

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

### « SUPPORTING YOUTH IN THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN »

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"Supporting Youth in the Western Mediterranean" is a joint initiative of the Government of the Principality of Monaco<sup>1</sup> and the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs<sup>2</sup>. It is executed by the European Institute for Cooperation and Development (IECD). This unprecedented action is part of the dynamics of the *Summit of the Two Shores* and the signing in Marseilles on 23rd June 2019 of the "Commitments for a new ambition in the Mediterranean" by the Foreign Ministers of the 5+5 (Algeria, Spain, France, Italy, Libya, Malta, Morocco, Mauritania, Portugal, Tunisia).

The five themes of education, vocational training, socio-economic integration, mobility and the social and solidarity-based economy emerged from the process bringing together civil society and the public and private partners of the *Summit of the Two Shores*. The text "Commitments for a new ambition in the Mediterranean" are one of the results of this Summit.

In the specific context of the Covid19 global pandemic, the call for projects will support initiatives that are part of a crisis/post-crisis support approach in the following areas. These will be consistent with the new contexts and consequences of the crisis in the countries involved. These may, for example, include initiatives to help people whose situation has been made precarious by the coronavirus pandemic, in economic, social or health terms (assistance to isolated populations, young people who have dropped out of school, victims of violence, migrants, etc.).

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<sup>1</sup> Direction de la Coopération Internationale

<sup>2</sup> Délégation Interministérielle à la Méditerranée et Délégation pour les relations avec la société civile et les partenariats <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/>

## 1. GOAL

The present Call for Proposals "Supporting Youth in the Western Mediterranean" aims **to foster a partnership between civil society organisations in the Western Mediterranean with innovative initiatives in favour of youth.**

It aims to:

- create synergies between civil society organizations from both sides of the Mediterranean working for youth and,
- identify and develop innovative approaches.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

Eligible civil society organizations, as well as public or private entities working on projects with a social impact in Algeria, Spain, France, Italy, Libya, Malta, Morocco, Mauritania, Monaco, Portugal and Tunisia, are invited to submit projects in at least one of the following fields:

- Education,
- Vocational training,
- Socio-economic integration,
- Mobility (meetings and practice exchanges between youth actors),
- Social and solidarity economy.

Projects must be submitted by a consortium of partners<sup>3</sup>: organization from the southern shore and at least one organization from the northern shore, with the following conditions:

- **The partner from the southern shore: Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Mauritania, Tunisia** will be the lead partner of the project and will, therefore, be responsible for managing the grant and representing the consortium at the IECD.

- The partnership will associate a non-governmental organization partner from the northern shore: **Spain, France, Italy, Malta, Monaco and Portugal.**

- Organizations working for young people in vulnerable situations and young women and/or those affiliated to youth networks are strongly encouraged to participate in this Call for Proposals.

- Social and solidarity-based enterprises are also eligible.

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<sup>3</sup> A partner is defined as a civil society organization or, public or private entity working on projects with a social impact..

- Applicants who do not fulfil all the administrative conditions will not be eligible.
- A single CSO can present a maximum of 2 projects as long as the consortia and projects are different.
- The NGO consortium will have to provide funding of at least 20% of the total amount of the project. The valorisations (mobilisation of human resources, provision of materials or premises) are accepted, and can be provided from one OSC or from all OSCs of the consortium.
- Project activities will have to be consistent with the context of the COVID19 crisis in the implementing country.

### 3. FUNDING & TIMETABLE

A total of 240,000€ has been allocated by the institutional partners of this Call for Proposals (180,000€ from the French ministry of foreign affairs and 60,000€ from the department of international cooperation of Monaco).

The selected initiatives will receive grants of between **€10,000 and €15,000**. Instalments will be done in Euros. As a reminder, a minimum of 20% co-financing will be presented by the consortium.

The timetable for this Call for Proposals is as follows:

Launch of the call for proposals	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
Closure of the call for proposals	Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2020 at midnight (Paris time)
Launch of projects	September / October 2020
Closure of projects	Last quarter of 2021

The recommended duration of projects is 12 months. Depending on the evolution of the Covid-19 health crisis, the partners reserve the right to extend the closing date of the Call for Proposals.

## 4. SELECTION CRITERIA

### **The proposed projects will have to:**

- Be in the fields of education, vocational training, socio-economic integration, mobility, and social and solidarity-based economy
- Contribute to the achievement of at least one Sustainable Development Goal adopted by the United Nations in 2015 ([SDGs](#)) related to the objectives of the project. Projects meeting the following SDGs are strongly encouraged: SDG1 "No Poverty", SDG4 "Quality Education", SDG5 "Gender Equality", SDG8 "Decent Work and Economic Growth", SDG10 "Reduced Inequalities", SDG15 "Life on Land".
- It is mandatory to take into account the context of the COVID19 crisis and to provide innovative solutions to the consequences of the crisis in the five areas covered by this call for projects.

### **The assessment criteria will be as follows:**

- The project must take into account the most vulnerable groups (in particular those facing poverty, school drop-out, unemployment, disability, conflict, violence, etc.).
- The project will have to demonstrate its relevance: the activities and partnerships presented will be consistent with the objectives of the project in the context of implementation.
- The project description, objectives, activities and budget will be clear and precise.
- The project will take into account gender equality ([OECD gender marker 1<sup>4</sup> as a minimum](#)) and an environmental dimension.
- The project will include capitalization and experience-sharing activities and will propose communication actions.
- The project will seek to involve local actors in the activities developed.
- Projects proposing an innovative and/or original approach will receive a bonus.
- Projects will include capitalisation, experience sharing activities, and communication actions. All the communication documents and actions carried out within this project will highlight the support of partners by mentioning their names and logos.

**Important: Project activities may not be linked in any way to religious proselytizing or political propaganda.**

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4 (*marked 1*) means that gender equality is an important and deliberate objective, but not the principal reason for undertaking the project.

## 5. CANDIDATURE SUBMISSION

The application form must be complete and sent before Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at midnight (Paris time) by email to the following address: [aap@iecd.org](mailto:aap@iecd.org). Large files can be sent to this same email address through the WeTransfer platform.

The proposals should preferably be written in French, but proposals written in English will also be accepted.

It must consist of the following elements:

### Administrative details

1. For each CSO:

- Statutes
- Registration of the articles of association with the competent authorities
- The list of members
- The minutes of the last general meeting OR the last moral and financial report

Applicants are requested to provide only these 4 elements.

2. For other entities (public or private entities):

- Statutes
- Entry in the commercial register (for private sector entities)
- A detailed presentation of their activities of general interest.

3. The letter of application, confirming the commitment of the parties, has to be signed by the members of the consortium and indicate the necessary bank information of the lead organization. A letter model is provided in **Annex 1.Doc.LP**.

### Project description

4. A concept note according to the template **Annex 2.Doc.NC**

5. A provisional timetable in line with the activities proposed by the project

### Budget

6. An estimated budget according to the template **Annex 3.Tab.BP**

- It must be expressed in euros.
- Grants must contribute to the financing of the expenses necessary for the proper implementation of the project, they must be real, reasonable and justified.

## 6. INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS & OPERATOR

**The Monegasque Cooperation of Development:** The International Cooperation Office (DCI) is in charge of implementing the public aid policy of the principality of Monaco. Its action, aimed

at combating poverty and focuses on four areas: health, food security, socio-economic integration and education. One of its flagship programmes is job creation, particularly in the Mediterranean. For example, the DCI supports the actions of the "MedNC" Mediterranean New Chance Network. The DCI rely on the network of honorary consulates of Monaco in the countries concerned.

**Délégation pour les relations avec la société civile et les partenariats du ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires étrangères (MEAE/DGM/CIV) :** The Delegation for Relations with Civil Society and Partnerships manages relations with French and foreign non-State actors involved in international relations in matters falling within the remit of the Directorate-General of global affairs, culture, education and international development du Minister of Foreign Affairs. It is in charge of dialogue, support and the conduct of policies involving civil society in France, in the European framework and the rest of the world. It provides the secretariat of the National Council for Development and International Solidarity. It promotes consultation and support for the representatives of local non-state actors. Together with the various operators concerned, it manages the support for French NGO initiatives. In this capacity, it contributes to the development and is responsible for monitoring international solidarity volunteering, civic service abroad and multi-actor partnerships.

**Délégation Interministérielle à la Méditerranée:** The Interministerial Delegate for the Mediterranean is placed under the authority of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Without prejudice to the powers exercised by the General Secretariat for European Affairs, the Interministerial Delegate for the Mediterranean shall lead and promote actions implemented within the framework of France's policy towards the southern shore of the Mediterranean, both within State services and between these services and other persons, public or private. To carry out its missions, the Interministerial Delegate for the Mediterranean relies on the services and bodies placed under the authority of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. He may call on the services of other ministries as necessary. He or she shall have at his or her disposal staff made available by the ministers or public establishments of the State. It may also have recourse to a limited number of contract staff. Administrative and budgetary management is attached to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

**Institut européen de coopération et de développement (IECD) :** IECD is a partner in the execution of this call for projects and has been entrusted by the DCI/Monaco with the organisation, launch, implementation and follow-up of the call for projects.

The European Institute for Cooperation and Development is an international solidarity organisation created in 1988. It implements human and economic development projects in some fifteen countries, in partnership with local institutions and partners. The IECD intervenes in the fields of education, training, professional integration and entrepreneurship. It is present in sub-Saharan Africa, Madagascar, the Mediterranean Basin and South-East Asia. Since 2018,

the IECD has been piloting the MedNC Mediterranean New Chance Network, a project highlighted during the last « Summit of the Two Shores ».

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## THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

Any questions should be sent by email to [aap@iecd.org](mailto:aap@iecd.org).

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