

Call for Proposals 2012

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**Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation
for the Dialogue between Cultures**

Aim of the Call

In line with the ALF strategic framework of the operational phase 2012 – 2014, the **aim** of this Call is

to contribute to **foster** the role of the Foundation in the **promotion of intercultural dialogue at grassroots level of the society**, through community mobilization and participation and supporting the implementation of civil society's initiatives.

Specific objectives

Considering the current social changes taking place in the societies of the Euro-Mediterranean region and valuing the voice of people, groups and civil initiatives emerging in the whole region (Northern and Southern shores of the Mediterranean), this Call will aim at supporting project ideas that

promote the mobilization and empowerment of civil society for inclusion and citizenship in line with the ALF '4D' Strategy- **Dialogue, Diversity, Democracy and Development**

This Strategy conceives intercultural Dialogue as a civil society mobilization factor, aimed at valuing Diversity, promoting the participation of the society in building open and plural Democracies, and fostering inclusive and sustainable human Development.

Specific objectives

Priority will be given to the project proposals focusing on the following dimensions:

- * Intercultural **Dialogue** encouraging exchange and participation in public life;
- * Social and Cultural **Diversity** as a tool for cohesion and cooperation;
- * **Democracy** related practices and awareness actions in civil society
- * New approaches to human **Development**, integrating socio-economic and environmental dimensions.

Fields of action

The proposals will be developed through the **fields of action** identified for the current phase of the ALF:

Culture & Creativity

Education & Intercultural Learning

Urban spaces & Citizenship

Media & Public Opinion

A project may address more than one field of action

Target group

The main target group of this Call is the **civil society actors at large**

However, the actions may preferably target the following:

- **Youth**, in order to involve them in a culture of dialogue and critical thinking to face common challenges;
- **Women**, as they are key actors for change.

Priority will be given to projects including the involvement/participation of:

- **Civil society actors** acting as **multipliers**;
- **Discriminated social groups** and individuals as the most vulnerable component of the society;
- **Minorities** as they enrich the social and cultural diversity and represent a human bridge among the cultures in the region;
- **Local stakeholders** having an incidence on the social context where the project is implemented.

Duration of the project

- The duration of implementation is between a maximum of **12 consecutive months and a minimum of 8 consecutive months**. No exceptions will be made beyond October 2013;
- The duration of implementation must fall within the period between **15 July 2012 and 15 October 2013**;
- First projects may start on 15th July 2012 and latest projects will start by 15th February 2013
- The **starting and ending dates for the implementation of the project have to be agreed between the beneficiary and the Foundation** within the above defined period provided that the project must start no later than 1 month after the signature of the grant contract
- In addition to the duration of implementation, 1 month is dedicated for the reporting (final narrative, financial reports, annexes and audit certificate);
- ALF Secretariat shall have 3 months for the verification of the submitted final reports before releasing the final payment.

Financial Allocation

Total Budget for this Call: 1.350,000 EUR

The Anna Lindh Foundation financial support shall not exceed

80% of the total eligible costs

The ALF grant will be between

Minimum amount: 20,000 € - Maximum amount: 35,000 €

**The ALF Secretariat may revise the budget of a selected proposal
if some items are judged overestimated**

The Applicants

The 1+1 Formula

Each project should involve **at least 2 partners:**

-1 from a country from the North

Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom.

-1 from a country from the South

Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia, Turkey

Eligibility Criteria: Who May Apply?

The organisation applying as a LEADER must

- **Be non-profit organisation**
- **Be a legal person** (not a physical person)
- **Be officially registered in one of the national network in one of the 42 countries of the Euromed Partnership**
And accepted by the Head of Network before the **20th January 2012.**
- **Belong to one of the following categories:**
NGO's, Educational, cultural, academic or research institutions, non-profit media, foundations or local authorities

Eligibility Criteria: Who May Apply?

The project partner(s)

- **Must be a legal person** (not a physical person) such as non-governmental organisations, educational, cultural, academic or research institutions, non-profit media, foundations or local authorities, private entities.
- **Partners may or may not be members of ALF National Networks.** In other words, membership in ALF National Networks is not mandatory for the partners associated to the project.
- **Project Partners participate effectively in designing and implementing the project,** and the costs they incur are eligible in the same way as those incurred by the applicant.
- **Partners must contribute to the project budget,** either with cash contribution or with in kind contribution.
- Partners do not need to be member of an ALF National Network

Disqualification/Exclusion

During the call for proposals, an applicant may be disqualified/excluded from participation if

- **they are subject to conflict of interest**
- **they have failed to supply or have misrepresented required information**
- **they have attempted to obtain confidential information or influence the committee or ALF during the evaluation process**
- **they have send their application to an ALF staff member**

Note: These eligibility criteria apply to all the project partners and not just the lead partner.

How To Apply

Applying to the ALF Call for Project Proposals requires the submission of the following documents:

- A. Application form**
- B. Work Plan**
- C. Budget**
- D. Partnership statement**

Applying to the call can be done either electronically,
using the online forms available on
<http://grants.annalindh.org/guidelines>

or by registered mail or private courier service.

However, it is strongly recommended to apply online.

Application Form

- **Fill (*typewritten*)** the application form online in either **English or French**.
- Be **clear and precise for each of the questions**.
- **Fill and attach** the form for the **budget**, the **work plan**, the **partnership statement** with stamp and signature

Evaluation of Applications

- 1. Administrative compliance (see checklist)**
 - 2. Eligibility of the Applicants, Partners and actions**
 - 3. Evaluation of Quality of the Proposals and Financial Evaluation**
 - 4. All successful applicants will be notified by mid June 2012**
- Contract signature from July 2012**

Deadline

16th April 2012, at 16.00 hrs Egypt time

This deadline applies for **both**
online applications and hard copy applications to be
received by the ALF Secretariat in Alexandria
regardless the date of sending the application.

For more information

Some **Frequently Asked Questions** are already online at
<http://grants.annalindh.org/faq>

New questions may be added on 25th March

Send your new questions by e-mail or fax,

By the 20th of March 2012

The contact form to submit questions about the call:

<http://grants.annalindh.org/support>

Fax : +20 3 482 0471

Pages 10 and 11 of the guidelines gave some tips to consider

More resource material will be online by 25th March 2012