

Frequently Asked Questions

Support to 'Western Balkans 6' for strengthening media freedom and fighting domestic and gender-based violence - Call for Proposals

Is it possible for independent media organisations to apply for funding?

Only CSOs are eligible to apply to this call for proposals.

Does this call for proposals include core support to organizations?

Support is not intended as an institutional grant; therefore, project activities need to be developed and specified in advance, in line with the objectives of the call.

How many applications can one organization submit?

You can apply with up to two projects. An organization can be the lead applicant on one project, and the partner organization on the other. This applies regardless of whether the projects are national/local or regional.

What kind of partnership is allowed under this call for proposals?

Organizations may apply individually or in partnership with other civil society organizations (CSO) eligible under this call for proposals. In case of a successful application, an agreement is signed with the lead applicant.

How are regional partnerships and networks contracted? Are agreements signed with all participants individually?

An agreement is signed with the lead applicant. Partnership can be based on participation in a formal network, in which case a founding document of the network should be submitted. If the network is informal, a memorandum of understanding between the members of the network/project partners should be submitted with the application. The applicant is fully responsible for implementation and further distribution of funds among partners and is subject to audit.

Do partner organizations need to be CSOs? Can they be registered in a country other than the WB6 countries?

Both the applicant and partner organizations need to be registered as CSOs under this call for proposals. The call does not include organizations registered outside of the WB6 countries covered by the eligibility criteria. The idea is for local organizations to work in the areas covered by their mandate, or to network further within the region.

Is sub-granting an eligible activity under this call?

Sub-granting is not an eligible activity under this call for proposals.

Is there any specific time for projects' approval? Will all project proposals be considered at the end of a specific period?

Decisions are made on a regular basis by the BTM Grants' Review Committee (up to 4 times in one calendar year). The next review of proposals will be in February 2021. Proposals received after December 15 will not be considered for this review. They will be reviewed in the next round.

Is there an end date for submitting project proposals?

The end date for receiving proposals under this call is October 15, 2021. Proposals received after this date will not be taken into consideration.

When will we know the outcome of our application?

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

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

Who do we sign the contract with?

Successful applicants will sign a contract with BTM.

How are the decisions made?

The same assessment criteria apply for all BTM programs supported by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Belgrade. The information is published on our webpage. BTM operates with a small, skilled staff with extensive experience in the region. BTM 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 BTM donors and partners.

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