



Call for proposals for supporting Civil Society Organisations

“Strengthening Franco-Croatian partnerships among Civil Society Organisations”

The French Embassy is launching, in partnership with the Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs of the Republic of Croatia, a Call for proposals aimed at strengthening Franco-Croatian partnerships among civil society organisations.

What is the objective of the call?

The objective of this call is to encourage the development of joint projects between Croatian and French civil society organisations in the priority areas mentioned below.

With a total budget of 15.000 EUR for 2019, this Call provides an opportunity for Croatian NGOs to benefit from a grant (up to max 3.000 EUR) in order to implement targeted projects involving a French partner/s and/or French expert/s.

This Call also allows Croatian NGOs to rely on the assistance of the French embassy throughout the implementation of the project.

This call is a pilot action. It is conceived as a flexible instrument ensuring reactivity and minimum administrative constraints for project promoters.

What are the main priorities of the Call?

Priority will be given to the projects dealing with one or more of the following topics:

- **Gender equality** i.e. actions / activities aimed at:
 - promoting gender equality, for instance in the areas of access to employment, work-life balance, family protection issues (including violence against women), access to education, political participation;
 - fight against discrimination —based on sexual orientation and any other type of discrimination.

- **Climate change and environment** i.e. actions / activities aimed at:
 - promoting the use of renewable energies, circular and social economy;
 - raising awareness on coastal risks and risk management, marine pollution, waste management, biodiversity, adaptation and climate change mitigation.

- **Tolerance, remembrance and reconciliation** i.e. actions / activities aimed at:
 - contributing to citizens' understanding of European values and of EU history and diversity;
 - promoting tolerance, mutual understanding and inclusion of minorities.



Who can apply?

The lead Applicant must be a non-profit civil society organisation registered in the Republic of Croatia and in the Register of Non-profit Organisations at least 12 months. The Applicant has transparent financial reporting (which can be seen in the Register of Non-Profit Organisations, RNO).

All projects must comprise a French component in terms of the connection with French expert/s, organisation/s, or institution/s in order to promote mutual understanding and sharing of experiences between the two countries.

Number of applications and grants per applicant:

The applicant may not submit more than one application under this Call for Proposals.

The applicant may be a co-applicant or an affiliated entity in another application at the same time.

What types of activities can be supported?

- Organisation of conferences, roundtables, workshops and seminars involving French expertise;
- Organisation of study visit to France;
- Awareness raising, citizen mobilization and advocacy activities;
- Joint publications, trainings etc.

This list is not exhaustive. "One-off" conference or event without a clear line of follow-up activities should be avoided. Actions aimed at profit making activities are not eligible.

What can the duration of the project be?

The maximum duration of the project is 12 months. Projects should start in 2019 and should be completed by July 2020. Activities occurring prior to June 2019 cannot be funded.

What is the level of co-financing?

The total budget allocated to this Call for 2019 is 15.000 EUR.

The French embassy will co-finance the project up to 80% of the total costs. A minimum of 20% of co-financing is expected from the Croatian partner(s).

The maximum grant amount that can be awarded to a project is 3.000 EUR. There is no minimum grant.

Operating costs for the NGOs should not exceed 5% of the total budget of the project.

What are the selection criteria?

- Relevance of the project proposal to the particular needs and challenges faced by the Croatian society and alignment with the priorities of the call,
- Quality and relevance of the Franco-Croatian partnership. The ability of the French expertise to contribute to the expected outcomes of the project,



- Feasibility of the proposed activities within the project implementation deadlines and quality of project design,
- Impact of the project at local, regional and national levels.

How to apply?

Project promoters must submit their applications in English. The application consists of the application form and project budget in forms provided under this Call for proposals. Bear in mind that it is obligatory to use only prescribed application and budget forms.

Applications must be sent by e-mail to djuro.zifra@diplomatie.gouv.fr **by 30th April 2019**.

Application pack that needs to be submitted by email must include the following documents:

1. Application form (attached),
2. Project budget (attached),
3. Registration act of the lead applicant if it is not reachable in the public register (Register of Associations) - it can be in original language,
4. Letter of intent of the French partner (if possible)

Selection process and indicative timetable

Applications will be examined and evaluated by a selection committee composed of representatives of the French Embassy and of the Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs of the Republic of Croatia. Selected applicants will be invited for an interview (personally or via conference call).

- Public announcement of the Call for proposal: end of March 2019
- Deadline for submission of Application form: **30th April 2019**
- Interview of pre-selected applicants/negotiation phase: May 2019
- Publication of the results of the selection process: end of May 2019
- Signature of the Contract and start of project: June 2019

Reporting procedure

A narrative and financial report in English has to be sent to the French Embassy by e-mail to the following address: djuro.zifra@diplomatie.gouv.fr within max 2 months after the end of the project.

Contacts:

For any further information regarding this Call please contact the French Embassy at the following address: djuro.zifra@diplomatie.gouv.fr ; tel: 01 48 93 650.

All necessary documents can be found on the website of the French Embassy <https://hr.ambafrance.org/>, as well as on the website of the Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs of the Government of the Republic of Croatia, <https://udruge.gov.hr/>.