

1ST CALL FOR REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT FROM PROFESSIONALS FROM THE DIASPORA

GUIDELINES FOR REQUEST SUBMISSION

Authorities of partner countries are invited to submit requests for support from professional(s) in their diaspora based in Europe or in another partner country via short-term development assignments in digitalisation, education, entrepreneurship, environment and health.

General information

Deadline: 16 November 2020, 23:59 CET

Information of successful applicants: December 2020

Priority sectors: digitalisation, education, entrepreneurship, environment, health

Eligible applicants:

- Local¹/national authorities from partner countries in Africa, Asia, Eastern and Southern Neighbourhoods, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Pacific²
- Regional organisations

Implementation period: 2021-2022

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² Overseas countries and territories and pre-accession countries are not eligible.



Overview

As the first ever EU-funded project to take a global approach to diaspora engagement for development, the 2019-2022 [EU Global Diaspora Facility](#) (EUDiF) pilots approaches to increase collaboration and engagement between diaspora development organisations in Europe, partner countries and the EU.

EUDiF's Diaspora Professionals 4 Development is a **small-scale human capital transfer mechanism that operates through short-term virtual and/or onsite assignments**.³ The [Diaspora Professionals](#) mechanism aims to make the most of the know-how, transnational origin and connections, as well as the enthusiasm, of professionals from the diaspora willing to share their skills and experience in development projects in their country of heritage.

In this context, professionals from partner countries' diaspora are encouraged to register through the [EUDiF expert roster](#) as soon as possible.

Through this **demand-driven global** mechanism, EUDiF aims to:

- Test approaches, interests and feasibility to facilitate the transfer of diaspora human capital for development work;
- Encourage skills circulation between Europe and countries of heritage as well as at intra-regional level.

Who can submit a request?

- Local⁴/central authorities from partner countries in Africa, Asia, Eastern and Southern Neighbourhoods, Latin America and the Caribbean,⁵ and the Pacific⁵
- Regional organisations

³ Considering the current coronavirus situation globally, virtual and remote transfer of human capital will be initially favoured.

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⁵ Overseas countries and territories and pre-accession countries are not eligible.



Priority sectors

EUDiF focuses on development projects in sectors where diaspora are suitable agents of change and: i) diaspora expertise and experience are tangible; ii) brain drain is particularly high; iii) short-term human capital transfer schemes can be beneficial.

Requesting authorities are encouraged to consider the following non-exhaustive list of priority sectors and sub-sectors:

Sectors	Possible sub-sectors
Digitalisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– E-health– Distance learning– E-business– E-governance– Information management– Digital finance
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Development of healthcare services and training– Health systems policy formulation– Preparedness for emergency health crisis
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Creation of curriculum– Support to research project– Teaching higher education courses– Technical and vocational training
Environment & climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Green initiatives– Climate change mitigation and adaptation– Diaspora humanitarianism
Entrepreneurship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Small and medium enterprises creation– New technologies– Youth entrepreneurs– Women entrepreneurs– Diaspora / heritage tourism

Across the above-mentioned sectors, special attention will be paid to requests that promote gender equality and empowerment of women and/or youth opportunities.

In order to meet the actual needs and priorities of partner countries and ensure a tailored-made approach, the EUDiF team will also consider requests focusing on other development sectors.



Eligible types of support (non-exhaustive list)

Core knowledge transfer activities	Assignments at hosts institutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of trainers in the country of heritage • Specialised thematic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Seminars/workshops ➤ Mentoring and coaching ➤ Training and information exchange sessions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance to draft strategic and policy documents such as policies, laws, strategies, standard operating procedures, recommendations, action plans, programmes, etc. • Support to the development of practical tools such as manuals, curricula, handbooks, methodologies • Gap and needs assessments, incl. evaluation of institutional structures, and feasibility studies • Support to the development of information and awareness-raising campaigns • Data collection and data sharing exercises

Non-eligible support: equipment (soft or hard), grants, material support for facilities, capacity development support covered under [EUDiF Capacity Development Lab](#).

Selection process and criteria

The EUDiF team, in cooperation with DG DEVCO and after consultation of relevant stakeholders, will select a limited number of requests, ensuring a thematic and geographic balance.

The following two-step selection process will be used:

Step 1 Eligibility test	Step 2 Evaluation of the request
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eligibility of the requesting authority 2. Eligibility of proposal (i.e. submitted as per the instructions and using the form provided) 	Weighted-scored system based on selection criteria, as described in the table below



Eligible requests will be evaluated against five criteria.

Relevance	Feasibility	Transfer of human capital	Sustainability	Ownership
(max. 20 points)	(max. 20 points)	(max. 20 points)	(max. 20 points)	(max. 20 points)
Justification of the need, which shall be in line with the applicant's priorities and those of the targeted sector in the country.	Justification that the request can be achieved within the proposed timeframe, means available and local context.	Demonstration that diaspora expertise has added value and the transfer of human capital is central.	Demonstration of the ability to bring and sustain long-term results.	Demonstration of the commitment of the requesting authority to drive the process.

Submission of requests

Interested partners shall apply via the [EUDiF website](#) by clicking the button '**Request**' to generate the online form.

A practice version of the request form is annexed to this document. It includes all the questions in the online form, covering: contact details and summary of the request, details of the request (including objectives, activities and results) and an analysis of the selection criteria.

To prepare your request, we recommend using the practice form below. Once you are happy with your draft request it can then be submitted online. Note that it is not possible to begin a request online and edit it later. We strongly recommend preparing the request in advance. Only requests received via the online form will be considered. Each applying institution may submit one request.

EUDiF accepts requests in English, French, Spanish, Russian or Arabic.

In the selection process, the criteria outlined above will be strictly applied. Applicants are therefore encouraged to complete the request in a clear and detailed manner.

All applicants will receive an automated system response, confirming the request has been received.

EUDiF will process any personal data in line with the [EU General Data Protection Regulation](#).



Contact

Should you encounter a problem when submitting your request online, please contact the project team at EU-diaspora@icmpd.org.

For more information and to remain up to date on EUDiF activities and services:

- Visit the [EUDiF website](#)
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Practice Request Form

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Note: this is a practice version of the Request Form, intended to help you prepare in advance of submitting your request online. **All requests must be submitted online through the EUDiF website.**

Should you encounter a problem when submitting request online, please contact the project team at EU-diaspora@icmpd.org.

* Required field

I. Contact details of the requesting institution

1.1 Name of the institution: *

1.2 Type of institution: *

Public central authority from a partner country

Public local authority from a partner country

Regional organisation

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1.3 Brief description of the institution *

Up to 1000 characters

1.4 Date of establishment of the institution: *

1.5 Address: *

1.6 Telephone: *

1.7 Email: *

1.8 Website:

Contact person:

1.9 Name: *

1.10 Job title: *

1.11 Telephone number: *

1.12 Email: *

II. Summary of the request

2.1 For which sector of expertise are you requesting support? *

Digitalisation

Environment

Education

Health

Entrepreneurship

Other. Please specify:

2.2 In what region/country will the request be implemented? *

2.3 Executive summary of the request. *

Up to 2000 characters

For Sections 3 and 4 please pay special attention to “Guidelines for Request Submission”

III. Details of the request

3.1 What type of support is needed? Please specify whether the support could be delivered remotely if travel proves impossible. *

Up to 2000 characters

3.2 Define the key and specific objectives of the request. *

Up to 1000 characters

3.3 What are the expected short, medium and long-term results of the request? *

Up to 2000 characters

3.4 Define the target group(s), sector(s) and sub-sector(s) that will be addressed and/or benefit from the request. *

Up to 1000 characters

3.5 Describe the suggested sequence of tasks and activities, including the estimated timeframe, of the request. *

Up to 1000 characters

3.6 Describe the roles of both the requesting institution and the professional(s) from the diaspora in the request. *

Up to 1000 characters

3.7 What challenges do you anticipate? *

Up to 2000 characters

IV. Selection criteria

Relevance

- 4.1 What needs will the request address? Provide a sound analysis of the needs. Explain why the issue(s) was selected over others, and how the request fits within your institution's mandate and sector priorities. ***

Up to 2000 characters

Feasibility

- 4.2 Assess the feasibility of the proposed request considering the timeframe, means and local context. ***

Up to 2000 characters

Transfer of Human Capital

- 4.3 Explain how this request would add value to your institution and the targeted sector, and how the transfer of human capital from the diaspora is central to this request. ***

Up to 2000 characters

Sustainability

4.4 Describe the aspects of the request that ensure its long-term sustainability. Explain how your institution will sustain the results beyond the lifetime of the project. *

Up to 2000 characters

Ownership

4.5 Explain how your institution will enable and support (material and non-material support) the deployment of the professional(s) from the diaspora and how your institution will drive the deployment process. *

Up to 2000 characters

V. Additional information

5.1 Do you have a professional from your diaspora in mind for this assignment? *

Yes

No

If YES, please give details here.

Up to 1000 characters

5.2 Has your institution worked with a professional from your diaspora in the past? Please give details (optional)

Up to 1000 characters

5.3 Additional remarks (optional)

Up to 2000 characters

Thank you for your interest in EUDiF. Best of luck with your request!

If you have any questions related to the request form or the DP4D in general, please contact:

EU-diaspora@icmpd.org.

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