



NGO Fund - SOCIAL JUSTICE Component

July 2014

Sub-Components:	
Rural interethnic communities development	Financial allocation: 1,010,233 Euro
Fighting social inequalities, poverty and exclusion	Financial allocation: 649,635 Euro

General information	
Objective of the Component	<p>The general objective of SOCIAL JUSTICE Component is to contribute to combating social exclusion and reducing disparities within society and between various groups of society.</p> <p>The focus of the component is on actions demonstrating measurable results in combating poverty and social inequalities.</p>
Contribution to the Programme outcomes	<p>The projects financed under SOCIAL JUSTICE Component have to contribute to one or more of the following outcomes of the Programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active citizenship fostered • Increased involvement of NGOs in policy and decision making processes with local, regional and national governments • Cross-sectoral partnerships developed, particularly with government organisations at local, regional and/or national level • Democratic values, including human rights, promoted • Advocacy and watchdog role developed • Developed networks and coalitions of NGOs working in partnership • Strengthened capacity of NGOs and an enabling environment for the sector promoted • Provision of welfare and basic services to defined target groups increased • Empowerment of vulnerable groups
Horizontal concerns	<p>Project proposals are encouraged to tackle the following horizontal concerns of the Programme: hate speech, extremism and hate crime, racism and xenophobia, homophobia, anti-Semitism, tolerance and multicultural understanding, Roma, sexual harassment, violence against women and trafficking.</p>
Financial allocation	<p>The total allocation for this Component under the second round of Call for proposals is 1,659,868 Euro. The detailed amounts are specified under each Sub-Component.</p> <p><i>Please note that reallocations for each types of grants will be possible, based on the results of the evaluation process. Also, additional funds from the first round that remain unspent (if the case) will be automatically reallocated to the second round, thereby increasing the total allocation for this component indicated above. In the event that additional funding is allocated to this component, project applications that have been put on the reserve list may receive funding from the additional allocation. The projects on the reserve list</i></p>

	<i>will be selected for funding in decreasing order of their ranking, up to the total absorption of the allocation.</i>
Co-financing	<p>The project grant rate may be up to 90% of the total eligible expenditure of the project.</p> <p>The co-financing shall be provided in the form of cash (financial, including electronic transfers) or in-kind contribution. In-kind contribution may only take the form of voluntary work and may constitute up to 50% of the co-financing required by the Component for the project.</p>
Support for organisational development	<p>It will be possible to allocate up to 20% from the total eligible costs of the project for activities meant to contribute to the organisational development of the applicant organisation and/or of the Romanian partner NGOs.</p> <p>More details related to the costs for organisational development will be available in the Guidelines for applicants.</p>
Launching and deadline for submissions	<p>The second call for proposals for SOcial JUSTICE Component will be launched in July – August 2014.</p> <p>Starting from the launching date, at least two months will be allowed for submitting the applications (the deadline for submissions will be specified in the Guidelines for Applicants).</p>
Number of applications per organisation	<p>An applicant organisation may submit a maximum number of 2 project proposals under the second round, out of which only 1 proposal for Large grants. Organisations that contracted and/or are in the precontracting phase with 2 or more projects under the first round (cumulative on all Components) may submit maximum 1 project proposal under the second round.</p> <p>The maximum number of project proposals submitted by an organisation refers to all Components that are launched within the second round. The number of projects contracted by an organisation under the first round will be calculated, as well, taking into account all Components launched under the first round.</p>
Application procedure	<p>For all Components, the application procedure consists of filling the Application form and uploading its annexes exclusively through an online application system. Originals of documents will be requested only for project proposals recommended for financing after the selection process.</p> <p>Please note that the complete information on the application procedure will be found in the respective Guidelines for Applicants for each Sub-Component.</p> <p>The Guidelines for Applicants will also include information on the evaluation process, selection criteria, evaluation grid, monitoring of projects, reporting and payments.</p>
Additional information	<p>Guidelines for applicants and its specific annexes for the present Call for proposals are available online on the dedicated webpage of the Programme www.fondong.fdsc.ro.</p> <p>All potential applicants must periodically check the Programme website in order to stay updated with regard of any information related to this Call for Proposals or to the financing Programme.</p> <p>Questions related to this Call for Proposals may be addressed by potential applicants by e-mail, phone or fax no later 5 working days before the deadline</p>

	<p>for submission of applications to the following contact persons, depending on the sub-Component:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - for Rural interethnic communities development: Radu Lacatus – Senior Grants Officer E-mail: rural@romacenter.ro; phone: 0264 420 474; fax: 0264 420470. - for Fighting social inequalities, poverty and exclusion: Ileana Hargalaş – Senior Grants Officer E-mail: socialjustice@fdsc.ro; phone: 021 310 01 81; fax: 021 310 01 80 <p>Answers will be given no later than 3 working days before the deadline.</p> <p>Questions that may be relevant to other applicants, together with the answers, will be published on the Programme website.</p>
<p>Subcomponent <i>Rural interethnic communities development</i></p>	
<p>Objective of the Sub-Component</p>	<p>The specific objective of Sub-Component Rural interethnic communities development is to contribute on medium and long term to the development of the disadvantaged interethnic communities and improvement of Roma situation.</p>
<p>Eligible activities</p>	<p>Eligible projects under this Sub-Component are those that fulfil the following cumulative conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ensure active participation of the community members, including the Roma and most disadvantaged ones, and - ensure a balanced participation of all ethnic groups. <p>Examples of activities that may be included in projects supported under this Sub-Component (non-exhaustive list):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - fostering active citizenship and participatory democracy including grassroots/local level – involvement of vulnerable groups in the process: information, consultation, decision-making and solving the community problems (including participation in public debates on local budgets, development of local strategies, promoting the Roma community problems in the local strategy etc) - dissemination of relevant community information / awareness raising that will support transparency on the decision making and uses of local funds, information about sources of funding and local problems etc. - involving community members in identifying local resources and decisively contributing to solving local problems - promote self-help and mutual-help initiatives that provide practice in taking on responsibilities, carrying out tasks cooperatively and learning new skills needed in the running of community organizations that maintain and promote employability and participation in the economic life of the community - organising multicultural dialogue activities that bring together Roma and non Roma community members (sport, educational and cultural events, local celebrations etc) - strengthening membership base of organisations in targeted communities and increase participation of members in organisation activities and decision-making - elaboration of community action plans that respond to the needs of the most disadvantaged members of the community

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - networking with other local NGOs or stakeholders in order to work together and apply pressure on decision-makers for solving local problems - education and training activities (e.g. School after school activities, mentorship for disadvantaged pupils, adult education, community centres, vocational counselling, vocational training courses, IT courses, foreign language courses, entrepreneurship training, etc) according to identified needs and oriented to achieving concrete results strengthening the capacity of the NGOs in these communities to contribute to the active participation of the community members, to mobilize the local human, financial and material resources in order to solve the problems faced by the community, to integrate the most disadvantaged groups, including Roma - empowerment of disadvantaged women in order to protect their rights: involvement of Roma and non Roma disadvantaged women in finding solutions for their problems (reproductive rights, fighting domestic violence, trafficking, gender-based discrimination, ensuring access to public services etc) - training and consultancy for disadvantaged individuals, members of the community, to legally register and develop income generating activities, elaborate a business plan, use financing opportunities - development of integrated community programmes that will contribute to economic and employment alternatives through sustainable use of local natural and cultural resources - advocacy activities for local entrepreneurs and employers aiming at hiring and maintaining disadvantaged members of the community - participation of community members in events for the general public with the aim of promoting local/traditional products. <p>Also, under this Sub-Component, applicants should take into consideration the objectives and measures that are part of <i>“The Strategy of the Government of Romania for the Inclusion of the Romanian Citizens Belonging to the Roma Minority for the Period 2012-2020”</i> (available at: www.anr.gov.ro).</p>												
<p>Location of the project activities</p>	<p>The target communities in which the main activities will take place will have to fulfil the following cumulative conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - they are located in a rural area - they have at least two different ethnic groups in their constituency - one of the envisaged ethnic groups is Roma. <p>Evidence of the presence of Roma population will be required in the description of the project proposals.</p>												
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Sub-Component <i>Fighting social inequalities, poverty and exclusion</i>	
Objective of the Sub-Component	The specific objective of Sub-Component <i>Fighting social inequalities, poverty and exclusion</i> is to generate systemic changes for combating social inequalities, more specifically to propose measures to combat poverty and address causes of social exclusion, leading to a more socially just environment and decisions vital to achieve social justice.
Eligible activities	<p>Examples of activities that may be included in projects supported under this Sub-Component (non-exhaustive list):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - increasing knowledge and changing attitudes of the general public, communities, decision makers on social injustice and fostering their active support for the inclusion in society of those who are disadvantaged and excluded (awareness campaigns, education, responsible involvement in community life, art and cultural initiatives, etc) - supporting networking and cooperation among all actors involved in addressing social injustice (developing multi-stakeholder networks and coalitions, cross-sectoral partnerships at different levels, involvement of NGOs in decision-making processes, know-how transfer, etc) - building NGO activists, community organisers and social workers' capacity to conduct systematic and sustainable social justice work (through workshops, mentoring, trainings etc) - mapping and promoting good practices and lessons learned on combating poverty, fostering social justice, generating opportunities for vulnerable groups in deprived areas, etc - monitoring and evaluating the economic and social effects of policies and programmes meant to reduce poverty and social exclusion on specific populations, in particular as tools to support advocacy work for policy changes / improvement - research, analysis and policy debates on poverty, social exclusion and injustice, including cooperation with academia, aimed at addressing the basic causes of injustice and fostering systemic changes - piloting innovatory approaches to tackle social exclusion and injustice - implementing initiatives based on identified needs tackling social security and equity issues of deprived communities (access to essential health care, nutrition, education, etc) - promoting employment and self-employment as active inclusion strategy (combining both direct tailored support/assistance to vulnerable groups and advocacy work to combat discrimination and promote equal opportunities, with a view to generate sustainable benefits) - promoting and implementing self-help and empowerment strategies / initiatives for combating social exclusion and increasing economic participation of vulnerable groups - proposing actions that address extreme issues of social exclusion (child pregnancy, begging, human trafficking, domestic violence, children left behind by parents emigrating for work, etc) - designing, piloting initiatives and promoting policies and practices aimed at increasing investment and opportunities for enterprises of the socially excluded - developing, demonstrating and promoting effective workforce and

	<p>economic development strategies and policies for specific populations.</p> <p>Projects are encouraged to clearly identify social injustice issues and address them through interventions that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - generate <i>systemic changes for combating social inequalities</i> at community and/or institutional/policy levels and/or - promote <i>measurable results</i> concerning reduction of poverty and addressing root-causes of social exclusion of vulnerable groups and/or - have a <i>high potential to be replicated in similar contexts</i> and/or - are <i>mainstreamed into legislation / policies / programmes</i> at local/national level and/or - promote an <i>cross-sectoral approach</i> (interventions linking sectors of education, social protection, employment, health, etc). <p><i>Under this Sub-Component will not be supported projects that exclusively promote human rights or exclusively provide welfare and basic services.</i></p>		
Financial allocation on the Sub-Component	The total allocation for this Sub-Component under the second round of Call for proposals is 649,635 Euro .		
Types of grants (amount / duration of projects)	Two types of grants will be supported:		
		Small grants	Medium grants
	Amount	from 5,000 to 35,000 Euro	from 35,001 Euro to 75,000 Euro
	Duration	between 6 and 12 months	between 6 and 14 months
	Allocation	140,000 Euro	509,635 Euro