

BOOST GRANT SCHEME

*Supporting Local Impact of the Civil Society
Initiatives in the Western Balkans*



In partnership
with
RÉPUBLIQUE
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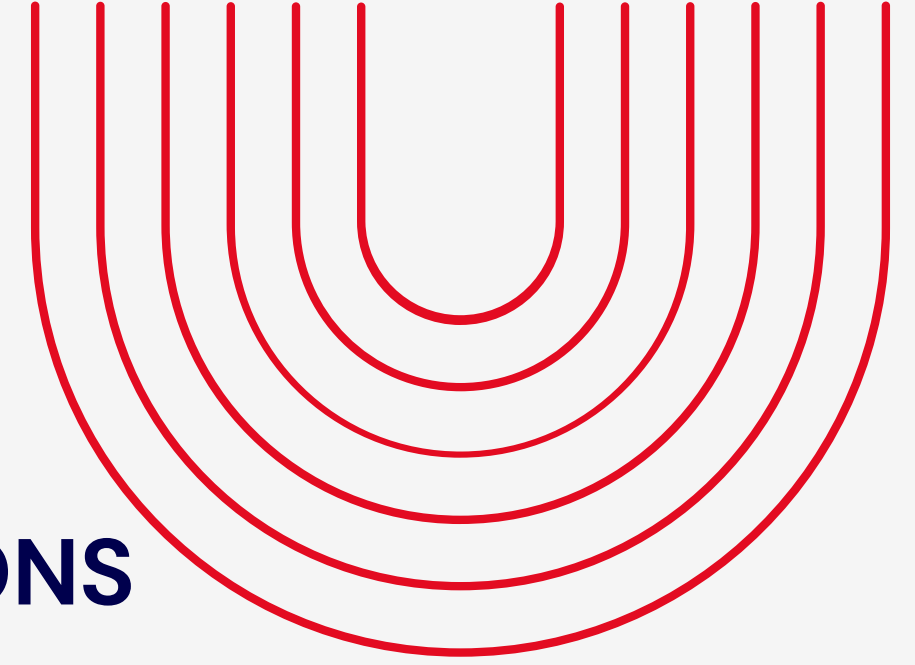


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Local Democracy
Agency of Kosovo





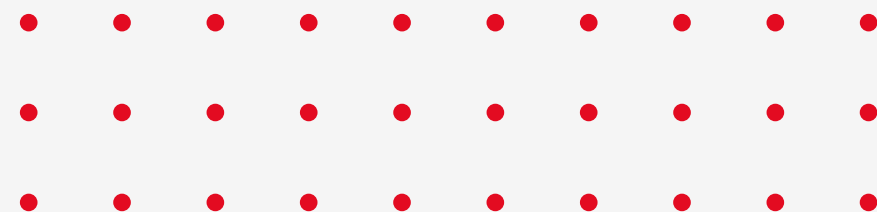
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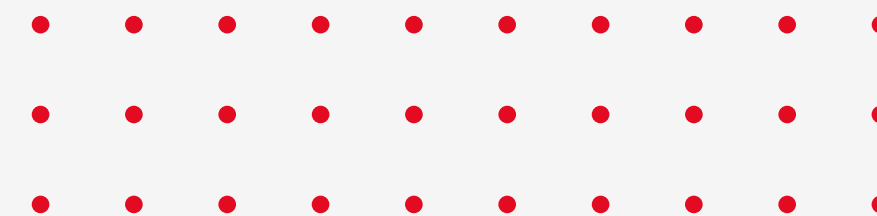
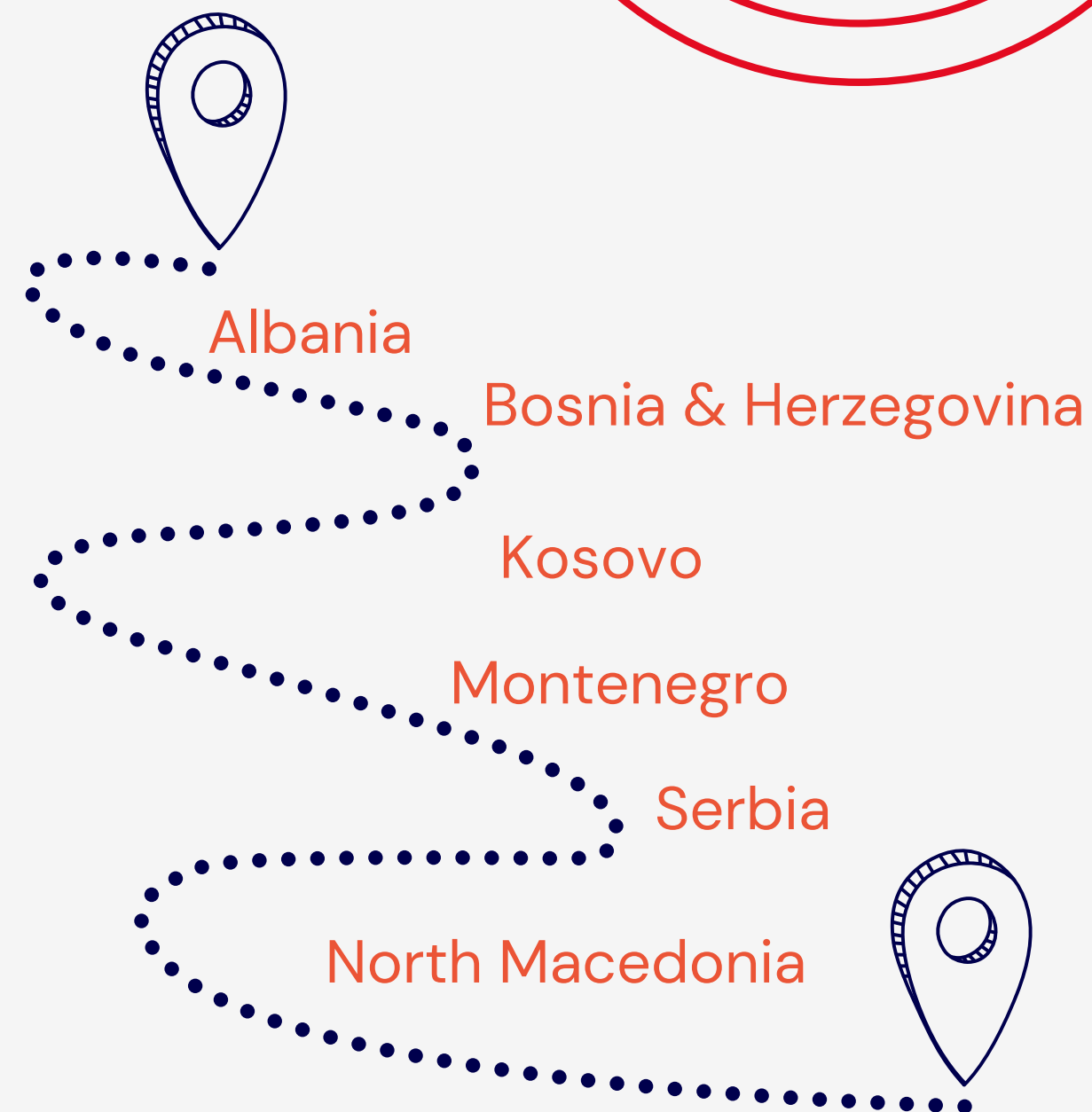
BOOST

**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 RESULTS



Improved capacity of CSOs to drive sustainable development



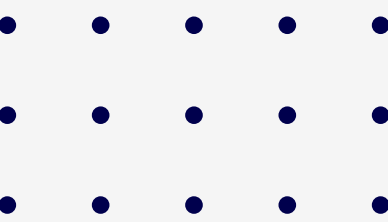
Stronger cooperation between CSOs and public institutions



Enhanced shared values of democracy, peace and inclusion

LOT 1

YOUTH AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP



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

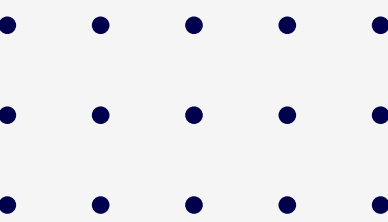
Skill Development: Workshops, boot camps, internships, and innovation hubs

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



LOT 2

RURAL DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT



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

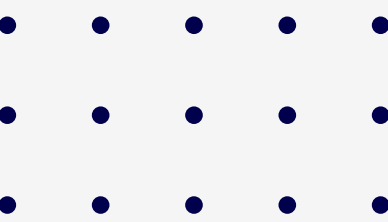
Sustainable Resource Management: Community forestry, waste recycling, and agro-tech solutions

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

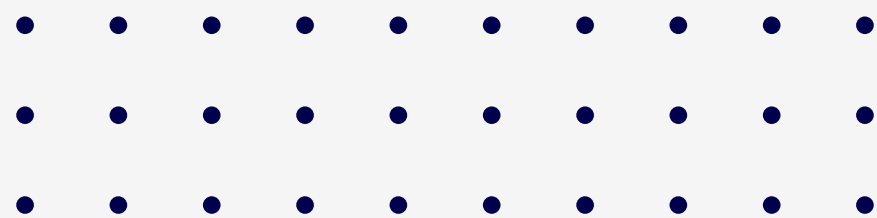


European Values:

Promoting
democracy, peace,
shared European
identity

Citizen Engagement:

Foster
participative
governance



TARGET GROUPS

Project Duration
12 months
Start date
**September
2025**

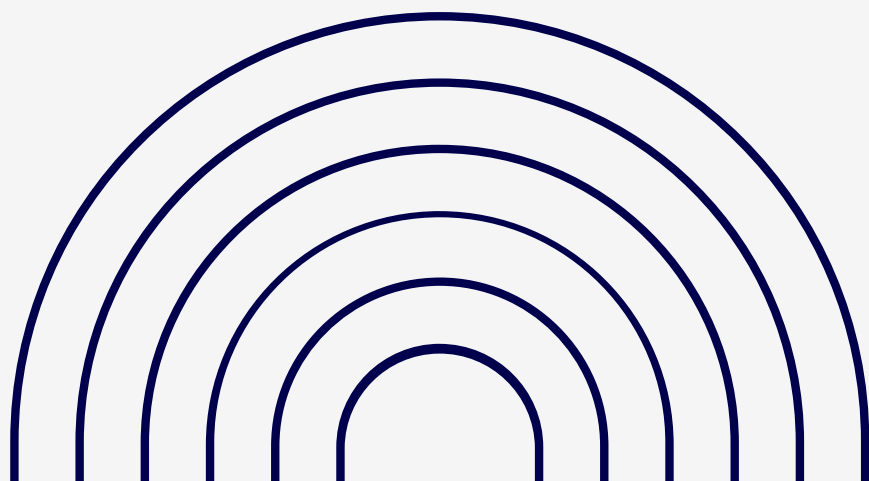
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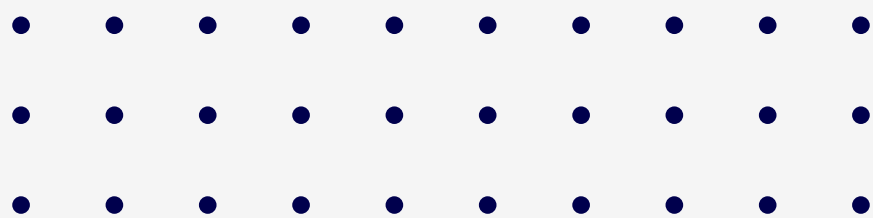
Civil Society Organizations: CSOs working on the 3 thematic pillars of the call

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

Community Members: Citizens in the six Western Balkan countries will gain from improved quality of life, strengthened neighbourly relations, and enhanced national 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

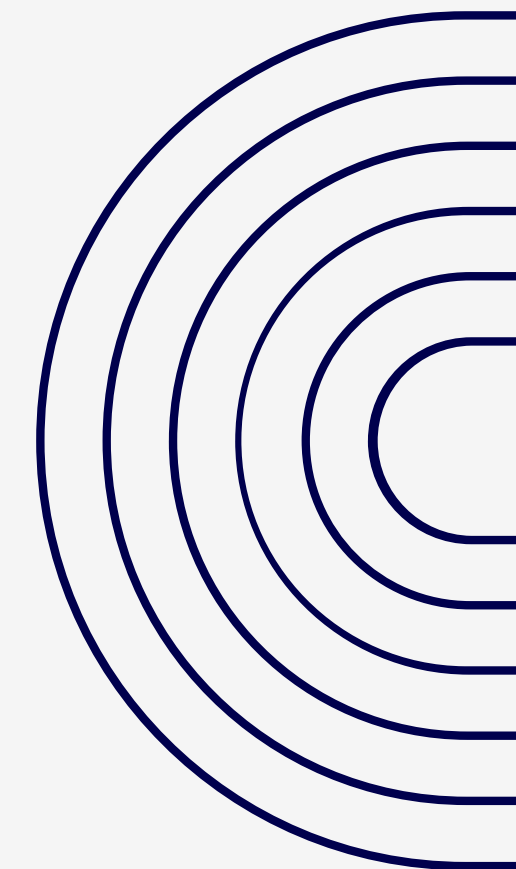
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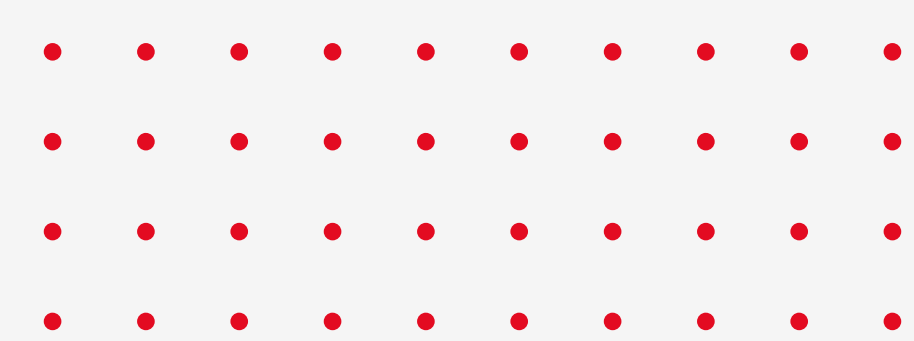
Minimum of 2 years experience in relevant thematic areas

Must be **established** in one of the six targeted WB countries

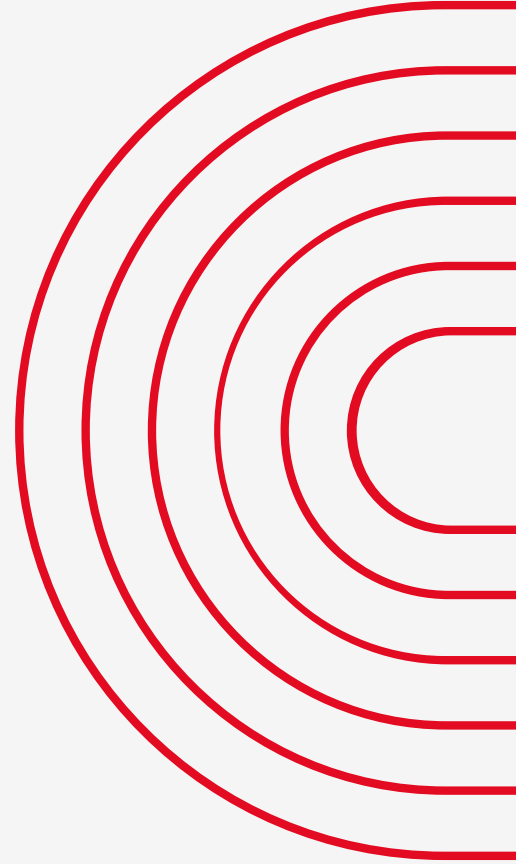


NOTE* For this call is not mandatory to be established formal partnerships





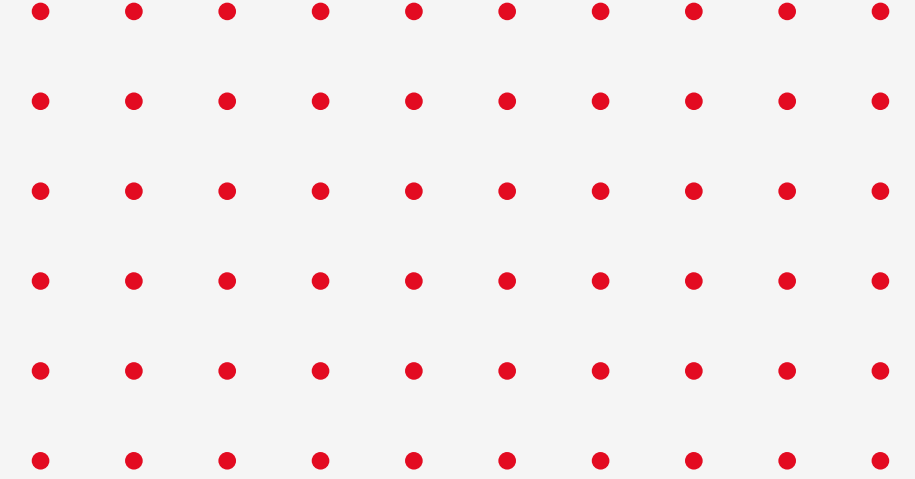
NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS PER APPLICANT



The lead applicant may not submit more than 1 application under this call for applications (and once as a partner).

The partner can participate in a maximum of 2 applications under this call for applications. (once as a lead, once as a partner in the project)

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 1,800,000**

**Up to 60 projects
funded across
three LOTS**

**Maximum Grant:
EUR 24,000**

**Minimum:
EUR 20,000**





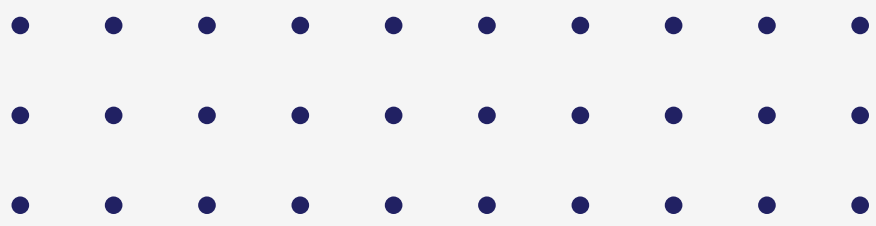
GRANT CO-FINANCING

Maximum 80% of
eligible project
costs funded

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

No in-kind
contributions
accepted

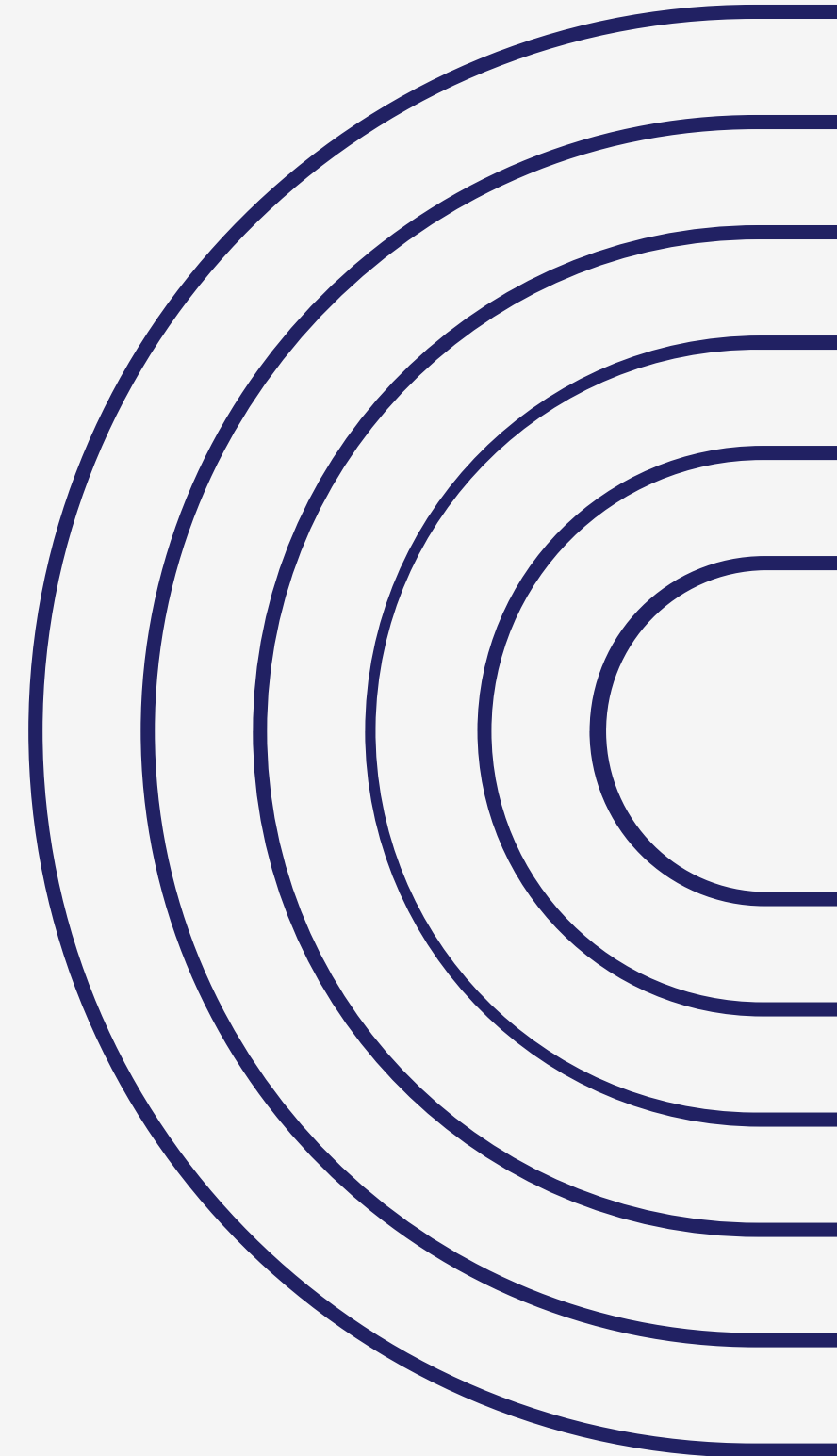




ELIGIBLE COSTS

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

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



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**DEADLINE:
12 MAY 2025
14:00 CET**



APPLICATION PROCESS– REGISTRATION

Register on BOOST Grants Platform

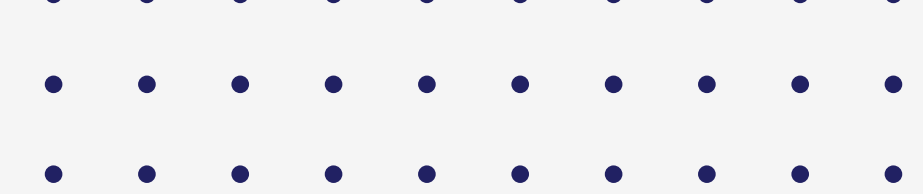
Submit completed application form, budget, & required documentation

**DEADLINE
for platform
registration:
28 APRIL 2025**

EVALUATION STEPS

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





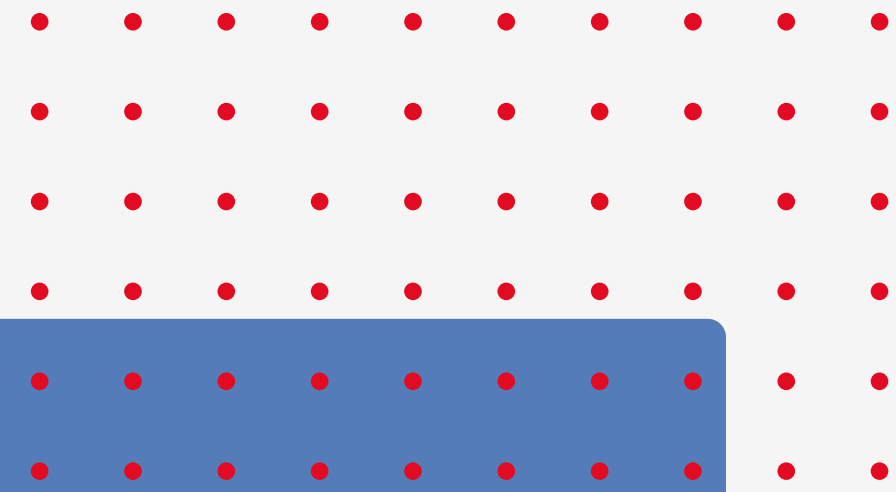
Evaluation grid Section	Maximum Score
1. Relevance	15
2. Design of the action	20
3. Implementation approach and sustainability	25
4. Financial and operational capacity	20
5. Budget and cost-effectiveness of the action	20
MAXIMUM TOTAL SCORE	100





CALL FOR APPLICATION CALENDAR	DATE
Published Call for National Grants Applications	02.04.2025
Online Info Session	17.04.2025
Deadline for registration of CSOs on Platform	28.04.2025
Last date for clarifications regarding Call for Application	24.04.2025
Deadline for Submission of National Applications (14:00h CET)	12.05.2025
Announcements of selection results	September 2025
Signing of grant award contracts	September 2025
Regional training – Required regional training for awarded CSOs	September 2025





THANK YOU

Do you have any question?

