

EXTRACT FROM THE RULES OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS

No POWR.04.03.00-IP.07-00-003/16

FOR PROJECTS WITH A TRANSNATIONAL COMPONENT, IMPLEMENTED OUTSIDE THE COMMON FRAMEWORK

1.1 Basic information about the call for proposals

The Center of European Projects (CEP), acting as the Intermediate Body (IB) of the Operational Programme Knowledge Education Development (OP KED), hereby announces the call for proposals No POWR.04.03.00-IP.07-00-003/16 for projects with a transnational component, implemented outside the Common Framework under Priority Axis IV *Social innovation and transnational cooperation*, Measure 4.3 Transnational cooperation, of OP KED.

Applications for co-financing may be submitted under the seven themes:

1. Increasing employment opportunities for young unemployed people, including in particular people who are not in education or training (so-called NEET)¹.
2. Increasing access to employment for unemployed people from the following groups: people with lower professional skills, people aged 50+, women, long-term unemployed and disabled people.
3. Increasing the number or scope of social services provided by social economy entities, or raising these services uptake level by public administration entities.
4. Balancing between work and family responsibilities.
5. Ways of maintaining labour force participation in case of people aged 50+ in the micro, small and medium enterprises sector (including age management).
6. Increasing adult people's access to various forms of lifelong learning.
7. Increasing the ability to employ students of vocational education schools and institutions.

Applications for co-financing will be accepted between 18 and 29 July 2016, in line with the conditions described in the Rules of the Call for Proposals. Applications submitted before the starting and after the closing date of the call for proposals will be rejected at the stage of formal evaluation.

¹ This call for proposals does not provide for financing of mobility measures, which may be implemented exclusively under the OP KED Measure 4.2. *Transnational mobility programmes* OP KED.

1.2 Amount allocated for the call for proposals

The amount allocated for the call for proposals is PLN 40,000,000.00 (of which the maximum amount of co-financing – PLN 38,800,000).

After the call for proposals is resolved, the authority organising the call for proposals may increase the amount allocated for co-financing of the projects under the call for proposals.

The amount allocated for the call for proposals was divided proportionally between the themes of call for proposals indicated in point 1 of the Rules of the Call for Proposals. Planned allocation for each of the themes amounts to PLN 5,714,285,00.

1.3 Objective and subject of the call for proposals

The objective of the call for proposals is to develop and implement new solutions, created in cooperation with foreign partners in the thematic areas in which the call for proposals is organised.

The call for proposals covers projects with a transnational component, implemented outside the Common Framework.²

Projects with a transnational component implemented outside the Common Framework are projects the objectives, outputs and results of which are related to transnational cooperation and demonstrate the added value and effects of such cooperation. These projects are obligatorily implemented under a transnational partnership – partners sign a letter of intent and transnational cooperation agreement, resulting in development³ and implementation of a new solution. This type of project is implemented under a call for proposals announced at the national level, irrespective of a call for proposals coordinated at the European level (Common Framework).

The projects submitted under the call for proposals should contribute to the achievement of the OP KED objectives. In particular, they should contribute to attainment of the specific objective of Measure 4.3 *Implementing new solutions, in particular in the area of promoting labour force participation, lifelong learning, creation and implementation of public policies, thanks to cooperation with foreign partners.*

1.4 Entities eligible to apply for project co-financing

1. The entities listed in the Detailed Description of Priority Axes of the OP KED may apply for project co-financing under the call for proposals, i.e.:
 - entities responsible for creation, implementation and monitoring of public policies, and for control and supervision of those policies,
 - public administration,
 - local government units,
 - national associations and unions of local government units,
 - labour market institutions,

² Type of operation in line with the Detailed Description of Priority Axes.

³ Also understood as adaptation of the solution functioning at the foreign partner's institution.

- social assistance and social integration institutions,
- schools and education system institutions,
- universities,
- enterprises,
- non-governmental organisations,
- social economy entities,
- social partners in accordance with the definition adopted in the OP KED,
- federations or associations of non-governmental organisations and social economy entities.

1.5 Selection of eligibility criteria and bonus criteria

Criterion 1

“The project shall include at least two types of transnational cooperation activities from among the following:

- (1) development and implementation of new solution(s);
- (2) transfer, adaptation and implementation of new solution(s);
- (3) concurrent creation and implementation of new solution(s);
- (4) exchange of information and experience;

with exchange of information and experience being one obligatory type.

The definition of the new solution will be further specified in the Rules of the Call for Proposals.”

Criterion 2

“Under the call for proposals the applicant shall submit not more than 1 application for project co-financing under a specific theme of the call for proposals, assuming that it may submit applications for max. 2 themes of the call for proposals.”

Criterion 3

“The project submitted for the call for proposals is implemented exclusively under one transnational cooperation theme from among those specified in the call for proposals (below):

1. Increasing employment opportunities for young unemployed people, including in particular people who are not in education or training (so-called NEET).

2. Increasing access to employment for unemployed people from the following groups: people with lower professional skills, people aged 50+, women, long-term unemployed and disabled people⁴.
3. Increasing the number or scope of social services provided by social economy entities, or raising these services uptake level by public administration entities.
4. Balancing between work and family responsibilities.
5. Ways of maintaining labour force participation in case of people aged 50+ in the micro, small and medium enterprises sector (including age management).
6. Increasing adult people's access to various forms of lifelong learning.
7. Increasing the ability to employ students of vocational education schools and institutions."

Criterion 4

"The minimum project value specified in the project budget shall amount to PLN 500,000.00."

Criterion 5

"The project shall be implemented in transnational partnership exclusively within the European Union Member States, and at least one partner comes from a country other than Poland, while the applicant is an entity from Poland."

Criterion 6

"The application for project co-financing is submitted in a transnational partnership, which means that:

- 1) project's objective, output(s) and result(s) must be connected to transnational cooperation and demonstrate the added value of such cooperation;
- 2) rationale for using transnational cooperation to achieve the project objective has been provided."

Criterion 7

"Implementation of a transnational cooperation project consists of 6 stages:

- 1) Development of a solution in cooperation with a transnational partner,
- 2) Testing of the developed solution in the project target group, with possible support from the transnational partner,
- 3) Analysis of the effects of the tested solution, taking into account the opinions of expert(s) and the support of the transnational partner,
- 4) Development of the final version of the product (model, tool or solution), ready for implementation, taking into account the results of testing and the analysis, including the support of the transnational partner,

⁴ The scope of this theme does not cover providing support to young unemployed people, including in particular people who are not in education or training (so-called NEET).

- 5) Actions related to practical implementation of the solution, also taking into account the support of the transnational partner,
- 6) Development of recommendations for institutions of the user (that may also be a beneficiary or national partner(s)) in order to ensure that the solution developed under the transnational cooperation project is efficient and sustainable.”

Criterion 8

“As of the day of submission of the application for co-financing, the applicant or national partner(s) shall have at least 3 years of experience in activities within the substantive area of the project.”

Criterion 9

“The letter of intent, which is an annex to the application, is signed when the application for the call for proposals is submitted, and the data of the transnational partner and the tasks planned in transnational cooperation are entered into the application for project co-financing.”

Criterion 10

“The application for co-financing includes the practical implementation concept for the solution developed in transnational cooperation, also after the completion of the project implementation.”

Criterion 11 for theme no 1

“The objective of the project is to develop and implement comprehensive solutions with an aim to achieve social and professional activation (with elements of social integration, where justified) of unemployed young people, aged 15-29, who are not in education and training^[1], in accordance with the scope detailed in the Rules of the call for proposals.”

Criterion 12 for theme no 1

“Targeted support group:

- as users of the developed solution: entities active in the field of educational and professional activation and, where justified, entities operating for social integration of young people, aged 15–29, not in employment, in education or training, who will implement and apply developed/adapted solutions,
- people/solutions necessary to implement transnational cooperation and/or implement solutions in practice.”

Criterion 13 for theme no 2

^[1] A young person, aged 15–29, who meets three cumulative conditions, namely is not in employment (i.e. is unemployed or inactive), not in education (i.e. not participating in any full-time formal training) nor in training (i.e. not participating in any out-of-school forms of education to obtain, supplement or improve professional or general skills and qualifications necessary to perform their work).

“The objective of the project is to develop and implement comprehensive solutions with an aim to increase effectiveness of actions for professional activation (with elements of social integration, where justified) of adult people not in employment:

- disabled people and/or
- long-term unemployed and/or
- people with lower professional skills and/or
- people aged 50+ and/or
- women.”

Criterion 14 for theme no 2

“Targeted support group:

- as users of the developed solution: entities active in the field of educational and professional activation and, where justified, entities operating for social integration of young people not in employment: disabled people and/or long-term unemployed and/or people with lower professional skills and/or people aged 50+ and/or women, who will implement and apply developed/adapted solutions,
- people/solutions necessary to implement transnational cooperation and/or implement solutions in practice.”

Criterion 15 for theme no 3

“The objective of the project is to develop and implement solutions with an aim to develop models for cooperation between local government units and social economy entities in the area of providing public services which should be offered by local government units as services covered by their own tasks.”

Criterion 16 for theme no 3

“Targeted support group:

- as users of the developed solution: social economy entities as well as institutions supporting social economy environment, public or private labour market institutions or social assistance and social integration institutions, local government units or their organisational units, associations and unions of local government units, enterprises and non-governmental organisations, who will implement and apply developed/adapted solutions,
- people/solutions necessary to implement transnational cooperation and/or implement solutions in practice.”

Criterion 17 for theme no 4

“The objective of the project is to develop and implement solutions with an aim to ensure balance between work and family responsibilities related to care for dependent persons , by means of sustainable cross-sectoral cooperation mechanisms.”

Criterion 18 for theme no 4

“Targeted support group:

- as users of the developed solution: labour market institutions, social assistance and social integration institutions, non-governmental organisations or other entities operating for balancing work and family responsibilities related to care for dependent persons, who will implement and apply developed/adapted solutions in this regard,
- people/solutions necessary to implement transnational cooperation and/or implement solutions.”

Criterion 19 for theme no 5

“The objective of the project is to develop and implement solutions with an aim to maintain labour force participation in case of people aged 50+, employed in the micro, small or medium enterprises.”

Criterion 20 for theme no 5

“Targeted support group:

- as users of the developed solution: micro, small and medium enterprises, training institutions, business environment institution, who will implement and apply developed/adapted solutions,
- other people/solutions necessary to implement transnational cooperation and/or implement solutions in practice.”

Criterion 21 for theme no 6

“The objective of the project is to develop and implement comprehensive educational offer with an aim to increase participation of adults in out-of-school forms of education and learning, taking into account their motivation, interest in these forms of education and learning, reducing barriers to their participation in such activities and acquisition/development of their knowledge and skills.”

Criterion 22 for theme no 6

“Targeted support group:

- as users of the developed solution:
 - schools and education system institutions carrying out continuing education and their managing bodies,
 - entities providing development services to enterprises and their employees,
 - labour market institutions,
 - social partners,operating for adults interested, on their own initiative, in participating in various forms of education, who will implement and apply developed/adapted solutions,
- people/solutions necessary to implement transnational cooperation and/or implement solutions in practice.”

Criterion 23 for theme no 7

“The objective of the project is to develop solution with an aim to adjust vocational education and training to labour market needs by engaging employers at all stages of the projects programming and implementation.”

Criterion 24 for theme no 7

“Targeted support group:

- as users of the developed solution:
 - schools and education system institutions and their managing bodies,
 - social partners,
 - entities providing development services to enterprises and their employees,

operating for students of vocational education schools or institutions (excluding schools for adults), vocational teachers, employers, who will implement and apply developed/adapted solutions,

- people/solutions necessary to implement transnational cooperation and/or implement solutions in practice.”

Bonus criteria

Criterion 1

“Project is implemented in national multi-sectoral cooperation, i.e. by at least two entities (leader and national partner, at minimum) from different sectors of the following: public, private and non-governmental sectors.

Depending on the number of sectors national partners belong to, they are granted the following number of points:

- partners from 2 different sectors other than the beneficiary’s sector – 5 points,
- partners from 1 sector other than the beneficiary’s sector – 3 points.”

Criterion 2

“Transnational cooperation shall be financed exclusively on the mutual basis, i.e. each partner incurs its costs and no costs of transnational partner(s) are covered from the OP KED budget.”

Criterion 3 for theme no 3

“Implemented project makes use of good practices which are developed by the Social Entrepreneurship Network operating under the financial perspective 2007–2013 or the project is realised in partnership with one of the entities representing the above-mentioned practices.”

Criterion 4 for theme no 3

“The objective of the project is to develop and implement solutions with an aim to develop models for cooperation between local government units and social economy entities in the area of providing at least one of the following public services: care, health, local transport, recycling or maintaining cleanliness services.”