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Questions and Answers

Call for Proposals | Youth-led civic engagement in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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This document consolidates questions raised at the information session and clarifies the published Guidelines for Applicants. The Guidelines and annexes remain authoritative. These answers do not amend them, approve an individual applicant or action, or replace the evaluation committee's assessment. Any change to the call requires formal publication by Enabel.

Funding and partnership

01 How many grants will be awarded, and what amount should be requested?

One grant of EUR 300,000 is expected. The Enabel contribution requested must be exactly EUR 300,000 at both stages. A request above or below that amount is ineligible. Enabel reserves the right not to award a grant.

Guidelines: § 1.3

02 Is co-financing required?

No. An applicant may offer voluntary co-financing from eligible sources, clearly identified and available for the action. It is additional to, and does not reduce, the fixed EUR 300,000 contribution requested from Enabel.

Guidelines: § 1.3

03 Can an organisation apply alone, and is there a maximum number of co-applicants?

The lead applicant must apply with at least one eligible co-applicant. The guidelines set no numerical maximum, but every co-applicant must meet the applicant eligibility criteria and have a substantive, justified role and an equitable share of resources for its responsibilities.

Guidelines: §§ 2.1.1.1–2.1.1.2

04 Can an international NGO, or an organisation registered outside Palestine but operating in the West Bank, apply?

The applicant and each co-applicant must meet all conditions in § 2.1.1, including being a Palestinian civil society organisation, established in Palestine, with the specified legal status, mandate and capacity to receive and manage grant funding. Operating locally or employing Palestinian staff does not, by itself, establish eligibility.

Guidelines: §§ 2.1.1.1–2.1.1.2

05 May an organisation appear in more than one application, including once as lead and once as co-applicant?

No. Each organisation may participate in only one application under this call, whether as lead applicant or co-applicant. If it appears in more than one, all applications involving it will be declared ineligible.

Guidelines: § 2.1.2.10

06 Can a recently established research centre with no two closed financial years join a consortium?

The same eligibility rules apply to every co-applicant. At concept-note stage, the applicant and each co-applicant must submit the most recent financial statements for the last two closed financial years, as required by § 2.2.1. The guidelines do not provide an automatic waiver for a newly established entity. Enabel cannot pre-approve an individual case; the application and supporting documents will be checked under the published rules.

Guidelines: §§ 2.1.1.2, 2.2.1, 2.2.4

Action design and geographic coverage

07 Which young people and locations must the action cover?

The primary final beneficiaries are young women and men aged 15–29 living in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, with priority for those facing barriers to civic participation. Implementation in East Jerusalem is mandatory, together with substantive coverage in at least three other West Bank governorates. Applicants should seek a suitable north, centre and south balance where feasible and justify their choices.

Guidelines: §§ 2.1.2.5–2.1.2.6

08 Does work in a locality of the Jerusalem Governorate automatically meet the East Jerusalem requirement?

The requirement in the guidelines is substantive implementation in East Jerusalem. Applicants should identify the precise localities, target groups, activities, partnerships and resources that establish that coverage; merely using a governorate label or bringing participants to a central event is insufficient. The guidelines do not provide a list of qualifying localities, so this Q&A cannot certify a particular locality in advance.

Guidelines: §§ 2.1.2.6, 2.2.4

09 Must each co-applicant work in all target governorates, or must every activity be repeated in every location?

No such requirement is stated. The consortium should allocate clear, substantive responsibilities according to each partner's capacity and presence. Activities may differ by locality where the design responds to local needs, while the action as a whole must achieve substantive coverage and coherent results across the required locations.

Guidelines: §§ 2.1.1.2, 2.1.2.6

10 Are the four outputs mandatory, or can applicants propose a different results framework?

All four result areas in § 1.2 must be retained: applied civic knowledge and skills; youth-led initiatives; youth–institution dialogue and response; and organisational capacity. Applicants may refine the wording and add results, provided the framework remains aligned with the call. The action should measure meaningful influence, application, inclusion and institutional response, not activity counts alone.

Guidelines: § 1.2

11 Can the proposal focus on training, employability or a series of public events?

Training and events need a credible path to youth-led action, institutional response or measurable follow-up. Standalone employability, entrepreneurship or income-generation work without a direct and proportionate link to the civic-engagement results is ineligible. Young people must have a substantive role in decisions, and activities must avoid foreseeable protection and digital risks.

Guidelines: §§ 2.1.2.2–2.1.2.3

12 What is the implementation period?

The initial implementation period is 12 months, with an indicative start on 1 March 2027. All activities and related expenditure must be complete by 31 March 2028. No extension, including a no-cost extension, beyond that date will be considered.

Guidelines: § 2.1.2.4

Youth initiatives and eligible costs

13 Are sub-grants compulsory?

No. Applicants may propose sub-grants where they strengthen youth-led civic action, but sub-granting cannot be the main objective of the action. An application is not automatically ineligible because it does not include sub-grants; its approach will be assessed against the published criteria.

Guidelines: §§ 2.1.2.7–2.1.2.8

14 May informal youth groups or cooperatives receive a sub-grant?

The guidelines expressly include informal youth groups, youth-led initiatives, grassroots community groups and eligible non-profit organisations as possible sub-beneficiaries. A cooperative is not automatically eligible or ineligible by name: its status, proposed sub-action, capacity and the applicable selection and contracting arrangements must satisfy § 2.1.2.8. No prospective sub-beneficiary can be approved through this Q&A.

Guidelines: § 2.1.2.8

15 What are the financial limits and controls for sub-grants?

The cumulative amount to any one sub-beneficiary cannot exceed EUR 20,000, and no more than EUR 100,000 of the grant budget may be allocated to sub-grants. Only one tier is permitted: a sub-beneficiary cannot award further grants. The application must describe the eight required elements of the mechanism, including selection, agreements, disbursement, monitoring and controls; the selection process must be transparent, documented and accessible.

Guidelines: § 2.1.2.8 (a)

16 Can funds be paid directly to individual young people as grants, cash support or end-of-project incentives?

Financial support to individual final beneficiaries, cash transfers and scholarships are not authorised. Salary bonuses are also ineligible. Reasonable costs directly necessary for participation, or payment for genuine services under a properly defined role and the applicable cost and procurement rules, must be distinguished from an unsupported incentive or individual grant. Budgeting a payment does not constitute prior approval.

Guidelines: §§ 2.1.2.3, 2.1.2.8(b), 2.1.3

17 Are small accessibility adaptations to an activity venue eligible?

The call excludes large infrastructure, construction and purchases of land or buildings. An incidental accessibility cost is not approved simply because it is small: it must be necessary for the action, properly justified and eligible under the cost rules and grant agreement. Applicants should explain the measure and its cost at full-proposal stage. Enabel cannot approve a specific item before evaluation.

Guidelines: §§ 2.1.2.3, 2.1.3

18 How are structural costs treated?

Structural costs are capped at 7% of operational costs financed by Enabel, subject to the detailed calculation in § 2.1.3. If sub-grants include structural costs for sub-beneficiaries, those amounts count within the overall ceiling. Enabel determines the applicable rate under the grant provisions; applicants should not treat 7% as an automatic entitlement.

Guidelines: § 2.1.3.1

Application, selection and clarifications

19 What must be submitted at the concept-note stage?

Submit Annex A, Part A in English, using Enabel's template, with the EUR 300,000 request and the documents listed in § 2.2.1: statutes or articles of association for the applicant and co-applicants (with English translations where required), their most recent financial statements for the last two closed financial years, a completed and signed legal entity form with supporting documents for each, and a declaration on honour for each. The external audit report is required only under the threshold condition stated in § 2.2.1. A detailed budget and logical framework are for the full-proposal stage.

Guidelines: §§ 2.2.1, 2.2.5

20 Is an external audit report required merely because the Enabel grant is EUR 300,000?

No. The concept-note annex list triggers an external audit report for the lead applicant when the total amount of grants requested exceeds EUR 300,000. This call fixes Enabel's contribution at exactly EUR 300,000. Applicants should still follow the wording of § 2.2.1 for their circumstances; co-applicants are not required to provide that external audit report.

Guidelines: § 2.2.1

21 Which legal entity form should an organisation use?

Each applicant and co-applicant must submit the legal entity form required by Annex D, completed for its own legal status and supported by the specified documents. Where the form variant is uncertain, refer to the entity's registration documents and the instructions in Annex D. An individual organisation's status cannot be certified in advance through a public Q&A.

Guidelines: § 2.2.1 and Annex D

22 How and when must the concept note be delivered?

It must be received before 15:00 Palestine local time on 16 November 2026. Submit one original and two separately bound A4 copies, with an identical electronic version and all required annexes on a readable USB, in a sealed and correctly labelled envelope. Registered post, private courier or hand delivery to either Enabel office listed in § 2.2.2 is permitted. Late submissions are rejected.

Guidelines: §§ 2.2.2–2.2.3

23 Does shortlisting a concept note mean the grant has been awarded?

No. Eligible concept notes must score at least 30/50 and at least 6/10 on criterion 1.1. They are then ranked until the cumulative requested amount reaches or exceeds 400% of the available envelope, normally four concept notes for this one-grant call; tied notes at the threshold are also shortlisted. Shortlisted applicants compete again through their full proposals. Enabel expects to award one grant, subject to the complete evaluation.

Guidelines: §§ 2.3.1–2.3.2

24 Can a shortlisted applicant substantially redesign the action at full-proposal stage?

No. The full proposal develops and operationalises the selected concept note. It must not substantially alter its nature, rationale, objectives, expected results, end beneficiaries, intervention area or overall scope. The detailed budget, logical framework and communication and visibility plan are required at that stage.

Guidelines: §§ 2.2, 2.2.5

25 Will Enabel share additional youth-consultation material or approve an organisation's interpretation privately?

The guidelines set out the consultation priorities relevant to this call. Applicants should base their design on those published provisions and their own evidence. Enabel cannot issue prior opinions on the admissibility of a particular applicant, action or activity. Any additional clarification of general relevance will be published for all applicants on the call's Enabel webpage.

Guidelines: §§ 1.1, 2.2.4

26 Where can applicants send further questions, and when will replies be published?

Email hani.aldeek@enabel.be, quoting PSE22002-10060, by 15:00 Palestine local time on 26 October 2026. Enabel is not obliged to answer questions received later. Answers to timely questions are due by 5 November 2026 and will be published or communicated through the call page for equal access. Applicants should consult that page regularly.

Guidelines: §§ 2.2.4, 2.4.2