated entity (ies) cannot in any case derogate from the rule concerning the maximum number of applications per organisation (i.e. the same one organisation can participate in maximum two submitted applications – one as main applicant, one as co-applicant, under two different lots, with the exception of the organisations being Coordinators/lead-applicants of ongoing grant contracts awarded as a result of the Call for Proposals ref. no. EuropeAid/174154/DH/ACT/Multi that can only participate as co-applicants in one application only. If this rule is not respected, all concerned applications will be rejected). This rule is valid throughout the entire call for proposals process.</p> <p>See section 2.2.1. Concept note content, pg. 27 of the GfA document.</p>
28.	If an organisation is headquartered in one WB country but has an affiliated entity registered in another WB country (as a representative office of a foreign organisation), is that entity eligible to be a co-applicant?	<p>Co-applicants as well as affiliated entities must satisfy the eligibility criteria as applicable to the lead applicant him/herself.</p> <p>See section 2.1.1. Eligibility of applicants, pg. 10 – 14 of the GfA document.</p>
29.	Under a lot, should the action address ALL components of the Lot in bullet points or may it address only 1 bullet point? Will organisations addressing more bullet points receive priority by the EC?	<p>Please note that in the GfA document, pg. 15, section 2.1.3. Eligible actions, Sectors or themes, under the description of each lot is stated: <i>“including but not limited”</i>.</p> <p>Successful applications may target one or more sectors/themes/areas and priorities of the Call.</p> <p>Evaluation grids can be consulted on pg. 33-37 of the GfA document.</p>
30.	Can we apply as a non-governmental organisation without partners, that is co-applicants, in the field of Roma Inclusion or Gender Equality?	<p>No. With the exception of Lot 12, the lead applicant must act with co-applicant(s). For Lot 12, the involvement of co-applicants is optional.</p>
31.	Is there a limit in the division of the budget between the lead and implementing partners?	<p>No. This is subject to the agreement among applicants. However, it should reflect the</p>



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		division of work described in the Description of the action.
32.	Regarding the section "Financial support to third parties" and the following instruction: "Applicants must provide information in the concept note concerning at least points (i), (ii), and (iii) and must provide information in the full application concerning all points from (i) to (viii)." Is it necessary, for the preparation of the Concept note, to address points vii) and viii) in addition to points i), ii), and iii), as they are separated later in the text (i.e., not addressing points iv), v), and vi))?	Applicants must provide information in the concept note concerning at least points (i), (ii) and (iii) and must provide information in the full application concerning all points from (i) to (viii). See section 2.1.3. Eligible actions, Financial support to third parties, pg. 20 of the GfA document.
33.	<p>The Checklist for the Concept note does not list MANDATES from co-applicants, but this was mentioned in the presentation as a requirement.</p> <p>Are mandates from co-applicants needed at the Concept note stage?</p> <p>Do the co-applicants register at the concept note step or only full application step?</p> <p>It was stated in the RfA that a formal obligation from the partners is needed for the Concept note stage, but only declaration from the lead applicant should be sent?</p> <p>Page 22, lead applicant must provide consent of the co-applicants and affiliated entities in the concept note stage. Still only lead applicant should send signed declaration?</p>	<p>Each co-applicant must sign the mandate in Annex A.2 Section 5 which should be submitted with the Full Application Form.</p> <p>The same information is presented in the presentation of the Info session, slide no. 46.</p>
34.	Are there any links to past successful projects?	The list of previously awarded grant contracts can be found under this link .
35.	According to our national law, we are not obliged to perform an audit, and we are considering the option of being the lead applicant. We are interested in whether it is mandatory to submit an independent auditor's report, which in that case we would have to order in this period? What period does it refer to and is it possible to attach the auditor's report from the previous period that the organisation did, once at our own request in	<p>For the purpose of the evaluation of the financial capacity, the following documents should be submitted¹:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For action grants exceeding EUR 750 000 and for operating grants exceeding EUR 100 000, the lead applicant must provide an audit report produced by an approved external auditor <u>where it is available</u>, and always in cases where a statutory audit is required by EU or national law. That

¹ No supporting documents will be requested for applications for a grant not exceeding EUR 60 000.



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	2020 and once at the request of donors in 2021-2022?	<p>report shall certify the accounts for up to the last 3 financial years available.</p> <p><u>In all other cases</u>, the lead applicant shall provide a <u>self-declaration signed by its authorised representative</u> certifying the validity of its accounts for up to the last 3 financial years available.</p> <p>This requirement shall apply only to the first application made by an applicant to the contracting authority in any one financial year.</p> <p>The external audit report as well as the self-declaration certifying the validity of the accounts are not required from the co-applicant(s) or affiliated entities (if any).</p> <p>2. A copy of the lead applicant’s latest accounts (the profit and loss account and the balance sheet for the last financial year for which the accounts have been closed). A copy of the latest account is neither required from the co-applicant(s) (if any) nor from affiliated entity(ies) (if any).</p> <p>See section 2.2.5 Full applications, pg. 29 – 30 of the GfA document.</p>
36.	When is the project foreseen to start?	<p>According to the Indicative timetable presented in section 2.5.2. of the GfA document (pg. 40) signing of the contracts is expected in October 2024.</p> <p>For all lots, the implementation of the actions must start before 17/12/2024 (Section 2.1.3. Eligible actions, Duration, pg. 14 of the GfA document).</p>
37.	On December 29 is the deadline for submitting ONLY the concept note, or we should submit the concept note and the full application on the same time?	<p>At the first stage <u>only concept notes</u> should be submitted until 29 December 2023, 14:00hrs Brussels date and time.</p> <p>Please consult Sections 2.2.1 Concept note content, 2.2.2 Where and how to send concept notes, 2.2.3 Deadline for submission of concept notes and 2.2.4 Further information about concept notes, pg. 27-28 of the GfA document, for additional information.</p>
38.	It is acceptable to apply with partner from the same country?	<p>Yes, this is possible. However, please note that <u>for the actions submitted under all the Lots except Lots 10 and 12: co-applicants</u></p>



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		<p>must represent CSOs or CSOs networks from a minimum of four (4) different IPA III Beneficiaries, different from the IPA III Beneficiary where the Lead Applicant is located. The proposed consortium (including both Lead Applicant and Co-applicants) must thus represent a minimum of five (5) organisations, established in five (5) different IPA III beneficiaries in the Western Balkans and Türkiye (i.e., minimum one lead-applicant and four co-applicants). Networks covering all IPA beneficiaries are encouraged.</p> <p><u>For the proposals submitted under Lot 10:</u> co-applicants must represent CSOs or CSOs networks from a minimum of one (1) IPA III Beneficiary, different from the IPA III Beneficiary where the Lead Applicant is located. The proposed consortium (including both Lead Applicant and Co-applicants) must thus represent a minimum of two (2) organisations, established in two (2) different IPA III beneficiaries (i.e. minimum one lead-applicant and one co-applicant).</p> <p><u>For the proposals submitted under Lot 12:</u> the involvement of co-applicants is optional.</p>

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