



■ **Active Citizen Fund NGO Malta Programme 2014 – 2021**

Q & A SESSION (CALL 2)

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- **The Active Citizens Fund is implemented within the EEA and Norway Grants 2014–2021**
 - **Total budget: €15 million**
 - **Donor States: Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.**
 - **Amount designated for Malta: € 369,000.**

Iceland 
Liechtenstein
Norway grants

To reduce economic and social disparities and strengthen bilateral relations between Malta and the donor states.

ACF Malta NGO Programme (Call 2)

- Open to: VOs registered with the Commissioner of Voluntary Organisations with at least 1 employee
- Project grant: max of €25,000
- Duration: 12 – 18 months (commencing: January 2022)
- Deadline: 23 July 2021 (noon)

Application, Submission

- **Website:** activecitizensfund.mt
- **Application form** (includes Annexes I, II and III) + supporting documentation (see admin criteria)

Submission:

- **By hand / post** - SOS Malta offices (09:00 – 12:00 every day from 19 -23 July 2021).
2 bound hard copies + pendrive
- **By email** to acfmalta@sosmalta.org using www.wetransfer.com.

First page stamped and signed in blue ink and the rest initialised in blue ink by a legal representative of the organisation.

Thematic areas

- **Facilitation of civic participation at local and national level: access to information, access to justice in environmental matters in accordance with the Aarhus Convention etc., citizen activism, volunteering.**
- **Education initiatives in media literacy, critical thinking and healthy debate education.**
- **Advocacy for increased citizen involvement in public decision-making.**

Increased citizen participation in civic activities

Supported activities

- involving the public in public policy decision-making
- lobbying on good governance and responsible citizenship
- training in critical thinking
- training in media literacy
- strengthening efforts against violation of human rights
- campaigns strengthening civic participation
- community mapping on civic participation
- support of volunteering and active interest in civic life

Partnerships

Partnerships are encouraged.

- Partners shall share a common economic or social goal with the applicant and should contribute to the outcome/s of the project.
- Partners may include public or private entities, commercial or non-commercial, as well as non-governmental organisations established as a legal person, whose primary locations are:

Malta or any other beneficiary states of ACF Grants

Bilateral partnerships

- Partnership with entities located in any of the donor states: Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein.
- Potential partners can be identified:
 - the Norwegian Helsinki Committee
<https://ngonorway.org/partners/>
 - the Icelandic Centre for Human Rights
<https://www.humanrights.is/en>

Project Results Framework

Expected programme results		Indicator	Unit of measurement	Source of verification	Baseline value	Target value
Output 1	Civic participation supported	Number of civil society education initiatives on civic participation supported	Number	Project promoters' records	0	
Output 2	General public and CSOs educated in media literacy	Number of CSO staff trained in media literacy (disaggregated by gender)	Number	Enrolment records	0	
Output 3	Advocacy for increased citizen involvement in public decision-making supported	Number of advocacy initiatives on increased citizen involvement in public decision-making supported	Number	Project promoters' records	0	

Budget

The budget must be drawn up using the official template:

- Project Budget Template (Annex II)
- Budget must include:
 - 5% financial management
 - 15% of direct eligible personnel costs to cover indirect expenditures

Instructions on how to calculate the budget can be found

- Guidelines for Applicants (pp. 15-20)

Points to keep in mind

- The target values set in the Project Results Framework need to be realistic and achievable.
- The tasks listed in Pt 3.2 of the application need to
 - contribute to the achievement of the target values and the implementation of the communication plan (Annex III)
 - be reflected in the Project Work Plan (Annex I) and the Project Budget (Annex II)

Contact info

- Application Form (Annex I, II and III), Guidelines and FAQs:
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