

**Fund for Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO Fund) in the framework of
the EEA Financial Mechanism 2009-2014
Call for Proposals 2013**

Objective

The objective of the NGO Fund is to strengthen civil society development and enhance contribution to social justice, democracy and sustainable development.

Areas of support*Core Areas of support*

The following areas are eligible for support and should be covered by at least 40% of the Programme allocation:

- Democracy and participatory democracy
- Human rights, including minority rights (ethnic, religious, linguistic and sexual orientation)
- Good governance and transparency
- Combat racism and xenophobia and promoting anti-discrimination
- Social inequalities, poverty and exclusion, including in rural areas
- Gender equality and combating gender-based violence

*Additional eligible areas and activities****Protection of the environment and climate change***

- Awareness-raising and civic participation
- Develop umbrella organizations and/or new networks on biodiversity/climate change
- Mobilizing local involvement to protect biodiversity
- Environmental educational activities and training for teachers

Provision of welfare and basic services

Provision of key services to vulnerable groups: children and youth at risk, people affected by HIV/AIDS, children with disabilities and/or mental disorders and their families, victims of trafficking and gender-based violence and/or domestic violence, where such services are not otherwise or not adequately provided by governmental institutions.

Activities

The call funds the following types of activities:

- a) Fostering active citizenship and participatory democracy, including grassroots/local level
- b) Advocacy, watchdog and monitoring activities
- c) Awareness raising activities
- d) Multicultural dialogue activities
- e) Participation in policy and decision making processes
- f) Capacity building and organizational support to NGOs
- g) Strengthening governance in membership based NGOs
- h) Network and coalition building
- i) Mutual learning and dissemination
- j) Education and training activities
- k) Provision of innovative / new welfare and basic services to defined target groups

Specific eligibility criteria

Eligible applicants are NGOs that are established in the Republic of Cyprus and fall within the following definition: "A non-profit voluntary organization established as a legal entity, having a non-commercial purpose, independent of local, regional and central government, public entities, political parties and commercial organizations. Religious institutions, political parties and social partners (trade unions and employers' organizations according to the EU definition) are not considered NGOs."

Applicants may prepare proposals either on a sole basis, or in partnership with other organizations (Project Partners). Project Partners may be a public or private entity, commercial or non-commercial, as well as non-governmental organizations, all of whose primary locations are either in the Donor States, Beneficiary States or a country outside the European Economic Area that has a common border with the respective Beneficiary State, or any inter-governmental organization, actively involved in, and effectively contributing to, the implementation of a project. It shares with the Project Promoter a common economic or social goal which is to be realized through the implementation of that project.

Budget

The total amount to be disbursed under the NGO Fund for this call is €1,175,056. Applicants may prepare proposals either on a sole basis, or in partnership with other organizations (Project Partners). The minimum and maximum amount of project grants per project class is shown in the following table:

Grants size class				
<i>Class Nr.</i>	<i>Minimum Funding per project €</i>	<i>Maximum Funding per project €</i>	<i>Re-granting Allocation €</i>	<i>Projects Duration</i>
Class 1	5.000	20.000	130.612	Max. 6 months
Class 2	20.001	70.000	444.444	Max. 12 months
Class 3	70.001	120.000	600.000	Max. 18 months
Totals			1.175.056	

The funds shall be allocated to the following Outcomes as follows:

Outcome	Funds Available for re-granting
Outcome 1: Provision of welfare and basic services to defined target groups increased	€430,714
Outcome 2: Strengthened capacity of NGOs and an enabling environment for the sector promoted	€252,097
Outcome 3: Democratic values, including human rights, promoted	€492,245
Total re-granting for all Outcomes	€1,175,056

The grant rate will be up to 90 percent (90%) of eligible project costs. The NGO Project Promoters (end-recipients) are expected to contribute a minimum of ten per cent (10%) as own contribution either in cash or in kind. In-kind contribution can constitute up to fifty per cent (50%) of the end-recipients' own contribution.

Timetable

The deadline for the submission of proposals is the 30th of October 2013.