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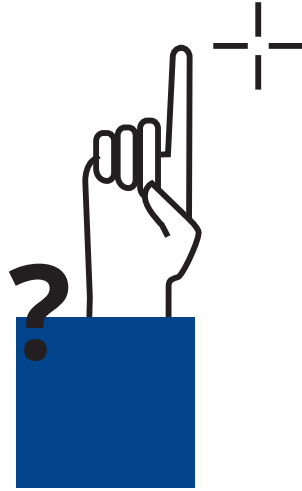
**Active
citizens fund**

Programme budget:

EUR 30 million

Programme timeframe:

December 2019 - April 2024



Who can apply for a grant as a leader of a project in the Programme?

Civil society organizations registered in Poland as a legal entity in the form of:

- associations
 - foundations
 - social cooperatives
 - non-profit companies
 - country housewives' associations
 - faith-based organizations
- (entered in the National Court Register)

Who is eligible to become a partner in a project funded in the Programme?

- Civil society organizations, public or private entities (commercial or non-commercial)
 - in Poland
 - in Donor States (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)
 - in other Beneficiary States (Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia)
 - in countries neighbouring Poland but not belonging to the EEA (i.e. Belarus, Ukraine, Russia)
- International organisations and agencies
- Informal groups in Poland that act for the public good

Detailed information about requirements for applicants and partners is available on the Programme website www.aktywniobywatele.org.pl/en/

Contact for Donor State entities

If you want to be a partner in projects funded by the Active Citizens Fund – National programme contact us at: aktywniobywatele@batory.org.pl
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The Active Citizens Fund – National (ACF-N) is one of two programmes dedicated for civil society organizations in Poland. It is funded from the European Economic Area Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 (so called EEA Grants). The aim of the Programme is to strengthen the civil society and active citizenship and empower vulnerable groups.





The outcomes the Programme aims to achieve:

The Active Citizens Fund – National programme offers grants for activities conducted by civil society organizations to achieve four outcomes:

Thematic projects

OUTCOME 1: Increased citizen participation in civic activities – activities aimed at involving citizens in public life and social activity, increasing their role in decision-making and formulation of public policies at local, regional, national, or European level, and also raising the quality of public debate.

OUTCOME 2: Increased support for human rights and anti-discrimination practices – activities aimed at protecting human rights, in particular women's rights and countering xenophobia, homophobia, racism, anti-Semitism, and any forms of discrimination

on the grounds of race, belief, ethnic or national origin, gender or sexual orientation, disability, age, economic status, family situation, or other grounds.

OUTCOME 3: Increased empowerment of vulnerable groups – activities aimed to empower vulnerable groups and enable them to become self-dependent, activities aimed to create a social support network which includes vulnerable persons, increase the scope and forms of support for vulnerable groups.

Sectoral projects

OUTCOME 4: Enhanced capacity and sustainability of civil society organizations and the sector – activities aimed to develop the civil society sector, strengthen civic organizations and civic movements at nationwide and regional level, create enabling environment for their operation and raise the quality of the services they provide.



Grant rate and co-financing

Thematic projects

Small grants

- Grant of between EUR 5 000 and EUR 25 000 for the cost of the implementation of a project plus up to EUR 5 000 for capacity building.
- For partnership projects with Donor State entities – an additional amount of up to EUR 5 000 for the costs of a partner's participation in the project.

Large grants

- Grant of between EUR 25 001 and EUR 62 500 for the costs of implementing of a project, plus up to EUR 12 500

for capacity building (but no more than 20% of the cost of implementation of the project).

- For partnership projects with Donor State organisations – an amount of up to EUR 12 500 for the costs of partner's participation in the project.

Sectoral projects

- Grant amount between EUR 25 001 and EUR 125 000 for the costs of implementing a project plus up to EUR 12 500 for capacity building (but no more than 20% of the cost of implementation of the project).
- In case of partnership projects with Donor State entities: additional amount of up to EUR 12 500 for the costs of partner's participation in the project.

Note: There is no requirement in any projects for co-funding from other sources. A grant may cover 100% of the overall costs.



Period of implementation of the project

Thematic projects:
8 - 24 months

Sectoral projects:
12 - 36 months

Support for capacity building of the applicants

Each applicant seeking a grant for a thematic or a sectoral project may apply for additional amount of funding for capacity building i.e. strengthening organization's institutional development, laying the foundations for its further operation, preparing long-term plans for activity and funding, the organization's labour and management standards.

Call for proposals

THEMATIC PROJECTS

Call I
February 2020
 – stage one
 (project outlines)
June 2020
 – stage two
 (detailed projects)

Call II
November 2020
 – stage one
 (project outlines)
March 2021
 – stage two
 (detailed projects)

SECTORAL PROJECTS

May 2020
 – stage one
 (project outlines)
July 2020
 – stage two
 (detailed projects)