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Bridge 47 Call for Project Proposals on Global Citizenship Education

Guidelines

Who we are and what we are looking for

This is a call for proposals opened under the umbrella of *Bridge 47 – Building Global Citizenship*. Bridge 47 is a project co-created and implemented by 15 European and global civil society organizations. It mobilises and empowers global civil society to contribute to a transformation towards global justice through Global Citizenship Education.

In the Bridge 47 project we:

- **Coordinate a global network**, a coalition of organisations and individuals committed to promoting target 4.7. of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular Global Citizenship Education. The Network builds bridges between all types of value-based education and provides a forum to learn from each other and work towards achieving target 4.7. together.
- **Advocate to change policies** at the national, EU and global level to better recognise the essential role of Global Citizenship Education in achieving Agenda 2030 and global justice.
- **Build new partnerships** with a broad array of stakeholders (e. g. Academia (educational institutions), private sector, ministries and political bodies, forming broader coalitions of CSOs, etc.) in order to bring the ideals and practices of Global Citizenship Education to new audiences.
- **Build the capacity** of European and global civil society to use innovative tools and approaches for transformative Global Citizenship Education (GCE).

In our current call for proposals we are looking for new partners and organisations to join us in our network and in our mission to support positive change through Global Citizenship Education and other types of value-based education.

In Bridge 47 we strive to raise capacities of Global Citizenship Education practitioners to be as innovative in their work as possible.

This call for proposals invites innovative and/or experimental projects that help us build our understanding of *how to facilitate transformative change through Global Citizenship Education*. Your project should be innovative based on one or more of the following aspects:

a) Innovative and/or experimental regarding format, content, methodology, learning materials, learning spaces etc. ;

Education that creates room for transformative learning might need go beyond the boundaries of what is conventionally perceived and practiced as GCE. If we want to re-think and change the world, we might want to start by re-thinking and changing the way we do GCE. Bridge 47 believes that there are many different ways that GCE can happen. We invite projects to creatively experiment with different and new practices so as to learn from

it and enhance what we know and do as GCE.

About 16 projects will be selected.

b) Innovative and/or experimental regarding target group or educational actors and partners involved - including but not limited to the media, the private sector etc;

In order to bring about the transformation that GCE seeks, GCE ideals and practices must reach great numbers and great diversity of individuals. Partnerships with a broad array of stakeholders can help this to become a reality. This thinking is also in line with Sustainable Development Goal 17 which emphasizes the importance of partnership to support the achievement of the SDGs. We are particularly interested to see partnerships activities between GCE practitioners and groups who have not previously worked on GCE like the private sector, trade unions, media, municipalities police, military, and more.

About 4 projects will be selected.

c) Innovative and/or experimental regarding the evaluation, reflection and impact assessment of your educational activities that have already happened or are ongoing by using the BRIDGE 47 Framework for measuring the activities at a local or national level:

As practitioners in the field of education and particularly global citizenship education, Bridge 47 identified the necessity to measure and catch the progress and change made by the efforts of value-based education practitioners. In response, Bridge 47 has developed a framework to capture and measure work that is being undertaken by organisations implementing activities for SDG Target 4.7, which includes the following value-based educations; global citizenship education, education for sustainable development, peace education, gender education and human rights education. We have developed this framework to help practitioners capture their work for SDG Target 4.7 in the hope that the evidence it provides will make advocacy for SDG Target 4.7 stronger. This framework and methodology now need to be tested. Those participating in this pilot will be able to share their findings and experiences of using the framework with Bridge 47 team. Bridge 47 is interested in testing the framework's feasibility for organisations working at a local or national level, and especially those working in informal education. The framework and methodology will be available [here](#).

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Moreover, all projects should show potential to be easily replicated by other organisations.

We are offering your organization a grant for a project of up to 7.000 €¹ in total eligible costs and an invitation to a two-day design thinking workshop where you can showcase and further develop what you think may be the most important educational innovation in your area and place of work. All together, a maximum of 24 projects will receive a grant from Bridge 47.

Eligibility criteria

A. Entities which may apply for a grant

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

- a. A Non-profit, non-governmental organisation that is registered to a legal person before 1.9.2017 in one of the following countries (provinces): Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland and Northern Ireland, Latvia, Scotland, Slovakia, Slovenia, with a track record of being active in the area of its expertise.
- b. Directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action, not acting as an intermediary;

Private University bodies, affiliated entity(ies), associates nor contractors of the Bridge 47 project and its co-applicants are not eligible under this call for proposals.

B. Eligible projects

- a. Duration: supported project activities shall not exceed 6 months and have to be implemented by 30/06/2020. Selected projects can start their implementation not before the 1st of January 2020.
- b. Themes: supported projects have to be in line with the overall approach of the Bridge 47 project (see the first section of this document) as well as with the general characteristics of the DEAR program².
- c. Activities must take place in one of the beneficiary countries listed above.

Not supported:

- ⊗ 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;
- ⊗ one-off conferences
- ⊗ actions intended to solely raise funds and/or promote the visibility of the applicant or its partner(s);
- ⊗ actions consisting mainly of research or of study;
- ⊗ actions which consist of capital expenditure, e.g. land, buildings, equipment and vehicles;
- ⊗ 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;

¹ out of which, maximum 6.650 € will be provided by Bridge 47 and at least 350 € will have to be co-financed from the applicant's own resources.

² For further information on the EC DEAR programme see https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/sectors/human-rights-and-governance/development-education-and-awareness-raising_en

- ⊗ actions supporting political parties;
- ⊗ actions including proselytising (it refers to the attempt of any religion or religious individuals to convert people to their beliefs, or any attempt to convert people to a different point of view, religious or not).

Selection criteria

The project applications will be evaluated according to the following selection criteria:

- A. Extent of innovative potential impact and reach of the project;
- B. Relevance of the project in reference to Bridge 47;
- C. Relevance of the project for the local / national community;
- D. Value for money and cost effectiveness.

The selection process of the call for proposals will take place in coordination and close consultation with Bridge 47 national officers from each eligible country (as stated above except from Ireland). A Selection Committee consisting of the coordinators of the call and other Bridge 47 staff members will be tasked with final selection of the submitted projects.

Balance in geographical distribution of the selected projects from among the eligible project countries will be taken into account.

Finance and co-financing

Co-financing requirement

The minimum co-financing requirement for the applicant is 5% of the project budget. It can come from the applicant's own resources or through third party funding. However, the own contribution cannot be payment in-kind, nor originate from any EU funds or EU programmes.

Payments

The first instalment of the grant (80% of the budget) can only be paid after the grant donor has received a signed contract. The signed contract serves as the initial payment request.

The last instalment of the grant (15% of the budget) will be paid when Bridge 47 approves the final financial and narrative reports.

Procurement

Costs must be reasonable and follow national legislation. A payment may be made against invoice without prior acceptance of a tender if the expenditure is EUR 2.500 or less. If the contract value or total expenditure from a single supplier is more than EUR 2.500, a single tender procurement needs to be conducted to collect at least one offer and to write a procurement report stating the reason for inviting a certain supplier to offer and of accepting the received offer. More instructions on procurement can be provided when requested or found in the PRAG chapter 4.2.a .

Cost eligibility

All activity costs shall be incurred during the implementation period. The selected Grantees shall respect all financial requirements of EU related to the Bridge 47 project. **Human resource related costs have to be direct costs to the project via a separate service contract or an addendum to the current employment**

contract to cover work related to the project. All supporting documents for the financial report will be collected after the implementation period.

A budget proposal containing ineligible costs cannot be evaluated. For more information please read “Guide to budget preparation”.

Reporting and Guidance

The grant beneficiaries will provide necessary reports (narrative and financial reports accompanied by the justificatory documents), using the templates provided, including photos/pictures and information on outreach (online links, publications, website and social media statistics etc).

The beneficiaries will make themselves available for the design thinking workshop in Bratislava which will be scheduled for the final project implementation phase (June 2020).

The beneficiaries will also make themselves available for the Bridge 47 staff responsible for the sub-granting mechanism if needed at any point as well for the Bridge 47 evaluation activities with critical friend (with reasonable response time) during the implementation of the project as well as after its completion. This communication will serve to continually enhance the project as well as to overcome potential problems in implementation.

Communication and Visibility

The selected beneficiaries shall respect the visibility and communication requirements related to the Bridge 47 project. This means the application and use of the Bridge 47 logo³ as well as the EU logo⁴ in combination with mention of EU support for the project. The beneficiaries shall respect the [2010 Communication and Visibility Manual for European Union External Actions](#) with a disclaimer expressing that the sole responsibility of the content belongs to the beneficiary and can in no way be taken to reflect the views of EU or Bridge 47.

Grant application and deadline for submission

The **full project application** is mandatory to be delivered together with the narrative application. It consists of the following documents (all templates are available to download at the bottom of this [news](#) item about the call):

- Narrative application
- Project Budget
- Proof of non-profit status (e.g. statutes of the organization)
- Activity report of organization from the most recent year (2018)
- Legal Entity Form (LEF)
- Financial ID Form

The application should be written in English language and sent in PDF version. **All documents need to be submitted within the same email. Failing to do so will result in rejection of your application.**

³ User manual can be found here:

⁴ EU visibility requirements can be accessed here:

https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/sites/devco/files/communication-visibility-requirements-2018_en.pdf

Deadline for submitting the complete application is 18th November 2019, 23:59 CET (Berlin, Brussels, Vienna time). Please submit your full application with all required annexes (signed in PDF format) by email to subgranting@bridge47.org (subject of the email should state “SGM2_Your country_name/abbreviation of the project”).

For the selected projects, notifications should be sent by 18th December 2019 (provisional date) and contracts (of the selected organizations) for signing should be received by end December 2019.

Further information

In case of any questions, you are encouraged to participate at webinar which will be organized on 29th October 2019 at 14.00 (Berlin, Brussels, Vienna time). You can also send your questions to the following emails:

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