

**PEACEPLUS Programme Pre-Development Support
Children & Young People: Investment Area 3.2
FAQs arising from ongoing Pre-Development Support, January – March 2022**

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| 1 | What is the likely timeline for a call? | Until the Programme is signed off by the Commission, we cannot be sure of the precise timeframe. However, the current most likely scenario is that we shall open for applications in mid-June, and that decisions will be made and contracts issued early in 2023. |
| 2 | What will the application process be? | The online Jems system will be used. This will house a support portal for any assistance required with your application. It shall be a one stage process, and the call shall be open for eight to ten weeks. A guide for applicants will be provided to take you through the eligibility and application process. |
| 3 | Which staffing costs will be permissible under the SCO (Simplified Cost Option)? | <p>The following staff profiles are eligible to attract the 40% flat rate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every direct Youth Worker employed on the project regardless of the time spent on the project (for example, casual workers, mentors, coaches, tutors, activity staff, etc.); • Every project proposal will be expected to have a Monitoring and Evaluation Officer (or that function contained within another post), Communications Officer (or that function contained within another post), Administration Officer, and Finance Officer to assist with the project delivery returns to the SEUPB; • In relation to CEO and Director level time input to the proposed project, this will not be eligible for reimbursement under this call; • Other individual time on the project will be considered on a case-by-case basis to establish the relevance and need of these positions for the project. |

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| 4 | Can my organisation put itself forward as a Project Partner in more than one bid, and/or as a Lead Partner in one bid and a Project Partner in another? | Although not ineligible, organisations who put themselves forward in more than one bid (in any role) will have to demonstrate and evidence they have the capacity to deliver the proposals. This will be tested at the time of assessment and considered on a case-by-case basis. |
| 5 | What is the anticipated project duration and over what period should I cost my project? | You should cost your project over four and a half years. This should be four years of project activity and six months of lead-in and closure – i.e. three months either side. Eligibility of costs may be backdated from the date of opening the call, but this only applies to project mobilisation, i.e. recruiting staff prior to contract. Any project choosing to do this will do so at their own risk. |
| 6 | Is the €6,000 cost per head calculated on the basis of the output indicator (number of young people recruited) or the result indicator (number of completers)? | Applicants should prepare budgets on the basis of the result indicator: an indicative allocation of €6,000 per participant (this is completers). Projects may, however, present a cost per head lower than this. |
| 7 | What are the target indicators at the investment area level? (i.e. collective indicators for all projects?) | At an investment area level, the output indicator is 9,750 young people (total number recruited), and the result indicator is 7,500 young people (total number completing). |
| 8 | What are the target indicators at a project level? | At an individual project level, we expect result indicators of between 1,000-1,200 (number of young people completing). Completers should follow a maximum of 23% attrition rate of participations. In all circumstances, within each project, delivery should be to appropriately sized cohorts of young people, with a cross-community and/or cross-border range of participants. Projects proposing fewer than 1,000 completers must provide their rationale. |
| 9 | Will payments be withheld if my project does not achieve its output and result indicators? | In the case of agreed indicators (as established in the Letter of Offer) not being achieved, underachievement rules, as set out in the Letter of Offer, will apply. |
| 10 | Will projects that are both cross-border and cross-community score higher than those that pursue cross-community work on a single jurisdictional basis and do not have a cross-border partner? | First and foremost, projects must address how they meet the five outcome areas of: good relations, personal development, citizenship, employability skills, and positive progression. Although it is eligible to propose a project on a single-jurisdictional basis, the Lead Partner must present an argument as to |

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| | | why they have chosen to work on a single-jurisdictional basis. It is up to them to show how they can still maximise impact for the target group. Where there is cross-border work without a formal cross-border partner, they should highlight it. This will be further outlined in the assessment criteria when published. |
| 11 | The message for the PEACEPLUS Youth Programme has been that projects should scale up. What size of project is expected? | We anticipate that project shall be scaled around delivering result indicators of 1,000-1,200 young people. Based on an indicative allocation of €6,000 per participant, bids should be between €6 million – €7.2 million. We understand that some partnerships may seek to deliver more completers, and this would be acceptable. |
| 12 | When will the exchange rate be set? | A planning rate will be set at the point the call is released. |
| 13 | Shall advance payments be made available? What is the expected percentage of the upfront payment for successful groups? | Advances will be made available, and any application for an advance (post Letter of Offer) will be considered on a case-by-case basis. |
| 14 | Will organisations be able to apply for the Youth and Mental Health Wellbeing strand of PEACEPLUS (3.3) if they are a Lead Partner in the PEACEPLUS Youth Programme? | Yes, this is possible, however the assessment process will test the capacity of an organisation to lead (or be a partner) on two projects. |