

CSO Call - information meeting 8th August 2025

Agenda

- 1) Ukraine2EU brief presentation of the programme
- 2) CSO Call
 - key parameters
 - eligible and prioritised actions
 - the process and next steps
 - practicalities and grant software
- 3) Questions and answers (English)

Please submit your questions in writing via the chat during the session.

Recording of meeting and PPP will be available on homepage. Written questions and answers likewise.

Written responses supersede verbal information if there is any difference.



UKRAINE2EU – EU INTEGRATION SUPPORT PROGRAMME FOR UKRAINE



- Duration: January 2025 December 2027
- Budget: €16.7 million
- Funded by: EU, Lithuania, Denmark, Sweden (ongoing conversations with some other MS)

Ukraine2EU serves as umbrella programme for both EU and Member State assistance and remains open to cooperation in various formats (financial contribution, joint implementation of activities, provision of expertise)



OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

to support Ukraine's progressive alignment to the EU acquis and its overall EU integration efforts with a view to future EU membership





HORIZONTAL, TARGETED AND RESPONSIVE SUPPORT, FOLLOWING THE STEPS OF EU ACCESSION

Ukraine2EU consists of the following **set of components**:

Component 1

Management, coordination & monitoring of the EU accession

Component 2

Legal approximation (harmonization) & translation

Component 3

Communication (state / strategic)

Component 4: CSOs' contribution to Ukraine's EU accession

Open architecture: incorporating Member States' support



Key parameters

Objective and purpose of Call – to engage CSOs in support of Ukraine's EU accession process

Indicative amount of the call: 1,5 million EUR

Size of individual grant: max 200.000 EUR (Optimal grant size 125.000)

Two step process (as explained on later slide) – be brief now, and more detailed later

Eligible organisations: capable and experienced Ukrainian NGOs

We are <u>not</u> looking for foreign NGOs, private firms, "beginner" NGOs, individual consultants



Eligible and prioritised actions (1)

Types of action can include advocacy, public consultation and communication, impact assessment, analysis and drafting of legislation and inputs for negotiation processes and EU accession broadly, and others.

Clusters 1-6 possible, but preference for clusters 2-5.

Sled dog rather than watchdog, but...



Eligible and prioritised actions (2)

Action should be relevant to Government/Rada policies and priorities linked to Ukraine's EU accession. No fixed checklist but consult for example:

- Annual enlargement reports about Ukraine's progress
- Commitments by Ukraine resulting from Association Agreement with the EU (there is a 2022 action plan by the Cabinet of Ministers)
- Screening reports (may not be public however)
- Roadmaps (Cluster 1) adopted by the Government earlier this year
- References to European integration related commitments and priorities in sectoral strategies
- Potentially endorsements from relevant state bodies



Eligible and prioritised actions (3)

Heavy and difficult directives (as opposed to "easy" directives)

Use government structures where possible/feasible (working groups for example)

Impact assessments (indicative list of topics likely forthcoming from Ukraine2EU)

Be innovative (for example combine speed and quality in drafting process)



The process and next steps (1)

Submit brief and precise first stage application (Concept Note) by 1 September including the following:

- 3 page (maximum) narrative description of the proposed action
- Basic information about applicant
- Declaration by the lead applicant

Submit through "Good grants" system (only)

Some invited to second stage

Submit more detailed proposal and lengthy documentation at that second stage



The process and next steps (2)

	DATE	TIME
1. Information meeting	August 8, 2025	10:00
Deadline for requesting any clarifications from the contracting authority	August 18, 2025	18:00
3. Last date on which clarifications are issued by the contracting authority	August 25, 2025	18:00
4. Deadline for submission of concept notes	September 1, 2025	23:59
 Information to lead applicants on opening, administrative checks and concept note evaluation (Step 1) and invitations to submit full applications 	September 15 (indicative), 2025	_



Welcome to Ukraine2EU Call for Proposal

This call is launched within Ukraine2EU - EU Integration Support Programme for Ukraine.

Ukraine2EU is a €16.7 million programme, initiated by the EU, Lithuania and Denmark, and later joined by Sweden. The Programme is implemented by the Lithuanian Central Project Management Agency (CPVA).

Through this call, Ukrainian civil society organisations are invited to contribute to the Programme's objective of supporting Ukraine's alignment with the EU acquis and preparation for EU membership.

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Ukraine2EU

Ukrainian CSOs advancing EU accession

Ukrainian CSOs are invited to propose actions that contribute to Ukraine's EU integration agenda.

- Step 1: Read the call guidelines
- Step 2: Register or log in to Good Grants
- Step 3: Submit your concept note by September 1, 2025, 23:59 Kyiv time
- Join the info session on August 8, 2025 at 10:00 Kyiv time via Zoom Register here

Best of luck!

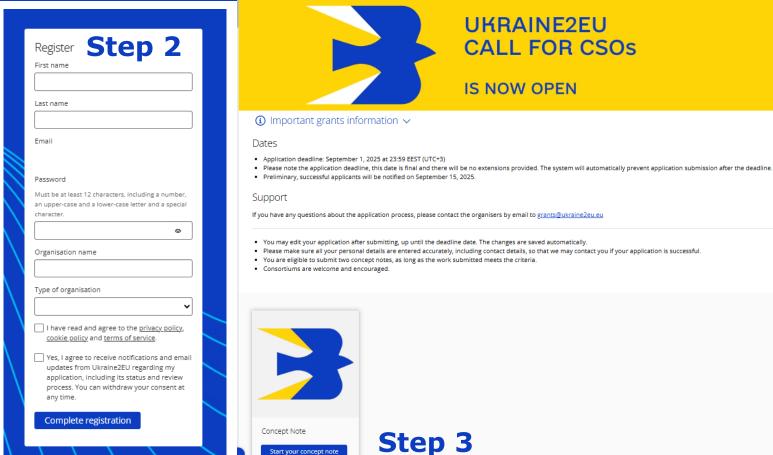
For any questions, please contact us at grants@ukraine2eu.eu



Practicalities and grant software https://ukraine2eu.grantplatform.com/



Step 1



My applications → Concept Note → Start application

All questions must be answered, unless marked optional. Otherwise, you will not be able to submit your application.

Start here Description of the proposed action Lead

Lead applicant information

Co-applicant(s) (if any) Declaration by the Lead applicant

Checklist. Eligibility

Checklist. Administrative



Please note that this is a restricted call, only the concept note shall be submitted in the first stage (not the full application).

The lead applicant must ensure that the text:

- includes a narrative part not exceeding 3 pages and, also, not exceeding 8500 characters including spaces;
- · provides full information as requested (as the evaluation will be based solely on the information provided);
- ${\boldsymbol \cdot}$ is drafted as clearly and briefly as possible to facilitate the evaluation process.

Applicants are strongly advised not to wait until the last day to submit the concept note, since heavy internet traffic or a fault with the internet connection (including electricity failure, etc.) could lead to difficulties in submission. The contracting authority cannot be held responsible for any delay due to such aforementioned difficulties.

Category	
EU integration support Programme (Ukraine2EU)	
Download blank application PDF for reference	
Title of the action ③	
Location(s) of the action	Specify country, region(s), area(s) or town(s) that will benefit from the action
	BERGIT
Total duration of the action (months)	



Concept Note and Declaration

Preview

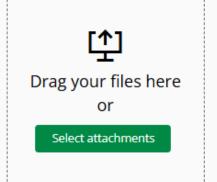
Submit concept note

Start here Description of the proposed action Lead applicant information Co-applicant(s) (if any) Declaration by the Lead applicant Checklist. Eligibility Checklist. Administrative

Instructions for drafting the concept note

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DOCX or DOC



0/1 attachment (minimum 1 required)

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JPEG, JPG, PNG or PDF



0/1 attachment (minimum 1 required)

In case of technical problems, please address them to grants@ukraine2eu.eu



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Ukraine2EU Call for Proposals "Ukrainian CSOs advancing EU accession"

Programme

International development cooperation

Funding amount

Important documents

- Guidelines for applicants
- Annex A1 Concept note
- Annex A2 Declaration by the LEAD applicant

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



Questions and Answers (1) Eligibility of the Action

How CSOs working on Cluster I can participate in the call?

This competition is aimed primarily at supporting initiatives operating in Clusters 2-5. We work with Cluster 1. Is it appropriate to participate in the competition or not?

The reason that priority is given to Clusters 2-5 is that there are already many funding sources and ongoing activities related to Cluster 1. Any CSO proposing actions in Cluster 1 would have to justify the need for these activities carefully.



Questions and Answers (2) Eligibility of the Action

Should the project cover the national level or the particular communities/regions are eligible?

It is not mandatory that the project would have a national focus.

We are preparing a concept note on Chapter 9 "Financial Services" of Cluster 2 "Internal Market". Will it be accepted?

Actions in Cluster 2 and chapter 9 relating financial services can be included in a concept note and considered. Whether it will be accepted and advance to stage 2 in the evaluation process will depend on the quality of the proposed action/concept note and its competitiveness relative to other concept notes.

Is it possible to include in project agenda ad hoc activities (upon to request of the state authority) in specific area (chapter)?

While acknowledging the dynamic and fluid nature of the EU accession process, and the need for flexibility, we would advise to design actions that have a clear and considered direction rather designing an ad-hoc support facility.



Questions and Answers (3) Eligibility of the Action

It would be great to find details on the SoW / all potential topics and activities (at high level)

Could you provide some examples of projects eligible under Cluster 4? Is it possible to submit a project focused on cleaning riverbanks or installing solar systems for water sources?

Whether a broad sociological survey of Ukrainians could be funded by this program?

How to improve situation about freedom of speech in Ukraine and speed up movement to European Union

We cannot provide specific examples of eligible projects or details about the scope of work and potential topics.

The call for proposals is open for a broad range of potential actions including advocacy, public consultation and communication, impact assessment, analysis and drafting of legislation and inputs for negotiation processes and EU accession broadly, and others.

Eligibility criteria for the action and costs are outlined in *Sections 2.1.3 and 2.1.4* of the Guidelines for Applicants.



Questions and Answers (4) Eligibility of the Action

Is forestry eligible for the project?

Possibility of supporting the development of a regional cluster for the processing of agricultural products

Are educational projects eligible to participate in the call?

Such actions are not excluded from the call, provided they are designed to meet the objectives and priorities of the call.

Could this project consider support activities for critical infrastructures in Ukraine?

As the Call aims to encourage CSOs to support Ukraine's alignment with the EU acquis and broader membership goals, the activities proposed must directly reflect this.

Furthermore, infrastructure development is subject to the limitations on eligible costs set out in *Section 2.1.4* of the Guidelines for Applicants.



Questions and Answers (5) Eligibility of applicant and co-applicant

Can a state university be an eligible entity (applicant) for the purposes of this grant?

Is it possible for a CSO to apply in partnership with a commercial entity?

Would international CSOs, not having a CSO status in Ukraine, be eligible to apply?

The applicant and co-applicant must be non-profit-making, non-governmental organization as defined by the Law of Ukraine 'On Public Associations' No. 4572-VI of 22 March 2012.

Both the applicant and the co-applicant must meet the eligibility criteria as outlined in *Section 2.1.1. Eligibility of Applicants* of the Guidelines for Applicants.



Questions and Answers (6) Eligibility of applicant and co-applicant

Are international NGOs that are established and operating in Ukraine also eligible to apply?

Does the applicant CSO need to be registered in Ukraine, or can they be registered in Denmark?

Organization has obtained legal registration in Ukraine. The funds are managed out of our HQ outside Ukraine. Are we eligible as a lead applicant?

The applicant and co-applicant must be established in Ukraine.

Both the applicant and the co-applicant must meet the eligibility criteria as outlined in *Section 2.1.1. Eligibility of Applicants* of the Guidelines for Applicants.



Questions and Answers (7) Eligibility of applicant and co-applicant

Could you please confirm whether the minimum annual turnover for the lead applicant must be above EUR 200,000 and, at the same time, at least double the amount of the requested grant?

Following the number of questions received, we are considering to issue clarification in the upcoming days.

Information will be provided at the following web address: https://cpva.lt/en/calls-for-proposals/eu-integration-programme-for-ukraine-ukraine2eu

Can the eligibility criteria in section 2.1.1. (on annual turnover and double the grant size) be met by jointly by Lead Applicant and Co-applicants?

This eligibility criterion is applicable only and solely to the Lead Applicant.



Questions and Answers (8) Other questions

Is it mandatory to apply as a consortium with co-applicants, since this is mentioned several times in the guidelines?

It is not mandatory to implement the project with coapplicants. The lead applicant may act individually or with co-applicant(s).

Could you please clarify who will make the final decision on awarding the grants?

The evaluation committee, established by the contracting authority will examine and evaluate the applications. Based on this evaluation, the evaluation committee will make a final recommendation to the contracting authority, which will confirm the final decision on awarding the grants.

Could you also provide details on the financial flow once the grants are awarded?

The funds will be transferred directly to the lead applicant according to the payment schedule outlined in the grant contract. The lead applicant will then transfer the funds to the co-applicant(s) (if any).



All relevant information and Q&As can be found at

https://cpva.lt/en/calls-for-proposals/eu-integration-programme-for-ukraine-ukraine2eu

https://ukraine2eu.eu/

If you have any questions, please email us at

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THANK YOU!