

The EU Global Diaspora Facility

D4D Grants call for applications

Clarifications note 1

The following questions and answers are published following the receipt of requests for clarifications from potential applicants between 15/11/2024 and 28/11/2024. The Clarifications note is available in English and will be available in French by 13 December 2025, with the English version prevailing. Most of the questions received can be answered by carefully reading the [Call for applications guidelines](#). Please note that in the interest of equal treatment of applicants, ICMPD does not give a prior opinion on the eligibility of an applicant, project or specific activities.

Eligibility of applicant

Questions received:

1. I would like to know if you accept a project for Guinea Bissau.
2. Does Suriname fall under the diaspora for this application?
3. Do people who have not yet registered their foundation not qualify? We have many ideas and since the application is open until January, it's short notice
4. Can my organisation in Greece apply?
5. Can the African Union CIDO apply for the grant below?
6. I am president and co-founder of a small Italian/African non-profit development cooperation association legally registered in Italy. I would like to know if this association is eligible for your grant?
7. I am a Fellow at the Nepal Policy Institute, a think tank powered by the Nepalese diaspora. We are registered in Nepal with an office in the country and are also recognised as a nonprofit entity in the Netherlands. Are we eligible to apply?
8. We are a Portuguese NGO working on Social Innovation through technology. We have an Education Program on Portuguese Schools. We are not a Diaspora Organisation neither represent exclusively diaspora students. Are we eligible for your grant?
9. I am based in The Netherlands and we run a project in Morocco for four years to build the cleantech ecosystem by launching ClimateLaunchpad. ClimateLaunchpad is the world's largest and smartest cleantech and green business ideas competition. Are we eligible to apply?

Answer from **Call for applications guidelines** section “Applicant: Who can apply” on page 5:

“The lead applicant is a legally registered entity in an EU member state, Switzerland, or Norway and operating for over 18 months at the moment of the general deadline for application submission. Entities may include, but are not limited to, diaspora organisations, civil society organisations, community-based organisations, associations and social enterprises. The entity should be not-for-profit and should represent diasporas from countries listed in the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI) regulation.

A current list of countries under NDICI regulation includes [DG INTPA partner countries](#) and [DG NEAR partner countries](#). Countries benefiting from the Instrument for [Pre-accession Assistance](#) are not eligible under D4D Grants (including Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine).”

Answer from **Call for applications guidelines** section “overview” on page 4:

*“D4D Grants aim to promote sustainable development by supporting diaspora-led initiatives in the **country of origin** in the areas of climate, economy, education and health.”*

Only legally registered entities are eligible, and D4D grants cannot be awarded to private persons.

Eligibility of project proposal

Question received:

10. Is it possible, through our organisation, for a recognised association in Guinea to apply in the 4 areas [of support: climate, economy, education and health] listed below for the same locality, or does it have to apply for different localities?
11. How long does such support last, is there a follow-up for example next year?

Answer from **Call for applications guidelines** section “Project Proposal: What is the funding for” on page 6:

*“The project proposed promotes sustainable development in the country of origin in **one or more of the following areas**: Climate, economy, education and health. In Annex A **Grant application form** section B “General features of your project” question 2 “Intervention area” allows for multi-selections between the four areas.*

The project’s planned duration should be between 6 to 18 months, ending before 31/12/2026.”

For the next two years, EUDiF will focus on overseeing the implementation of the grants awarded under this call and does not foresee publishing a new opportunity for funding.

Eligibility of cost

Questions received:

12. As far as health and education are concerned, is it possible to apply for the construction of dispensaries and schools for local communities. In the economic field, which concerns job creation and other areas, is it possible to apply for the construction of petrol stations or not?
13. The IMPACT CV association wants to develop a tool [platform] to encourage financial participation by the diaspora to increase the number of small projects financed. Can the creation of this type of platform be one of the projects funded under the diaspora development grant scheme?
14. How much of the funding can be used to purchase equipment? Is the cost of transport (by boat) from France to Cape Verde also eligible for funding?

Answer:

The eligibility of costs depends on the project design and the necessary activities required to achieve the objectives.

For costs to be eligible, they must meet the criteria outlined in the Call for applications guidelines section “Budget: What goes in the budget” on page 7, also available [in Annex II of the Standard Grant Contract](#), Article 14. From the guidelines:

They must be “incurred during implementation, budgeted and indicated in the overall project budget, necessary for the implementation of the project, identifiable and verifiable, compliant to applicant tax and social legislation, reasonable, justified and comply with the requirements of sound financial management, in particular regarding economy and efficiency”.

“Eligible costs may include: Staff costs, travel costs, project office costs, office utilities, equipment, consumables/supplies, other direct costs and services, taxes and charges, contingency reserve, indirect costs”.

“Ineligible costs: Debts and debt service charges (interest), provisions for losses or potential future liabilities, costs declared by the grantee and financed by another project or work programme, currency exchange losses, credits to third parties, in-kind contributions, staff bonuses outside of standard remuneration practices, negative interest charged by banks or other financial institutions, financial support to third parties, costs for expenditure

verification, project evaluation, or audit, costs linked to the preparation of the project application.”

There is no maximum limit or percentage cap for equipment costs. Transportation and delivery costs may be eligible, provided the criteria mentioned above are considered.

Other

Question received:

15. Can I discuss my project idea with you at your office?

Answer from **Call for applications guidelines** section “Exchanges with prospective applicants”, sub-section “Clarifications and correspondence” on page 11:

“The Call for applications guidelines contain all necessary information for an applicant to prepare and submit their application. If ICMPD, on its own initiative or in response to a request from a prospective applicant, provides additional information, it will be published on the EUDiF website.”

Please note that in the interest of equal treatment of applicants, EUDiF does not give a prior opinion on the eligibility of an applicant, a project or specific activities, nor does it give an opinion the content of the project and specific activities. Any information exchange related to the call must occur through the communication channels mentioned above only.

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