

## 5<sup>th</sup> Call for proposals for supporting Civil Society Organisations

### “Strengthening French-Croatian partnerships among Civil Society Organisations”

In partnership with the Croatian Office for Cooperation with NGOs of the government of the Republic of Croatia, the French embassy in Croatia launches a call for proposals to promote French-Croatian partnerships among civil society organisations.

#### What is the objective of the call?

The call is designed to encourage the development of joint projects between Croatian and French civil society organisations in the priority areas detailed below.

It provides an opportunity for Croatian NGOs to benefit from a grant (up to 3.000 EUR) to implement projects involving a French partner(s) and/or French expertise.

#### What are the sectoral priorities of the call?

Priority will be given to the projects dealing with one or more of the following topics:

- **Priority 1: Gender equality and the fight against any type of gender-based discrimination** i.e., activities aiming at:
  - promoting gender equality in the access to employment, work- life balance, family protection issues (including violence against women), access to education, political representation and participation;
  - fighting discrimination based on sexual orientation.
  
- **Priority 2: Reconciliation and promotion of tolerance** i.e., activities aiming at:
  - supporting intercultural and interethnic dialogue processes in the Croatian society at local, regional and national levels to enhance peaceful cohabitation and promote reconciliation;
  - encouraging activities and exchanges of experiences to spread civic values and promote mutual trust and respect among individuals and between various social groups.
  
- **Priority 3: Protection of the environment and the fight against climate change**, i.e. activities aiming at:
  - protecting marine and terrestrial biodiversity, promoting sustainable waste management, circular and social economy;
  - promoting energy transition, adaptation and climate change mitigation through innovation;
  - Raising public awareness on environmental protection and unfolding educational activities pursuing widespread behavioural changes.

**Who can apply?**

The lead Applicant must be a non-profit civil society organisation registered in the Croatian Register of Non-profit Organisations (RNO) for at least 12 months.

The Applicant must have a transparent financial reporting (consultable in the RNO).

All projects must include a French component (partnering organisation or invited expert).

The Applicant should have identified the right French partner for the project before applying and should indicate the name of the partner or organisation that he would like to cooperate with in the application form.

**Number of applications and grants per applicant:**

- The applicant may submit only one application under this Call for proposals;
- The applicant may be a co-applicant or an affiliated entity in another application at the same time;
- Applicants who were selected in the framework of the previous Calls are eligible but their application will not be considered as a priority.

**What types of activities can be supported?**

- Organisation of conferences, roundtables, workshops and seminars involving French expertise;
- Activities oriented towards children and youth in the framework of cross-curricular subjects (on civic education, media literacy, etc.);
- Organisation of study visits to France;
- Awareness raising, citizen mobilization and advocacy activities;
- Joint publications, training sessions, etc.

This list is not exhaustive. "One-off" conference or event without a clear line of follow-up activities should be avoided. Profit making activities are not eligible.

Online activities can also be supported.

**Which duration for the project?**

The maximum duration of the project is 12 months. Projects should start in 2023 and should be completed by June 2024. Activities occurring prior to May 2023 cannot be funded.

**What is the level of co-financing?**

The French embassy will co-finance the project up to 70% of the total costs. A minimum of 30% of co-financing is hence expected from the Croatian partner(s).

The projects selected in the present call will hence become eligible to co-funding options from the Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs of the Republic of Croatia (<https://udruga.gov.hr/istaknute-teme/financiranje-programa-i-projekata-udruga-iz-javnih-izvora/sufinanciranje/321>).

The maximum amount that can be awarded to a project is 3.000 EUR. There is no minimum grant.

Operating costs for the NGOs should not exceed 5% of the total budget of the project.

Selected projects will be entitled to use the premises of the French Institute (*Preradovićeva 5, Zagreb*) for their public events during the whole duration of the project, provided that they ask for it least one month in advance.

#### **What are the selection criteria?**

- Relevance with regard to the particular needs and challenges faced by the Croatian society and alignment with the priorities of the call
- Quality and relevance of the proposed French-Croatian partnership, the ability of the French expertise to contribute to the expected outcomes of the project,
- Feasibility of the proposed activities within the project implementation deadlines and quality of project design,
- Impact of the project at local, regional and national levels,
- Regional dimension of the project activities through a cooperation with neighbouring countries will be considered as a plus,
- Attention will be given to projects contributing to the involvement of youth into public and social life.

#### **How to apply?**

Project promoters must submit their applications in English. The application consists of the application form and project budget in forms provided under this Call for proposals. Bear in mind that it is obligatory to use only prescribed application and budget forms.

Applications must be sent by e-mail to [institutionnel@institutfrancais.hr](mailto:institutionnel@institutfrancais.hr) **by April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**.

**!/ \ Please, do not send your application via JumboMail, WeTransfer and other similar ways.**

Application pack to be submitted by email include the following documents:

1. Application form (attached),
2. Project budget (attached),
3. Registration act of the lead applicant if not reachable in the public register (Register of Associations) - it can be in original language,
4. Letter of intent of the French partner

**Incomplete submissions will not be considered.**

#### **Selection process and indicative timetable:**

Applications will be examined and evaluated by a selection committee composed of representatives of the French Embassy and of the Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs of the Republic of Croatia. Selected applicants will be invited for an interview (personally or via conference call).

- Public announcement of the Call for proposal: March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Deadline for submission of Application form: **April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**
- Publication of the results of the selection process: End of April 2023

- Signature of the Contract and project kick-off: May 2023

**Reporting procedure:**

A narrative and financial report in English will be sent within maximum 2 months after the end of the project to the French Embassy by e-mail to the following address: [djuro.zifra@diplomatie.gouv.fr](mailto:djuro.zifra@diplomatie.gouv.fr).

**Contacts:**

For any further information regarding this call, please contact the French Embassy at the following address: [institutionnel@institutfrancais.hr](mailto:institutionnel@institutfrancais.hr).

All necessary documents can be found on the French Embassy website <https://hr.ambafrance.org/> and on the website of the Office for Cooperation with NGOs of the Government of the Republic of Croatia, <https://udruga.gov.hr/>.