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Information note on funding opportunities for Iran-related projects

Iran-related projects are eligible for funding under a number of EU instruments in response to **competitive calls for proposals**. For an introduction to these instruments please refer to: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/how/finance/thematic_en.htm

These funding instruments include the thematic programmes of the Development Co-operation Instrument (DCI) such as:

Investing in People:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/how/finance/dci/investing_en.htm

Non-State Actors and Local Authorities in Development:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/how/finance/dci/non_state_actors_en.htm

Migration and Asylum:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/how/finance/dci/migration_en.htm

and under the **European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR):**

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/how/finance/eidhr_en.htm

Regular calls for proposals are published on the EuropeAid Development and Cooperation Directorate-General website of the European Commission. As part of the process eligible organisations submit proposals which go through various stages of competitive evaluation. **After a competitive selection procedure, grants are awarded to fund successful proposals.** These grants cover most of the funding necessary to implement the proposed projects, usually between 60% and 90%, and the remainder must be covered through co-funding raised by the applicant. In a few exceptional cases duly justified, EU funding cover up to 100% of the project cost.

In designing a project proposal it is important to refer to the **Project Cycle Management Guide:**

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/multimedia/publications/publications/manuals-tools/t101_en.htm

as projects must be designed in the manner set out in this Guide.

How to search for grant opportunities

There is currently no open call for proposals specifically targeting activities in Iran. The Commission will widely publicise Iran-specific calls for proposals that are scheduled. Nevertheless, **Iran-related activities are eligible under all global calls for proposals.** NGOs and other eligible organisations seeking to implement projects in Iran should **regularly monitor the following website, where all calls for proposals are announced:**

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm

One way of monitoring the website for relevant calls for proposals is as follows:

1. Go to: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm and click on the "Calls for Proposals & Procurement notices" button.
2. Click on "Advanced search"

3. Insert the criteria: Geographical zone: "All Countries"; under Type click on "grants"; under Status click on "Open" and/or "Forecast"; under Programme leave it blank if you want to check all calls, otherwise select a specific thematic programme in the list; leave Published after and Published before blank.

4. Click on the Search button

If there are calls for proposals which meet the chosen criteria they will then appear on the screen. By clicking on each call you arrive at a series of documents. The most useful starting point is the document entitled "Guidelines for grant applicants". This document contains all necessary information required for any organisation interested in applying for a grant.

PADOR

The "Potential Applicant Data Online Registration – PADOR" database contains information about organisations applying for grants of the European Commission in the field of external assistance.

Registration in PADOR is free of charge, and it must be done only once for each organisation. It is obligatory for all applicants and partners to Call for proposals who apply for a grant over 25.000€

Please note that:

Applicants must be registered in PADOR before the deadline for the submission of Concept Notes (specified in the guidelines of each Call for proposals).

Partners must be registered in PADOR before the deadline for the submission of Full Applications (specified in the guidelines of each Call for proposals). Once registered, the responsible for managing the organisation's profile should update their PADOR account by the above deadlines.

The information in PADOR is used by the European Commission for evaluating the operational and financial capacity criteria as well as for checking the eligibility of the organisations that participate in calls for proposals.

For more information on Pador, including a "Quick guide" and "Frequently Asked Questions" please go to: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/onlineservices/pador/index_en.htm