

4. IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

4.1. Financing Agreement

In order to implement this action, it is envisaged to conclude a financing agreement with the partner country.

4.2. Indicative Implementation Period

The indicative operational implementation period of this action, during which the activities described in section 3 will be carried out and the corresponding contracts and agreements implemented, is 72 months from the date of entry into force of the financing agreement.

Extensions of the implementation period may be agreed by the Commission's responsible authorising officer by amending this Financing Decision and the relevant contracts and agreements.

4.3. Implementation of the Budget Support Component [For Budget Support only]

N.A.

4.4. Implementation Modalities

The Commission will ensure that the EU appropriate rules and procedures for providing financing to third parties are respected, including review procedures, where appropriate, and compliance of the action with EU restrictive measures¹².

4.4.1. Direct Management (Grants)

Grants: (direct management):

The action will include a substantial grant component to eligible CSOs to address specific topics under the MIP's priority areas, such as unemployment, in particular youth and women employability and entrepreneurship skills, climate change awareness and response capacity, management of biodiversity assets, citizen participation in planning and monitoring of service provision, gender equality and human rights, and digital skills, innovation and transformation. The EUD will directly manage the grant component through (a) Call(s) for Proposals. Direct awards may also be used in specific circumstances.

(a) Purpose of the grant(s)

Grants will contribute to specific objective 3: Increased CSO contribution to the implementation of the MIP priorities.

(b) Type of applicants targeted

In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must:

- Indicate the relevant criteria with due regard for the objectives and priorities of this call for proposals, complying with the principles of transparency and non-discrimination.
- be a legal person, or an entity without legal personality, or a natural person, and
- be non-profit-making and be a specific type of organisation such as: non-governmental organisation, be public sector operator, local authority, international (inter-governmental) organisation as defined by Article 156 of the EU Financial Regulation
- be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary
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- be established in eligible countries as stipulated in Art 28 Regulation (eu) 2021/947

¹²

www.sanctionsmap.eu. Please note that the sanctions map is an IT tool for identifying the sanctions regimes. The source of the sanctions stems from legal acts published in the Official Journal (OJ). In case of discrepancy between the published legal acts and the updates on the website it is the OJ version that prevails.