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Guidelines of the Call for Proposal 'Climate of Change'

Financial support to third parties in 10 more EU member states

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1. What is Climate Of Change and this Call for Proposals about?

The project *Climate Of Change* is a Pan-European campaign funded by the European Commission through the DEAR with the aim of:

- Using public mobilisation and advocacy actions to achieve political and economic change.
- Call on young people to be part of the change already happening, join forces with worldwide initiatives, and inspire other people to take action.
- Pushing local, national, and European authorities to adopt ambitious migration and climate policies for a sustainable future.

You can become part of the *Climate Of Change* campaign, if you want to support the campaign's aims and make change happen! With this Call for Proposals, you as a civil society organisation (CSO) can be awarded and receive financial support to implement your own creative activities and campaign at national level in order to support the cause of *Climate of Change*.

In the following chapters you can find out more about the objective of this call, what kind of activities are funded and who and what is eligible.

More background information on the project can be found in Chapter 11.

2. Goals of this call for proposals

Climate of Change will provide funding for one CSO in each of the following countries: Malta, Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Sweden, the Netherlands, and Romania.

The organisations have to define and implement a campaign at national level and present campaigning activities aiming at increasing young people's awareness of and their activism on the interconnections of climate change, migration and the current development model, our economic system and our own lifestyle and aiming at promoting the project's petition in the run-up to the COP 27 in November 2022.

This call for proposals has identified the following **target groups**:

- The **priority target** group of the actions are young people, aged 16 to 35. All projects applying for funding need to address them
- Further optional target groups may be:
 - decision makers at local, national, and European level
 - journalists, influencers or other multipliers

The first goal of the financial support provided by this call is to contribute to the **development of knowledge and critical understanding** of the interconnections of climate change, migration and the current development model, our economic system and our own lifestyle. The core messages of *Climate of Change* (<https://climateofchange.info/our-vision/>) must be conveyed. These are the following:

- The environmental crisis is a social crisis
- Those who contribute less to climate change are the ones more affected by it;
- Climate change reinforces global injustice;

- Climate change induces migration;
- People who are forced into migration lack adequate legal and social protections, causing a greater risk of labour exploitation.

The second goal of this call is to reach a great number and wide range of young people by funding activities that constitute a highly visible and highly publicly recognized campaign in your country. Fostering **youth activism and engagement among EU citizens** on human-induced climate crisis root causes and its consequences at local and global level should be the core of activities.

The third goal of the financial support provided by this call is to **promote the signing of the petition** that is being issued by the project *Climate of Change* (<https://climateofchange.info/participate/petition/>). The petition will address the policymakers of the UN Climate Conference in November 2022 (COP 27).

With the *Climate Of Change* petition the campaign demands that the EU:

- must accelerate its ambitions of climate neutrality by 2040
- must shift towards an economy that puts the interests of society and nature above those of corporations
- must develop an international protection scheme for climate change-induced migration
- must create Youth Councils in the EU and Member States in order to enable youth participation

The *Climate Of Change* consortium will hand over the petition to the European Commission's President Ursula von der Leyen during the COP 27 in November 2022. Proposals which present project designs that lead to high numbers of signatures for the petition will score higher on the selection process.

All goals of this call, as described above, are mandatory. Therefore, only applications which consider all three goals will be selected. If a proposal addresses less than all three goals it will not be taken into consideration for funding.

Moreover, proposals must fulfil the following criteria to be eligible for funding:

- The proposed project is implemented by a **non-profit CSO** in its **country of residence**. This may be one of the following: Malta, Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Sweden, the Netherlands, and Romania.
- The project assures the visibility of **Climate Of Change** by public relation work and media presence (see *Climate Of Change* Visibility Guidelines (document 4)).
- The project implements activities with the aim of making a **sustainable impact** beyond the project duration.

Further aspects, that, while not being mandatory, projects still may include:

- advocacy work to incorporate effective climate measurements, transformation of economy, adequate rights for migrants or foster youth engagement in politics into local administrations or local politics
- promotion of political debate among citizens on local, national, or European level about the issue of climate-induced migration
- promotion and multiplying effects for exchange between associations engaged in awareness-raising projects on sustainability, migration, and human rights

Background documents applicants can refer to can be found here:

<https://climateofchange.info/publications-press/>

- Climate Of Change-Campaign Guide
- Climate of Change - Wellbeing Economy Report
- Climate of Change EU Survey – Climate Change and Migration (executive summary of survey in 23 EU countries)
- Infographics - Climate of Change EU Survey – Climate Change and Migration (graphics of survey results in 23 EU countries)
- Climate Of Change - Pan-European Survey Main multi-country report (The full report can be found here: <https://climateofchange.info/climate-greater-worry-than-covid-19-for-young-europeans-new-poll-finds/>)
- National Reports and Infographics - Climate of Change EU Survey - Climate Change and Migration in 23 EU Countries (will be included in the Application Pack, document 5)
- Climate Of Change Visibility Guidelines (document 4)

3. Activities that may be funded under this call

Activities must be in compliance with the overall donor framework of European funding call¹.

Eligible activities in this respect are those that foster youth engagement and activism. The following list may hint to the type of action this call may fund, but is non exhaustive:

- street actions
- artistic events
- guerrilla activities in public space
- festivals and fairs
- photo contests
- public exhibitions
- production of campaigning materials, e.g., in the form of videos, flyers or social media channels

Also preoperational, coordination and monitoring activities are eligible as long as they are directly related to the campaign project.

All project activities must be carried out in the country where the applicant is registered.

Climate Of Change is a paper free project. Measures to counterbalance the ecological impact of proposed activities should be included in the proposal.

¹ <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome&nbPubliList=15&orderby=upd&orderbyad=Desc&searchtype=RS&aofr=160048>

The following projects and activities are not eligible for funding:

- projects focusing mainly on procurement and installation of equipment (e.g., purchasing cars, computers, etc.) or technological development (e.g., bioenergy facilities).
- projects aiming at structural funding of an organisation by supporting daily routines of that organisation
- activities that target enterprises
- projects that have already started

In addition, please be aware of the following:

- The proposed activities will be part of the communication campaign of *Climate of Change* and must guarantee its visibility as well be consistent with the core messages and contents of the campaign. The **Climate Of Change Campaign Guide** serves as tool in order to meet the requirements (available on the site: <https://climateofchange.info/publications-press/>).
- An online kick-off meeting will be held at the beginning of the projects. The meeting will take place before the start of the activities, date will be announced well in advance. It aims at giving insides in requirements of the funding administration and shall strengthen networks within the network of *Climate of Change*. Participation is mandatory for all funded projects.
- All materials or publications produced in the project must guarantee the visibility of the European Union as a donor and comply with the Corporate Identity of *Climate Of Change*. Further information on this will be provided during the kick-off meeting.
- The results achieved and reported need to be demonstrated through appropriate evidence (e.g., pictures of open events, list of participants to events with registration, analytics of social media, etc.), following the guidelines illustrated in the Monitoring Table file, available in the reporting templates list.

4. Size of the financial support

The overall indicative amount made available for this call for proposal is 500.000 EUR.

The requested grant per applicant must be 50.000 EUR.

Any grant ~~requested~~ awarded under this call for proposal will be financed 100% of the total eligible costs. Total costs of each action must therefore be 50.000 EUR. Co-funding and own contribution are not allowed.

Project proposals varying from this indicative amount will be excluded from funding.

The right is reserved not to award all available funds, in case of insufficient quality of the proposals received and/or in case of insufficient number of the proposals received.

5. Project duration

The project duration is scheduled as following: The start of projects is 1st June 2022, and the ending is 30th October 2022 for the petition objective, while other actions should continue until 28th February 2023. Accordingly, the expected duration of projects is 9 (nine) months.

6. Eligible applicants

In order to be eligible for a grant under this call for proposals, applicants must be non-profit civil society organisations or non-profit youth organisations with statutes demonstrating organisational objectives in the areas of global learning, social and ecological sustainability, human rights promotion and protection, migration and/or fighting against discrimination targeting youth.

Applicants must be established and registered in Malta, Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Sweden, the Netherlands, or Romania.

In addition, all following conditions must be met simultaneously:

- Applicants must be legal persons (meaning registered organisations).
- Applicants must have proven experiences with previously successfully managed similar projects in the past 5 years.
- Applicants must have experience in managing grants with similar budget sizes to the grants given out by this call.
- Applicants must not have benefited from a project funded in the frame of the 2018/2019 DEAR call (call reference EuropeAid/160048/DH/ACT/Multi), either directly or indirectly (for instance through the financial support to third parties of a DEAR-funded action).
- Only one project proposal can be submitted by each organisation under this call for proposal.
- No Co-applicants are allowed. The fund will be transferred to one organisation per project only. It is possible to subcontract specific tasks of the project. However, outsourcing major parts of the project implementation by the applicant to third parties may lead to lower scores in the evaluation of the organizational capacity of the applicant.

Applicants will be excluded from selection if:

- they are in bankrupt or being wound up, are having their affairs administered by the courts, have entered into an arrangement with creditors, have suspended business activities, are the subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or are in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;
- they have been convicted of an offence concerning their professional conduct by a judgement which has the force of res judicata;
- they have been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means;
- they have not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the

country in which they are established or with those of the country where the contract is to be performed;

- they have been the subject of a judgement which has the force of res judicata for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organization or any other illegal activity detrimental to the Communities' financial interests,
- they are currently subject to an administrative penalty referred to in the Practical Guide to contract procedures for EC external actions.

7. Eligible costs

Only eligible costs can be taken into account for a grant.

Eligible costs:

- They are incurred during the implementation of the project, as specified in the sub-grant contract. Costs shall relate therefore to activities performed during the implementation period.
- They are indicated in the overall budget.
- They are necessary for the implementation of the project.
- They are identifiable and verifiable, in particular being recorded in the accounting records of funding beneficiaries and determined according to the applicable accounting standards of their Country.
- They comply with the requirements of applicable tax and social legislation.
- They are necessary to ensure Covid-19 measurements that are related to events and/or activities.
- Note: all the criteria above must be followed.

Subject to the above, the following direct costs of the beneficiary shall be eligible:

- The cost of staff assigned to the action, corresponding to actual gross salaries including social security charges and other remuneration-related costs; salaries and costs shall not exceed those normally borne by the beneficiary;
- Travel and subsistence costs for staff and other persons taking part in the action, provided they are real costs backed by supporting documents;
- Purchase costs for equipment and supplies (new or used) and services specifically for the purposes of the action;
- Costs of consumables as long as they are necessary for implementation;
- Costs of service, supply, and work contracts (sub-contracting) awarded by the Beneficiary for the purposes of the action implementation.

Non-eligible costs:

- Debts and debt service charges
- Costs declared by the beneficiary (beneficiaries) and financed by another action or programme receiving an EU grant
- Purchase of vehicles, buildings, land property, office equipment (technical, furniture)
- Office rent and related running costs
- Taxes, including VAT, unless the beneficiary can demonstrate they cannot reclaim them
- Other administrative costs
- Credit to third parties
- In kind contributions (e.g., valorisation of existing equipment, donations, volunteer works)

8. How to apply

The following documents, need to be handed in for application:

1. Narrative application template (document 1)
2. Financial application template (document 2)
3. Declaration on Ethical Standards and Right of Access (for non-exclusion criteria) (document 3)
4. Declaration by third parties – EU document (Annex I)
5. Official documentation on the non-profit status of the CSO
6. Official registration documents (stating that the CSO is a legal person) and official statutes of the CSO (stating what the aim and purpose of the CSO is)

The documents 1) - 4) are included in the Application Pack, which need to be requested via mail climateofchange@weworld.it

With reference to point 5) and 6), official documentation needs to be attached in the language of origin and in an official or unofficial English translation.

Concerning the submission of the application, please note the following rules:

- Only proposals handed in with all documents and all information required will be accepted.
- Proposals must be submitted as PDFs (including all documents listed above (points 1 - 6) and the financial application template (document 2) also as an Excel sheet, via e-mail to climateofchange@weworld.it. The total file size must not exceed 7 MB. A response e-mail will be sent upon successful transmission.
- Hand-written applications and applications submitted in print version will not be accepted.
- Deadline for submission is **30th April 2022 [~~12th April 2022~~] at 6 p.m. (CET)**.
- No additional documents must be sent.

For any information on the call for proposals and for requiring the Application Pack, please send an e-mail to climateofchange@weworld.it or call +49 711/932768-74 (Mon-Thu, 14-16h, CET) or call +39 02/55231193 (Friday, 11-13h, CET). Questions regarding the application process can be raised until 31st March 2022 and answers will be provided till 7th April 2022.

9. Evaluation and selection of applications

Applications will be evaluated by an Evaluation Committee that will be composed of a selection of external experts from different countries as well as partners of the *Climate Of Change* project.

Feedback on the selection of organisations will be given till 13th May 2022.

The selection criteria will include (listed in random order):

- eligibility of the applicant CSO
- administrative and financial capacity to manage the grant
- thematic experience in similar actions and/or related fields

- prognosed access to the priority target group, already existing cooperations, and networks
- coherence and quality of the project design with reference to goals, expected results, and core topics (outreach in terms of number of people reached, number of collected signatures and thematic alignment with the core messages and demands of the *Climate Of Change* campaign)
- considerations on the campaign visibility
- efficiency (in terms of cost/benefit-relation and outputs/deliverables-relation)
- prognosed feasibility of the planned activities
- sustainability and impact in the medium-long term

Each successful project proposal will sign a grant agreement with WeWorld containing the amount and the purpose of the grant.

10. Reporting and Regulations

The documents to be filled in for reporting purposes are:

1. Narrative Report Template (Document 6);
2. Financial Report (Document 7);
3. Monitoring Data Report (Document 8)

Reports must be submitted at two points in the project phase: one interim report covering the first five months of the project duration and a final report covering the total project duration. Reports shall be submitted within 30 days after the end of each reporting period (interim report till 30th November 2022; final report till 31th March 2023).

Evidence of the activities implemented must be provided (i.e., pictures, list of participants with signatures, etc.). Provided that the Climate Of Change campaign is paper free, original copy of any material produced should be provided as well.

Expenditures must be justified with financial supporting documents (invoices, boarding passes, staff and payroll records, salary slips, offers, contracts, etc.) enabling a verification that the funds have been used for the purpose and in line with the Agreement.

The proposals must comply with the following EC guidelines:

1. General Conditions applicable to EU financed grant contracts for External Actions - EU document (Annex II)
2. Procurement by grant beneficiaries in the context of the European Union external actions - EU document (Annex IV)
3. EU Visibility guidelines - EU document (Annex V)
4. EU Declaration by the third party - EU document (Annex I)

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11. Evaluation

The *Climate Of Change* project is undergoing an external evaluation, and the grants process and outcomes will be assessed within it. The external evaluation of the *Climate Of Change* project is participatory and learning oriented: it is an opportunity to share experiences and to reflect on change. The grantees should be prepared to share with external evaluators data and reporting about their projects and to take part in conversations to assess the overall process and its perceived achievements (e.g., interviews, focus groups, online workshops).

12. Timeline

The new deadlines are marked in red.

opening of application period	1 st March 2022
Deadline for asking questions regarding the application process	20 th April 2022 [31st March 2022]
Deadline for receiving answers regarding the application process	25 th April 2022 [7th April 2022]
submission deadline	1 st May 2022 [12th April 2022], 6p.m. (CET)
Feedback on selected projects	1 st June 2022 [13th May 2022]
Signing of Contract with WeWorld , the lead organisation of the Climate of Change consortium	1 st – 15 th June 2022 [13th – 31st May 2022]
Start of projects	15 th June 2022 [1st June 2022]
Kick-Off Webinar	Date will be found in mutual exchange with all funded projects
End of activities related to petition	30 th October 2022
Ending of projects	28 th February 2023

13. Background of the project Climate Of Change

Climate of Change - End Climate Change Start Climate of Change (#ClimateOfChange) is a 3-year project funded by the European Commission under the Development Education and Awareness Raising (DEAR) Programme², whose objective is to develop European citizens' awareness and critical understanding of climate change induced migration, as one of the biggest challenges of the globalised world.

The project does so through the production of evidence-based narratives, by engaging youth while increasing young people's awareness on their role and responsibilities on human-induced climate change root causes and its consequences in terms of forced displacement and migration, highlighting the interdependencies of local and global inequalities; through a Pan-EU campaign aimed at move informed and aware people ready to undergo a behavioural change towards a more responsible life-style while also advocating for a more sustainable model including climate change mitigation measures and specific protection schemes for climate migrants.

The project has been designed around three pillars:

- A. **Research** – The campaign is based on research to build up an evidence-based narrative on the nexus between migration and climate change; This includes a wide-reaching investigation of four case study countries especially affected by climate change (Cambodia, Guatemala, Senegal and Kenya); an analysis of the European economic system in the Wellbeing Economy Report; and a survey on young people in 23 European countries on project issues.
- B. **Public mobilisation** - A pan-European communication campaign is core to raise awareness of young EU citizens on climate change induced migration, as one of the biggest challenges of the globalized world; This includes involving youth associations and CSOs in 23 European countries through financial support and networking.
- C. **Advocacy and youth participation** – Policy actions are part of the campaign to make the voices of affected people and young protagonists heard and achieve policy changes; One key tool is the *Climate Of Change* Petition that will be handed over to European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen at COP27.

Who we are:

Under the coordination of WeWorld (Italy), *Climate of Change* involves partners from Greece (ActionAid Hellas), Belgium (European Environmental Bureau), Germany (finep and OXFAM), France (European Association for Local Democracy), Austria (Südwind), Spain, (Alianza), Portugal (Instituto Marquês de Valle Flôr), Slovenia (Slovenian Global Action), Hungary (Hungarian Baptist Aid), Poland (Buy Responsibly Foundation), Bulgaria (BEPF), Cyprus (University of Nicosia Research Foundation), Italy (University of Bologna and City of Bologna).

More information about the project: <https://climateofchange.info/about-the-project/>

² You can find more information on the DEAR program [here](#)

Application Pack Documents

All Documents and Annexes are part of the Application Pack, which need to be requested via mail (climateofchange@weworld.it).

Document 1	Narrative application template
Document 2	Financial application template
Document 3	Declaration on Ethical Standards and Right to Access (for non-exclusion criteria)
Document 4	Climate Of Change Visibility Guidelines
Document 5	National Reports and Infographics - Climate of Change EU Survey - Climate Change and Migration in 23 EU Countries
Document 6	Narrative Report Template
Document 7	Financial Report Template
Document 8	Monitoring Data Report Template

EU documents

Annex I	Declaration by third parties
Annex II	General Conditions applicable to EU financed grant contracts for External Actions
Annex IV	Procurement by grant beneficiaries in the context of the European Union external actions
Annex V	EU Visibility guidelines