

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

I. Background

A 3-year DEAR-funded (Development Education and Awareness Raising programme of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Development and Cooperation) **'Make Europe Sustainable for All' project** combines the expertise and experience of 25 partners from 14 EU countries, EU and global networks. Its approach responds to the needs for the meaningful, participative and legitimate Agenda 2030 implementation and the necessity of global, holistic and integrated actions, working from the global to the local level. Its aim is to promote an ambitious implementation of Agenda 2030 by and in the EU, making the EU and European governments accountable and ambitious in their implementation. While strengthening the European network SDG Watch Europe and encouraging and supporting the national multi-sectoral civil society coalitions, enhancing cooperation and national and local CSOs capacities, European and national policy and raising-awareness campaigns, we want to substantially increase awareness amongst EU citizens and policymakers about their roles and responsibilities in working for a sustainable future, the transition to more sustainable lifestyles and developing and promoting coherent policies. By encouraging the participation and cooperation of all civil society sectors, we want to ensure that sustainability is at the centre of decision- and policies-making, guaranteeing that none is left behind.

The project foresees **financial support to local groups, grass-root organisations, and other civil society actors working at the local level** in order to strengthen their capacity, knowledge sharing and exchange on the implementation, monitoring of the SDGs, and to raise awareness of the transformative role SDGs can have for every EU citizen and their role in promoting the Agenda 2030.

The project approach is to tackle all 17 SDGs, reflecting on their inter-linkages and interdependencies through the diverse European, national and local actions with a special focus on the thematic campaigns on Fighting Inequalities, Sustainable Food and Agriculture, Sustainable Consumption and Production, integrating in each cross-cutting issues on Gender, Migration and Climate change.

The thematic focus of the campaign in the first year is on fighting inequalities:

The ['Fighting Inequalities' campaign](#) focus aims at leaving no one behind and respecting of planetary boundaries. It is a joint endeavour of local, national and European actors from 15 countries to raise awareness and push for policy & social change in order to tackle inequality and poverty in Europe and beyond. This campaign focus is about empowering and promoting the social, cultural, economic and political inclusion of everyone – especially women, children and minorities. It's about ensuring equal opportunities and equality of outcomes by advocating that discriminatory policies and practices be replaced. It's about reversing cuts in public investment in essential services and social protection schemes. It's about advocating for social protection policies to progressively achieve greater equality. It's about ensuring environmental justice. It is about creating tax justice. It's about promoting safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people. It's about ending all forms of discrimination against women and girls.

In Belgium, in accordance with the project and thematic campaign approach, local actions shall focus on the SDGs and Agenda 2030 implementation in Belgium, particularly in relation to the issues of fighting inequalities. Proposed actions shall raise awareness and engage policy makers at local



and regional level in developing and promoting coherent policies for sustainable future with an active participation of the civil society.

II. Objectives, target, expected results and thematic priorities:

Objective of the sub-granting is to raise awareness on SDGs at local level and to engage local target population in mobilizing local actors and authorities in commitments and practical actions for the implementation of SDGs.

Sub-grantees in their actions shall **target** both formal and informal local groups (multiplying effect of the capacity building, awareness-raising) and citizens including schools and students to raise awareness towards SDGs and daily life choices. Those will contribute to the expected **results**:

- building the capacity of local actors,
- strengthening and/creating knowledge-sharing local platforms and networks on the implementation, monitoring of the SDGs,
- strengthening alliances of local actors working in the support of Agenda 2030,
- raising-awareness and engaging citizens in promoting the Agenda 2030.

Thematic priority:

Local actions developed by the sub-grantees shall contribute to the pan-European and national thematic campaign on Fighting Inequalities, transformation towards achieving SDGs and reaching out and engaging local EU citizens towards sustainable, fair, low-carbon lifestyles. Local actions developed by the sub-grantees shall contribute to the national campaign topics as previously stated.

III. Eligibility criteria

Who can apply?

- Local grass-root organizations/entities
- Local members of national CSOs operating at the local level
- Local citizens groups, including student groups, clubs, civic initiative groups and similar

Note: National civil society organisations are eligible if the action involves local groups and people at the grass-roots level.

In order to be eligible for a sub-grant, applicants must:

- a) Be legal persons and/or registered entity.
- b) Be non-profit making
- c) Be established in Belgium.

Note: An applicant can submit only one proposal in the same Call for proposals at the national level.

Eligible Activities

Duration: sub-granted activities implementation period starts from the day of the signature of contracts (May) and must be completed by the 31st of October 2018, and reports of implementation



submitted within one month after the end of the selected projects.

Size of grants: Any grant requested under this call for proposals shall not exceed the maximum amount of 1000 euros. Grants are subject to the 85% pre-financing payment of the agreed budget at the start of the project, and 15% balance payment after the submission of the reports based on the actual cost incurred.

Note: In the present call for proposals 3 grants of a max. 1000 euros will be awarded. Please be aware there is another Call for proposal open for applicants coming from the 15 countries for the grants of a max. 7000euros. For the details please visit www.makeeuropesustainableforall.org.

Sector or themes: the sub-granted activities must be in line with the objectives and the priorities of the present project, and in particular with the national campaign and thematic focus on fighting inequalities.

Location: activities must take place at the local level in Belgium.

Type of activities: AWARENESS-RAISING/ACTIVIST/CAPACITY BUILDING

List of different types of activities which may be eligible for sub-grants:

- Public events,
- Training events
- Panel discussions
- Exchange with policy makers
- Educational activities (schools, universities, etc.)
- Stunts,
- Dialogues,
- Street actions,
- Workshops
- Creative and cultural activities
- Youth activities
- Publications (leaflets, audiovisual productions, campaign material etc)
- Video, audio or photo and text expressions by people affected by inequalities for media/social media use

The following types of action are considered to be **ineligible:**

- Actions concerned only or mainly with individual sponsorships for participation in workshops, seminars, conferences, congresses;
- Actions concerned only or mainly with individual scholarships for studies or training courses;
- Actions supporting political parties;
- Actions concerning fundraising activities
- Core funding of the applicant
- Actions which consist exclusively or primarily in capital expenditure, i.e. IT equipment
- Actions which discriminate against individuals or groups of people on grounds of their gender, sexual orientation, religious beliefs or lack of them, or their ethnic origin;

Eligible costs

Costs have to be directly related to the implementation of the action. Preference will be given to projects with a favorable ration of costs and potential outreach and with most of the



expected expenditure linked to the implementation of the action itself (such as production of materials, costs related to the venue, travel costs for speakers, direct labour costs etc.). Indirect costs will not be covered while staff costs directly related to the project can be included in the proposed budget.

III. Selection criteria

Selection process will take into account, among others, the relevance of the project proposal with reference to the Make Europe Sustainable for All project objectives, giving the priority to the thematic focus on the human development and inequality, cross-sectoral approach of the proposed activities, the outreach capacity, the originality and innovative character, its relevance for the local community, the capacity to increase citizens' awareness and engagement on sustainable development goals issues and the involvement of other actors, , social movements , NGOs, Local Authorities, project impact and sustainability of the results achieved.

Priority will be given to the local grass-root actors working directly with the local communities, proposing innovative public mobilization and campaign activities involving citizens and local and regional policy-makers, as well as the actions resulting in the development of the SDGs related policy demands and monitoring of the SDGs implementation in and by Belgium.

Applications will be checked for compliance with eligibility criteria. The selection committee will evaluate and rate the project proposals in line with the evaluation grid. The results will be published on the project and EEB websites and winning proposals will be contacted.

IV. Reporting

The beneficiaries will provide the necessary reports (narrative and financial reports accompanied by the justificatory documents), using the templates provided, including photos/pictures and its outreach (online links, publications etc).

V. Communication & visibility The selected projects must fully respect the visibility and communication requirements related to the Make Europe Sustainable for All project, including the logos of the project, and of the EU flag (+ the reference "with the financial support of the European Union" and the relevant disclaimer) in all publications, references, documents, news and any other visibility and communication action.

VI. How to apply?

Please submit by email your Project proposal composed by:

- Application form (see the template in Annex I)
- Budget (see the template in Annex II)

Applications must be sent to sonia.goicoechea@eeb.org.

Deadline for submission

Proposals must be submitted by 6th of May, midnight CET.



V. INDICATIVE TIMETABLE

Deadline for submission of proposals	6 th of May, midnight CET
Evaluation and selection process	6 th of May – 25 th of May 2018
Communication on the selection of 2018 beneficiaries	25 th of May 2018
Implementation period	May – 31 st of October 2018
Reporting	Submitted within one month after the end of the selected projects, the latest 30 th of November 2018).

For more information: To find out more, please contact sonia.goicoechea@eeb.org.

