



AGREE – ACTION FOR GIRLS' RIGHTS TO EQUALITY AND EMPOWERMENT!"
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**For Sub-granting Scheme
under the project “AGREE! – Action for Girls’ Rights to Equality and Empowerment”**

This document provides answers and clarifications to questions received regarding the Call for Proposals for the Sub-Granting Scheme under the project “AGREE! – Action for Girls’ Rights to Equality and Empowerment.”

The answers below are provided for clarification purposes and should be read together with the Call for Proposals and the relevant application documents. All other conditions, eligibility requirements, evaluation criteria and application procedures specified in the Call for Proposals remain unchanged.

Questions	Answers
1. Is this Call for Proposals open only to organisations whose representatives have already participated in and completed all four thematic trainings under the AGREE! project, or will additional trainings be organised before the application deadline to allow other interested organisations to meet this eligibility requirement?	According to the Call for Proposals, the following types of legal entities may receive financial support: 1. Individual legally registered NGOs; 2. Informal CSOs' groups (parents' groups, informal CSOs) led by a legally registered NGO; 3. Informal consortia of NGOs, educational and other relevant institutions, local authorities and other legally registered bodies, led by a legally registered NGO. Only the formal CSOs which complete the AGREE! project set of trainings on regional, national or local level are eligible to participate in the Call for Proposals as applicants. The topics of the set of trainings are: (1) gender and anti-discrimination; (2) social and financial education; (3) peer education; and (4) CSOs' capacity building.



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	An organisation that has not completed the required AGREE! project set of trainings cannot apply as an applicant. However, it may participate as a partner in a project led by an eligible organisation that has completed the required trainings.
2. Is it mandatory to complete all four thematic trainings?	Yes. According to the Call for Proposals, eligibility criteria require completion of the AGREE! project set of trainings, which covers all four thematic areas: (1) gender and anti-discrimination; (2) social and financial education; (3) peer education; and (4) CSOs' capacity building.
3. Can an organisation that has not participated in the trainings so far join the trainings at this stage and become eligible to submit an application?	No. Completion of the AGREE! project set of trainings at regional, national or local level is an eligibility requirement under this Call for Proposals. An organisation that has not completed the required AGREE! project set of trainings cannot apply as an applicant. However, it may participate as a partner in a project led by an eligible organisation that has completed the required trainings.
4. Do you encourage projects that involve partnerships between organisations from urban areas and municipalities in rural areas, with the aim of reducing regional inequalities, and will such projects receive additional points?	The evaluation criteria and the corresponding scoring system are set out in the Evaluation Grid included in the Call for Proposals. The quality of the applications will be assessed in accordance with the criteria and scoring system established in this Evaluation Grid.
5. Will it be considered an advantage if the proposed activities are part of the organisation's long-term strategy and have the potential to be sustained after the end of the grant?	The quality of the applications will be assessed in accordance with the evaluation criteria and scoring system set out in the Evaluation Grid included in the Call for Proposals.
6. Under which budget category should salaries and contributions for employees directly engaged in the implementation of the project be presented? Is it appropriate to include these costs under the "Direct Costs" category, clearly indicating the position, period/percentage of engagement, and the related contributions?	Costs related to salaries and contributions for employees directly engaged in the implementation of the project may be included under the "Direct Costs" category. The position, period and/or percentage of engagement, as well as the related costs and contributions, should be clearly specified and justified in relation to the proposed project activities. Please note that Human Resources may not exceed 25% of the budget. Please note that, according to the Call for Proposals, salaries of staff not directly engaged in the project, as well as additional staff fees not justified by the project activities, are considered ineligible costs.
7. To which AGREE! project partner should an organisation submit its application under the Sub-Grant Call?	Organisations that meet the eligibility requirements specified in the Call for Proposals should submit their application to the AGREE! project partner responsible for

	the Sub-Grant Call in the country where the organisation is legally registered. For example, organisations registered in Serbia should apply through the AGREE! project partner implementing the Sub-Grant Call in Serbia. The same principle applies to eligible organisations registered in the other Western Balkan countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia) and Türkiye covered by the Sub-Grant Scheme. The proposed activities should be implemented in the respective country, in accordance with the location requirements specified in the relevant Call for Proposals.
8. Are there any financial criteria for potential applicants in terms of minimum or maximum annual budget/income of the organisation in the previous year, or can organisations apply regardless of the size of their annual budget?	The Call for Proposals does not specify any minimum or maximum annual budget or income requirements for applicants. Organisations that meet the eligibility requirements set out in the Call for Proposals may apply regardless of the size of their annual budget. Applicants are, however, required to submit their narrative/financial report for the previous year (2025) as part of the application package.
9. Do all members of the applicant organisation's project team need to have completed the AGREE! project set of trainings, or is it sufficient for one representative of the organisation to have completed the trainings?	It is not required for all members of the project team to have completed the AGREE! project set of trainings. Completion of the required set of trainings by at least one representative of the organisation is sufficient for the organisation to meet this eligibility requirement.
10. If a representative who completed the AGREE! project set of trainings participated on behalf of an organisation that is a member of a network, can the network apply for the Sub-Grant Call on the basis of that representative's participation?	No. Participation in the AGREE! project set of trainings by a representative of an organisation that is a member of a network does not automatically make the network eligible to apply. The organisation that was represented at the trainings may apply, provided that it also meets the other eligibility criteria set out in the Call for Proposals. The network may be involved as a partner in the proposed project, in accordance with the conditions and forms of cooperation provided for in the Call for Proposals. According to the Call for Proposals, the following types of legal entities may receive financial support: 1. Individual legally registered NGOs; 2. Informal CSOs' groups (parents' groups, informal CSOs) led by a legally registered NGO;

	3. Informal consortia of NGOs, educational and other relevant institutions, local authorities and other legally registered bodies, led by a legally registered NGO.
11. What should an applicant do if they experience difficulties downloading the application documents published under the Call for Proposals?	All application documents and templates are available as part of the published Call for Proposals. In case of difficulties accessing or downloading the documents, applicants may contact the relevant AGREE! project partner responsible for the Call in their country to request the application documents.