

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 no one 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.

'Make Europe Sustainable for All' project is implemented in the following countries:

- *Austria
- *Belgium
- *Czech Republic
- *France
- *Germany
- *Greece
- *Ireland
- *Italy
- *Lithuania
- *Netherlands
- *Poland
- *Portugal
- *Romania
- *Slovenia
- *Spain

For more information on our national partners, EU and global networks please visit:
<http://makeeuropesustainableforall.org/our-team/>



The project approach is to address all 17 SDGs, reflecting on their inter-linkages and interdependencies through the diverse European, national and local actions. Special focus is given through 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.

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

The objective of promoting financial support is to raise awareness on the SDGs at local level and to engage local groups in mobilizing actors and authorities at local level in commitments and practical actions for the implementation of SDGs.

The 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 of the SDGs and daily life choices. The activities 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 grantees shall contribute to the pan-European and national thematic campaigns on Fighting Inequalities, transformation towards achieving SDGs and reaching out and engaging local EU citizens towards sustainable, fair, low-carbon lifestyles.

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, that is, a registered entity.
- b) Be non-profit making
- c) Be established in one of the project countries.

Note: An applicant can submit only one proposal in the same call for proposals..

Eligible Activities

Duration: the implementation period starts from the day of the signature of contracts (May-June) 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 7000 euros. Grants are subject to a 85% pre-financing payment of the agreed budget at the start of the project, and the payment of the balance after the submission of the reports based on the actual cost incurred.

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

Location: activities must take place at the local level in one of the project countries.

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 ratio 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

The selection criteria 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 human development and inequality, 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.

All proposals must reflect the inter-sectoral approach, i.e. engagement in their actions of the organisations, groups and individuals from different sectors (at least 3 different sectors represented).

Priority will be given to local grass-root actors working directly with the local communities, as well to those entities/organizations that have participated in the capacity building activities developed within the Make Europe Sustainable for All project at the country level (if applicable).

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

IV. Reporting

The grantees 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 kasia.tusiewicz@eeb.org.

In the subject line please include: “[Country of your project proposal], Sub-granting Lot 2, [Your organisation name]”

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 kasia.tusiewicz@eeb.org.

