

Public Call for Proposals for Local Self-governments to Implement Vocational Training in Accordance with Local Employment Action Plans

CFP 10-2018

Frequently Asked Questions, December 2018

This document serves as a record of clarifications provided to interested parties related to the Public Call CFP 10-2018 in response to their inquiries received verbally through phone calls and on info sessions related to the Call, as well as clarifications provided in writing in response to emails received through channels defined by the Call. The answers to received questions are summarised in this document.

Q1. Are CSOs eligible to apply for the call Public Call for Proposals for Local Self-governments to Implement Vocational Training in Accordance with Local Employment Action Plans?

Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) are not eligible to apply for the Public Call for Proposals for Local Self-governments to Implement Vocational Training in Accordance with Local Employment Action Plans. Eligible entities to apply are Local Self-Governments (SLG). Please, see the page three of the Public Call – Section 5.1 Eligible applicants and activities.

Q2. Are local public institutions and enterprises eligible to apply within this Call for Proposals?

Local public institutions and enterprises are not eligible to apply for the Public Call for Proposals for Local Self-governments to Implement Vocational Training in Accordance with Local Employment Action Plans. Eligible entities to apply are Local Self-Governments (SLG). Please, see the page three of the Public Call – Section 5.1 Eligible applicants and activities.

Q3. Can two or more LSGs apply for one partnership project?

Partnership initiatives may be considered. However, maximum grant amount is defined by Public Call and cannot be changed.

Q4. How and who should define criteria for selection of project beneficiaries?

An applicant should define criteria in line with objectives of their project proposal, Local Employment Action Plan and Call for Proposals for Local Self-governments to Implement Vocational Training in Accordance with Local Employment Action Plans.

Q5. Should we submit Local Employment Action Plan for 2019?

Applicant is not required to submit Local Employment Action Plan (LEAP) for 2019. However, if LEAP for 2019 is drafted and/or adopted by the deadline for submission of applications, an Applicant may submit the LEAP for 2019.

Q.6. Do we have to choose only one active labour measure and only one target group?

No.

Q7. Could we apply for working practice measure?

Yes, you can.

Q8. Our LSG spent all allocated funds for active labour measures for 2018. Can we apply?

Yes, you can. As required by the Call for Proposals, you have to submit proof that you will provide necessary co-funding. Please, see the Annex 2 of the application package – Statement of Co-funding.

Q9. Only public works are predicted in LEAP and all funds for this measure was spent, but LEAP also envisages vocational training in general as priority. Could we submit the project proposal despite the fact that it was not specifically singled out in the LEAP since LSG did not count on additional funds?

It would be possible only if LEAP envisages vocational training as priority. In that case, you have to explain in details in the project proposal why you are proposing different measure of those that LEAP already envisaged, with comprehensive justification and situation analysis.

Q10. Our LEAP for 2018 doesn't envisage professional practice as active labour measure. Can we apply with a project dealing with this type of active labour measure?

Only if LEAP envisages professional practice as a priority, and you have to explain in details in the project proposal why you are proposing different measure of those that LEAP already envisaged, with comprehensive justification and situation analysis.

Q11. Do we have to publish new Public Call for the measures which could be finance through "Norway for you" project or we can use existing Call that is still ongoing?

You can use the existing one and you will need to prove how many beneficiaries will be covered through grant. In such case LSG may needs to reach separate decision on allocation of additional funds.

Q12. Do we have to sign some separate agreements with the employers who will provide training for the unemployed within this project?

There is no need to sign separate agreements related to project, but to act as per standard procedure for such active labour measures which means contracts with the unemployed beneficiaries and with employers who will be signed by LSGs or National Employment Service (NES) if LSG has Agreement on Technical Cooperation with the NES.

Q13. Who can implement public call for selection of beneficiaries, National Employment Service or LSG?

It is up to an applicant to decide and choose modality of project implementation.

Q14. Is the amount of compensation for unemployed persons defined?

No, it is not. An applicant should define amount of compensation for unemployed persons in line with applicant's standard procedure.

Q15. Are fees for members of the project team (e.g. project manager) considered as eligible costs?

No.

Q16. Can we present fees for project team members as municipal co-funding?

No. Municipal co-funding must be paid on the project subaccount.

Q17. Should costs to be paid from an applicant's co-funding sources be calculated with VAT?

Yes, costs to be paid from the co-funding source of an applicant should include VAT.