Frequently Asked Questions SUB-GRANTING

General Eligibility

Can we submit a project that doesn't fully align with our country's priorities?
Yes. However, projects that align closely with national priorities may be more
competitive.

Is there a maximum age for project team members? No. There is no age limit for
team members, but youth participation and leadership are essential.

What is your definition of "youth"? Generally, youth refers to individuals aged
18–30. Refer to the guidelines for youth-led initiatives definition.

Can underage adolescents (under 18) participate in the activities? Yes, with
proper safeguarding measures.

Is it okay if our organization is a social cooperative? Yes, if it meets all eligibility
criteria.

If we are not youth-led but youth-focused, are we eligible? Both Youth led and
Youth focused initiatives can apply, assuming that they meet all the eligibility criteria
mentioned in the guidelines. In the reference note of the guidelines, you can also
find the definition:

*Youth-led initiatives are generally understood to be organizations having the majority
of the board formed by youth (below 30) and/or having the majority of the staff
formed by youth (below 30). Youth-focus initiatives are generally understood to be
initiatives having the support of youth engagement as mission and/or promoting
activities focused mainly on youth engagement.*

Can we submit more than one proposal? No. Just ONE proposal ONE LOT.

Must we have a co-applicant? Yes. Refer to the call guidelines.

Is the call compatible with ERASMUS+ funding? Yes, if there is no overlap in
funding for the same activities. The project it's not compatible with
EuropeAid/173998/DH/ACT/Multi.

Partnerships

Can we partner with an organization that didn't participate in the YOU(th) CARE process? Yes, as long as the partner is eligible.

Can informal youth groups be co-applicants or led-applicants? Yes, co-applicants. To be led-applicant, they must meet eligibility criteria (e.g., legal status).

Can project partners be from different countries? No. Partners should be from the same country.

How many partners can we involve? There's no fixed limit. Partnerships should be well-justified and manageable. We highly recommend not to create very large partnerships.

Project Scope & Activities

Do activities have to take place in the applicant's country? Yes.

Does the project need to involve multiple countries? No. It should be implemented within one country.

Can we integrate our project into an existing national project? Yes, if it's not already funded by a DEAR grant.

Can our project target migrant communities *(e.g., Arabs or Ukrainians in Belgium)*? Yes, of course. When we talk about countries, we do not refer to nationality. Everyone living in these countries is a target for the projects and can apply to the sub-grant.

Can we involve high school teachers and students? Yes, as target groups of the project, but the applicants should be youth-led organizations.

Can the project be aimed at our own members rather than the public? Yes, but broader impact is encouraged.

Is there a minimum or maximum number of participants per activity? No. Numbers should be realistic and proportionate.

What if our project covers more than one LOT? Select one LOT as your main focus and justify any overlap.

Application Process

Can we download a blank proposal form? Yes. A printable version is available. But handwritten annexes are not allowed.

Can we save our proposal and finish it later? Yes. You may draft and complete it before submitting. Once you have uploaded the proposal you will not be able to change it.

Budget & Human Resources

What type of contracts can we use for human resources? Contracts may be task-based or hourly. Freelancers can be included if legally authorized.

Is there a minimum or maximum number of staff allowed? No. Staffing should reflect the scope and budget of the project.

Is voluntary work accepted within the project? Yes.

Thematic Priorities

Are we limited to three topics as indicated in the Agenda table? No. You may address additional topics. This can enhance your score but isn't mandatory.

Can we include issues outside the stated national priorities? Yes, but alignment with national priorities may improve the chances of selection.

➡️ *If your question isn't covered here, please refer to the official call document or contact the project team directly.*