

BOOST GRANT SCHEME

*Support the Civil Society Regional
Initiatives in the Western Balkans*



In partnership
with
RÉPUBLIQUE
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Europe & Ruralités



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Centar Lokalne Demokratije
Međi Demokratija Kiboranta
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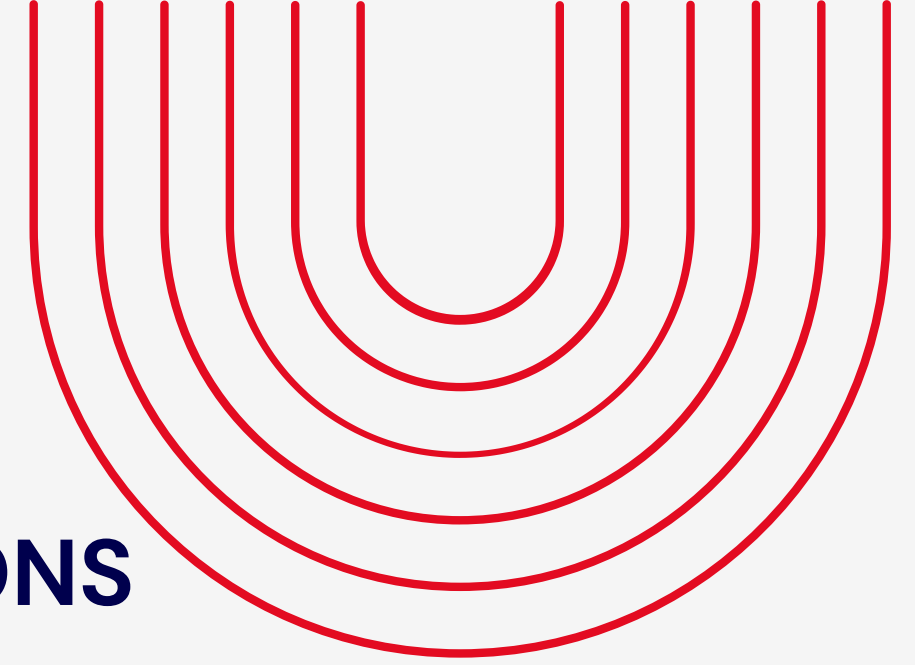


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LDA



Local Democracy
Agency of Kosovo





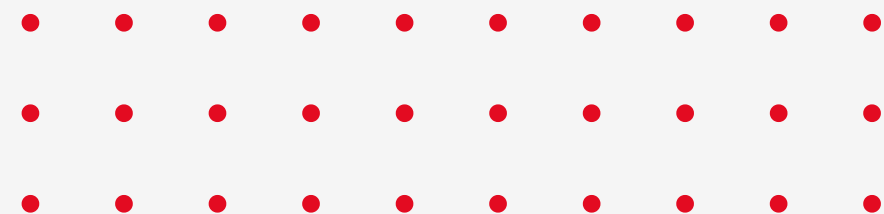
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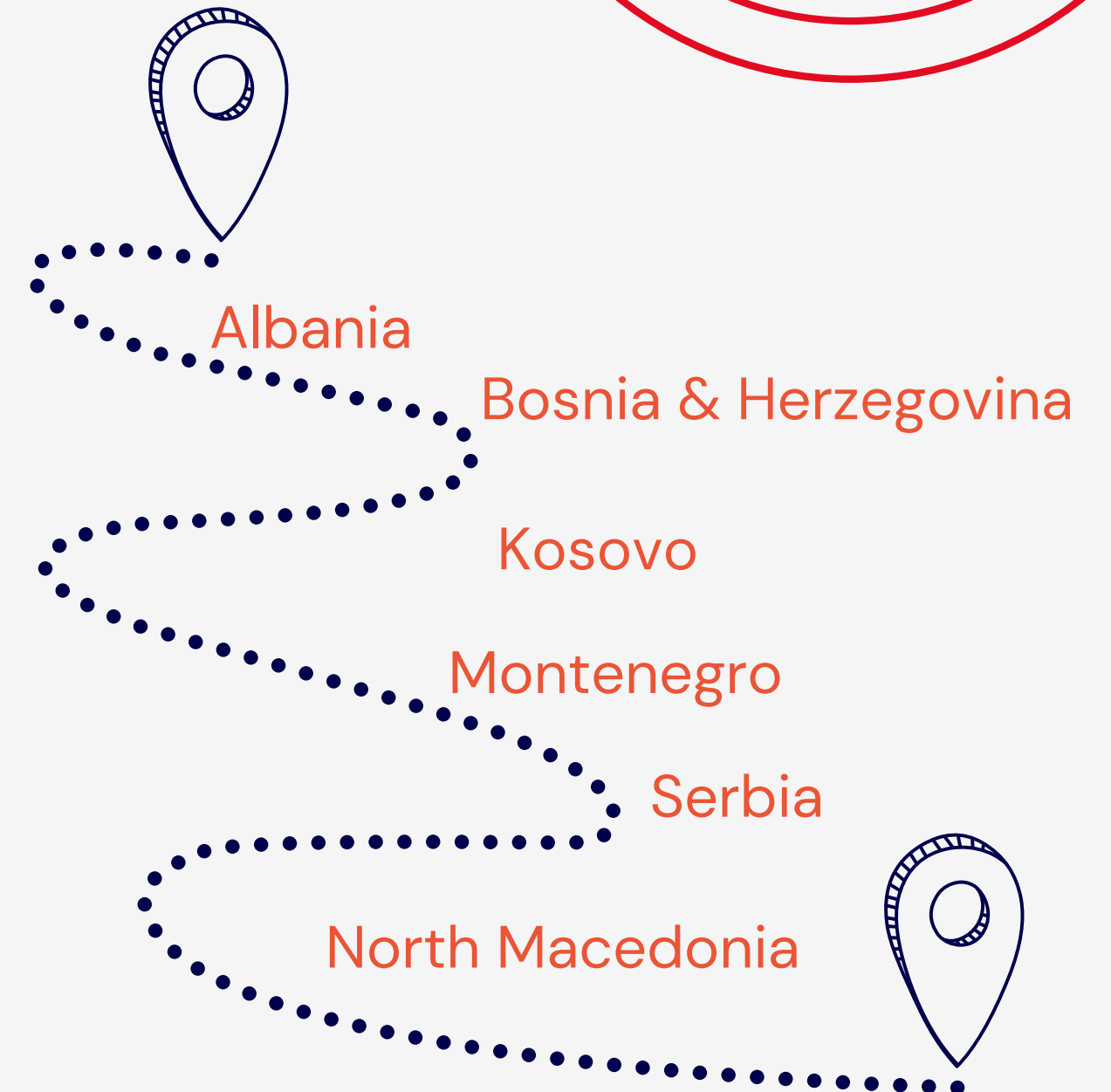
BOOST

**BALKANS FOR OPTIMISING OPPORTUNITIES,
SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSFORMATION OF
CIVIL SOCIETY**



To strengthen civil society in youth entrepreneurship, environmental protection, rural development, and cultural heritage

Regional and national support for CSOs in six Western Balkan countries



EXPECTED OUTCOMES



Improved capacity of CSOs to drive sustainable development



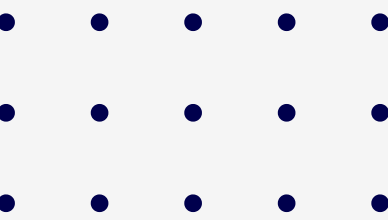
Stronger cooperation between CSOs and public institutions



Enhanced shared values of democracy, peace and inclusion

LOT 1

YOUTH AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP



Entrepreneurship Support: Youth programs, start-up competitions, and social initiatives

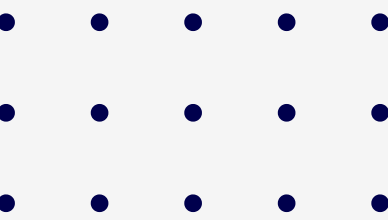
Skill Development: Workshops, boot camps, internships, and innovation hubs

Collaboration & Networking: Hackathons, regional exchanges, and entrepreneurship forums



LOT 2

RURAL DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT



Environmental Conservation: Green infrastructure, habitat protection, and revitalization projects

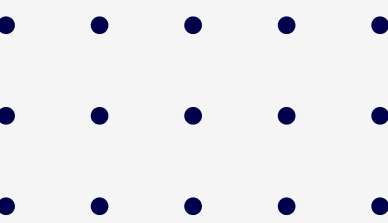
Sustainable Resource Management: Community forestry, waste recycling, and agro-tech solutions

Eco-Friendly Tourism: Infrastructure that supports communities and minimizes impact to environment



LOT3

CULTURAL HERITAGE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Cultural Preservation: Safeguarding heritage through archives and virtual tours

Education & Engagement: Workshops, exhibitions, and/or developing educational programs

Economic Growth: Cultural tourism, artisan support, and heritage trails

Innovation: Tech solutions like virtual reality for cultural preservation



CROSS-CUTTING PRIORITIES



Gender Equality:

Ensure balanced
representation and
differentiated
impact indicators

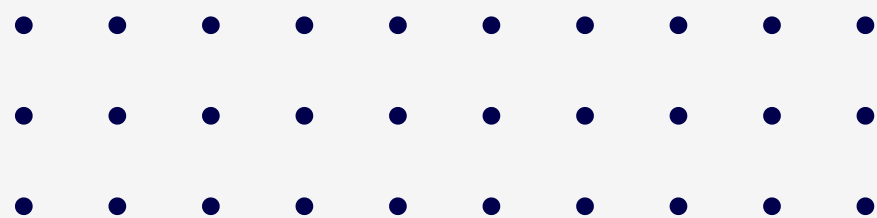
European Values:

Promoting
democracy, peace,
shared European
identity

Citizen Engagement:

Foster
participative
governance





TARGET GROUPS

Project Duration
14-16 months
Start date
March 2025

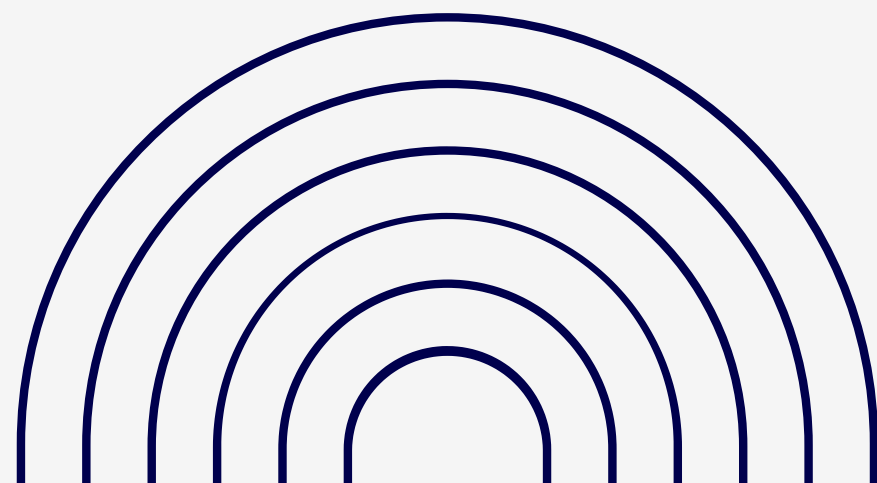
DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

Civil Society Organizations: CSOs working on the 3 thematic pillars of the call

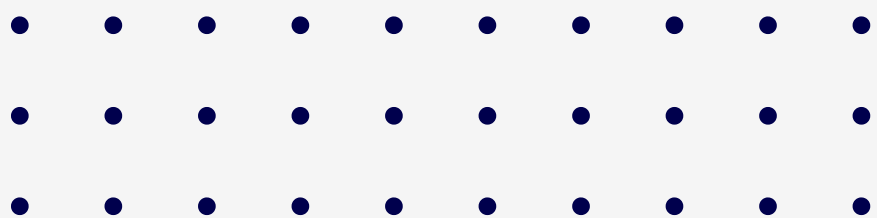
Individuals: Beneficiaries include participants of sub-grant activities, networking events, and capacity-building initiatives within the Western Balkans.

INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES

Community Members: Citizens in the six Western Balkan countries who will gain from improved quality of life, strengthened neighbourly relations, and enhanced regional cooperation as the region moves towards EU integration.



Focus: Young people aged 15-29 & Gender Balance (disadvantaged youth from rural and diverse socio-economic backgrounds)



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Legally registered in one of the WB countries

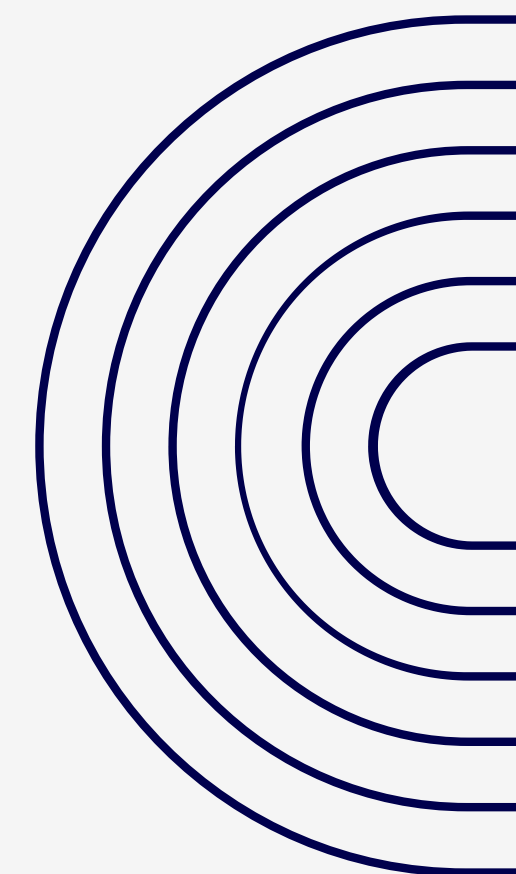
Non-profit CSO or **regional CSO network**

Minimum of 2 years experience in relevant thematic areas

Partnerships: CSOs from all 6 Western Balkan countries, applying in consortiums of **at least 3 CSOs from 3 different countries**



NOTE* National branches of international organizations can participate as co-applicants only





NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS PER APPLICANT

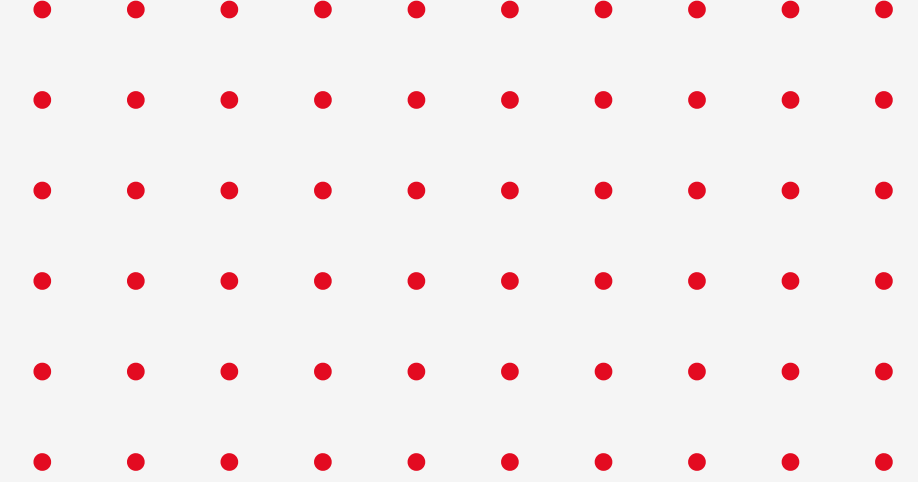


The lead applicant may **not** submit more than **1** application under this call for applications. However, it may be a Co- applicant in 1 other application of the same call at the same time.

The lead applicant may be awarded more than 1 grant under this call for applications (once as a Lead Applicant, and second as a Co-applicant).

A Co-applicant may be the partner (and awarded as a partner) in maximum 2 applications under this call for applications.

KEY PRINCIPLES OF BUDGETING – HOW TO PREPARE JUSTIFIED BUDGET!



OVERALL PROJECT BUDGET SHOULD FOLLOW SOUND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES:



Indicate whether the budget is proportioned and reasonable to the proposed budget design (time plane, main outputs and results) with a focus on the value for money and the three economic principles: efficiency, economy and effectiveness



Avoid unjustified, unrealistic and overestimated costs that do not seem to be justified by the activities and the outputs



Clear correlation of proposed activities and proposed budget (i.e. not proposed activity but budgeted and vice versa)



Costs shall be related by the real prices in the country of reference



FINANCIAL ALLOCATIONS




**Total budget:
EUR 450,000**

**Up to 6 projects
funded across
three LOTS**

**Maximum Grant:
EUR 60,000**

**Minimum:
EUR 42,000**





GRANT CO-FINANCING

Maximum 80% of
eligible project
costs funded

Minimum
20% of total
eligible costs
must come from
co-financing

No in-kind
contributions
accepted

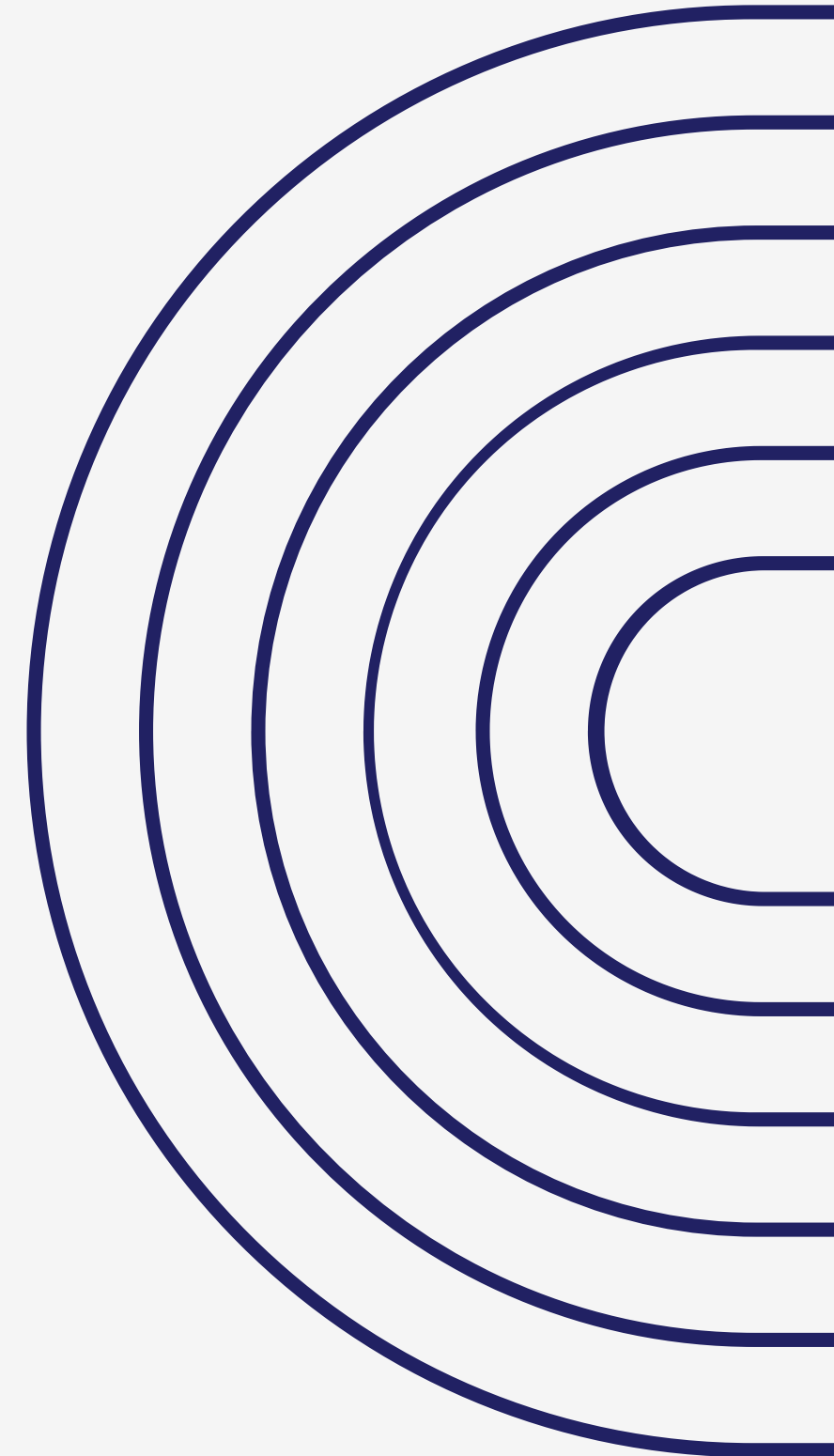




ELIGIBLE COSTS

Direct Costs: Salaries (max 40% of budget), travel, supplies, project activity costs

Non-Eligible Costs: Profit-making activities, political/religious agendas, land/building purchases, personal sponsorships, and alcohol/tobacco



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DEADLINE:
27 DECEMBER 2024
17:00 CET



APPLICATION PROCESS– REGISTRATION

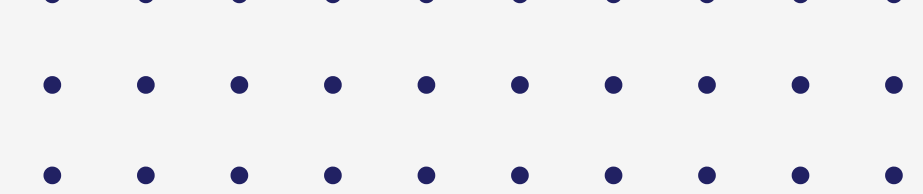
Register on BOOST Grants Platform

Submit completed application form, budget, & required documentation

EVALUATION STEPS

- STEP 1 – Administrative check
- STEP 2 – Evaluation of the applications
- STEP 3 – Final evaluation and decision



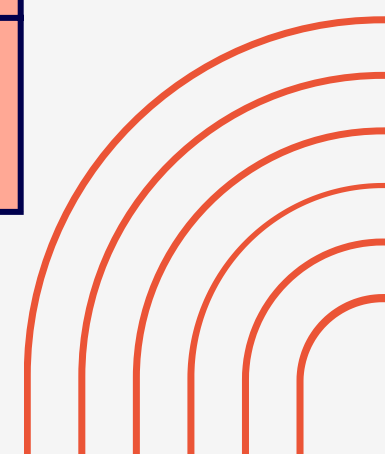


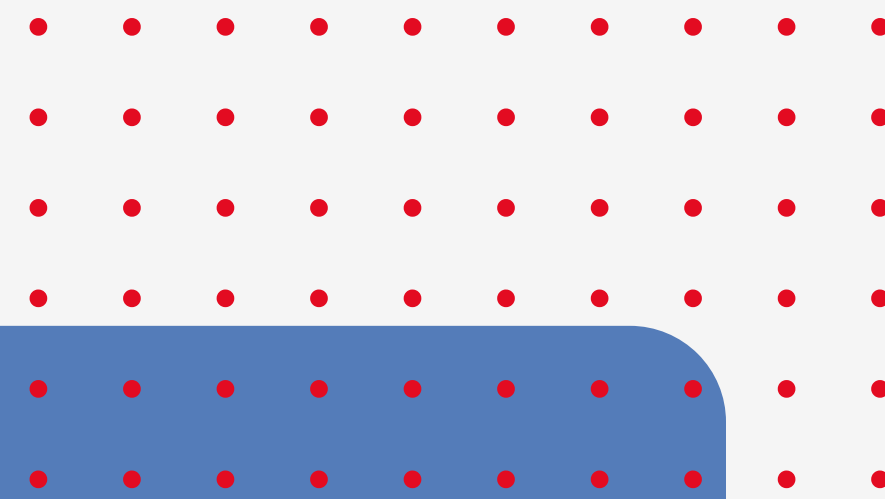
Evaluation grid Section	Maximum Score
1. Relevance	15
2. Design of the action	20
3. Implementation approach and sustainability	25
4. Financial and operational capacity	20
5. Budget and cost-effectiveness of the action	20
MAXIMUM TOTAL SCORE	100





CALL FOR APPLICATION CALENDAR	DATE
Published Call for Regional Grants Applications	25.10.2024
Online Info Session	07.11.2024
Deadline for requesting any clarifications regarding Call for Application	12.11.2024
Last date on which clarifications regarding Call for Application are issued	14.11.2024
Deadline for Submission of Regional Applications (17:00h CET)	27.12.2024
Announcements of selection results	03.03.2025
Signing of grant award contracts	March, 2025
Regional training – Required regional training for awarded CSOs	March, 2025





THANK YOU

Do you have any question?

