# I am writing you to kindly ask you until when is the Call open? What does ‘on a rolling basis’ mean?

*Projects are accepted on a rolling* basis meaning there is no application deadline. The Call will be closed when the grantmaking budget is spent, i.e. the Call is open until stated differently on our webpage.

► Note: Please submit your application by following the instructions published on our webpage: <http://www.gmfus.org/strengthening-eu-integration-macedonia-montenegro-and-serbia>, where you will find all the necessary documents for application.

# What is the total budget planned for this Call?

All the details about the program, as well as donor information related to the overall budget and program goals are published on our webpage. Please refer to this document.

# Is there any specific time for projects’ approval? Will all project proposals be consider at the end of the specific period?

Decisions are made on a regular basis by the BTD Grants’ Review Committee (up to 4 times in one calendar year). First proposals’ review under renewed Call will be in September 2019.

Is the VAT exemption possible under this Call?

The VAT exemption is possible and mandatory only for the Serbian applicants. This is made possible under the MoU signed on January 10, 2018 between the Ministry of European Integration of the Republic of Serbia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway. Unfortunately, at this moment VAT exemption is not possible for the applicants from North Macedonia or Montenegro.

# When will we know the outcome of our application?

Once the review process is over, all applicants will be notified via email. If the application was successful, BTD will send an email confirming the Grants’ Review Committee decision. In case the application has not been selected, the applicant will receive rejection email.

►Note: We are not able to provide individual information on the ongoing status of the applications before the final decision has been made.

# Can we plan activities outside the three countries in focus of this Call?

As stated in the Call, project activities **must** take place on the territory of North Macedonia and/or Montenegro and/or Serbia. Exceptions will be made for activities related to Chapter 35 — CSOs need to be registered in one of the three countries but limited number of activities may take place in Kosovo. Projects with cross-border activities among these countries are also eligible.

# Can I include attachments in support of my application form?

The only documents that are accepted are those which are specifically requested in the published Call for Proposals; no additional attachments will be accepted or reviewed.

# How many projects proposals can one organization submit?

There is no limitation in number of proposals per organization. However, each project proposal needs to be sent separately.

►Note: Once you have submitted your application, you will not be able to make any changes.

# What if I have some content-related questions on the application form?

If you have any queries related to the Call for Proposals and/or the application form, please contact us via email balkantrust@gmfus.org. We will do our best to respond as quickly as possible. Please do not contact BTD office by phone.

# Is it allowed to partner with public institution under this call?

Yes, public institutions are eligible as partners under this Call.

# Who do we sign the contract with?

Successful applicants will sign contract with BTD.

# How are the decisions made?

An assessment criterion for this program is published on the webpage. BTD operates with a small, skilled staff with extensive experience in the region. BTD further engages experts on its Grants’ Review Committee, which is composed of GMF staff members engaged in civil society work across the globe, as well as BTD donors and partners.

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