Share your innovations!

(Bridge 47 call for project proposals – guidelines)

Who we are and what we are looking for

This call for proposals is opened under the umbrella of Bridge 47 – Building Global Citizenship. Bridge 47 is a project co-created and implemented by 15 European and global civil society organizations. It mobilises and empowers global civil society to contribute to a transformation towards global justice and eradication of poverty through Global Citizenship Education. Bridge 47 is a project which believes education can help us creatively reverse negative global trends.

In the Bridge 47 project we:

- Coordinate a global network, a coalition of organizations and individuals committed to promoting Global Citizenship Education, and in particular target 4.7. of the Sustainable Development Goals. The Network builds bridges between all types of value-based education and provides a forum to exchange and work towards achieving target 4.7. together.
- Work to change policies at national, EU and global level to better recognise the essential role of Global Citizenship Education in achieving Agenda 2030, global justice and eradication of poverty.
- Build new partnerships with a broad array of stakeholders (e.g. educational institutions, private sector, forming broader coalitions of CSOs, etc.) in order to bring the ideals and practices of Global Citizenship Education to new audiences.
- Empower European and global civil society to use innovative tools and approaches for Global Citizenship Education.

Bridge 47 is not only a project, it is also a growing network of like-minded individuals and organisations who believe that positive change in the world is possible. In our current call for proposals we are looking for new partners and organisations to join us in our network and in our mission to support positive change through Global Citizenship Education and other types of value-based education.

In Bridge 47 we strive to raise capacities of Global Citizenship Education practitioners to be as innovative in their work as possible. This is where our current call for proposals comes in.

We offer you and your organization a grant for a project of up to 5 000 €\(^1\) in total eligible cost and an invitation to a two-day design thinking workshop, to showcase what you think may be the most important educational innovation in your area and place of work.

What Bridge 47 is looking for in the project applications lies in the answer to the following question: how do we best facilitate transformative change through global citizenship education?

We are asking you and your organization to show us what one of the potential answers might look like, while taking into consideration a few aspects that should constitute the core thinking behind your project. These are as follows:

\(^1\) out of which, maximum 4 750 € will be provided by Bridge 47 and at least 250 € will have to be co-financed from the applicant’s own resources.
a) An innovative and/or experimental educational approach based on Global Citizenship Education
b) Reaching new, unusual and innovative target groups
c) Project activities that provide evidence of the value/importance of Global Citizenship Education
d) Concentrating on small-scale regional or community issues
e) Potential of the project to be easily replicated by other organisations

Why Global Citizenship Education?

Global Citizenship Education helps people develop a deep and comprehensive understanding of how our world and its citizens are interdependent. With the help of such understanding, people can directly and actively participate in the political arena, make informed decisions and demand coherent policies for a more equal world from their decision-makers.

Education has been one of the key tools helping humanity counter and cope with the various issues we are facing together. Only lately has Global Citizenship Education become one of the umbrella terms that tries to bring different educational approaches into creative dialogue for the benefit of our planet. One of our key goals in Bridge 47 is to bring together practitioners of different types of value-based education, such as Human Rights Education, Development Education, Peace Education, Education for Sustainable Development, Global Education, Media Education, Anti-Discrimination, Intercultural and Postcolonial Education, Environmental and Nature Education, together, to continue building momentum for the support of value-based education everywhere in the world.

Do you and your organization work with value-based education? If yes, this call is for you.

Eligibility criteria

A. Entities which may apply for a grant

In order to be eligible for a grant, applicants must be:

a. Non-profit organisation that is registered as a legal person before 1.1.2016 in one of the following EU Member States: Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Latvia, Scotland, Slovakia, Slovenia, with a track record of being active in the area of its expertise.
b. Directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action, not acting as an intermediary;
c. Organization has not received EC DEAR funding since year 2017.

B. Eligible projects

a. Duration: supported project activities shall not exceed 4 months and have to be implemented by 30/06/2019.
b. Themes: supported projects have to be in line with the overall approach of the Bridge 47 project (see the first section of this document) as well as with the general characteristics of the DEAR program2.

c. Activities must take place in one of the beneficiary countries listed above.

Not supported:

- actions concerned only or mainly with individual sponsorships for participation in workshops, seminars, conferences, congresses;
- actions concerned only or mainly with individual scholarships for studies or training courses;
- actions in the formal education sector; one-off conferences
- actions intended to solely raise funds and/or promote the visibility of the applicant or its partner(s);
- actions consisting mainly of research or of study;
- actions which consist of capital expenditure, e.g. land, buildings, equipment and vehicles;
- actions which discriminate against individuals or groups of people on grounds of their gender, sexual orientation, religious beliefs or lack of them, or their ethnic origin;
- actions supporting political parties;
- actions including proselytism.

Selection criteria

The project applications will be evaluated according to the following selection criteria:

A. Extent of innovation present in the project application;
B. Extent in which the projects plan to reach new audiences for Global Citizenship Education;
C. Relevance of the project in reference to the Bridge 47;
D. Relevance of the project for the local community;
E. Value for money and cost effectiveness.

The selection process of the call for proposals will take place in coordination and close consultation with Bridge 47 national officers from each eligible country (as stated above). A Selection Committee consisting of the coordinators of the call and other Bridge 47 staff members will be tasked with final selection of the submitted projects.

Balance in geographical distribution of the selected projects from among the eligible project countries will be taken into account.

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Finance and co-financing

Co-financing requirement

The minimum co-financing requirement for the applicant is 5% of the project budget. It can come from the applicant’s own resources or through third party funding. However, the own contribution cannot be payment in-kind, nor originate from any EU funds or EU programmes.

Payments

The first instalment of the grant (80% of the budget) can only be paid after the grant donor has received a signed contract. The signed contract serves as the initial payment request.

The last instalment of the grant (15% of the budget) will be paid when B47 approves the final financial and narrative reports.

Procurement

Costs must be reasonable and follow national legislation. A payment may be made against invoice without prior acceptance of a tender if the expenditure is EUR 2,500 or less. If the expenditure is more than EUR 2,500 procurement rules as stated in the PRAG chapter 4.2.

Cost eligibility

All activity costs shall be incurred during the implementation period. The selected Grantees shall respect all financial requirements of EU related to the Bridge 47 project.

Reporting and guidance

The grant beneficiaries will provide necessary reports (narrative and financial reports accompanied by the justificatory documents), using the templates provided, including photos/pictures and information on outreach (online links, publications, website and social media statistics etc).

The beneficiaries will make themselves available for the design thinking workshop in Bratislava which will be scheduled for the beginning of the project implementation phase (March 2019).

The beneficiaries will also make themselves available for the Bridge 47 staff responsible for the sub-granting mechanism if needed at any point (with reasonable response time) during the implementation of the project. This communication will serve to continually enhance the project as well as to overcome potential problems in implementation.

Communication and visibility

The selected beneficiaries shall respect the visibility and communication requirements related to the Bridge 47 project. This means the application and use of the Bridge 47 logo as well as the EU logo in combination with mention of EU support for the project. The beneficiaries shall respect the 2010 Communication and Visibility Manual for European Union External Actions.

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3 User manual can be found here: https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/sites/devco/files/communication-visibility-requirements-2018_en.pdf

Grant application and deadline for submission

The full project application, that needs to be delivered, consists of:

- Narrative application
- Budget application
- Proof of non-profit status (e.g. statutes of the organization)
- Activity report of organization from the most recent year (2017 or 2018 if already available)

The application should be written in English language.

Deadline for submitting the application is 24. January 2019, 23:59 CET. Please submit your full applications (signed in PDF format) by email to jakub.zaludko@bridge47.org (subject of the email should state “Project application-'your country'”).

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