
Assessment of Creative Partnership Applications

SI assesses applications according to the following two mandatory criteria:

- The aim of the project is to strengthen democracy, human rights and/or freedom of expression in the programme countries.
- The project aims to actively engage agents of change, opinion makers and advocacy groups with a mandate to drive democratic change in their organizations or networks within the programme country

There are also five further assessment categories:

Organisational capacity

- To what extent does the Swedish applicant organisation have the necessary relevant experience to carry out a project of this kind?
- To what extent does the international partner have the necessary relevant experience to carry out a project of this kind?
- To what extent does the Swedish applicant organisation have the capacity to analyse, plan, follow-up and assess this type of project?
- To what extent does the Swedish applicant organisation have established routines for identifying, preventing and dealing with corruption?

Relevance

- How well do the stated *project objective* and expected project results comply with the chosen Creative Partnerships *programme objective*?
- How well do the project's target groups comply with the target groups of the Creative Partnerships programme?
- How well does the project involve people who are in a position to bring about change in the partner organisation or other participating organisations in the programme country?
- To what extent does the outlined project correspond to the local needs as well as related issues identified in the application?

Results and effectiveness

- How much do the expected results of the project contribute to democracy/freedom of expression/human rights?

- How realistic and measurable are the immediate and long-term expected results of the project?
- How cost-effective is the project's budget in relation to planned activities and estimated results?
- How well does the project strengthen the professional capacity of the partner organisation or of any other participating organisations?

Sustainability and ownership

- How likely is it that the results of the project will be sustainable after the conclusion of the project, or for seed funding, is the proposed project sufficient for a cooperation project?
- How much is the project in line with the usual activities and priorities of the partner organisations? If it is not, does the project bring in the required external expertise?
- How much will the project strengthen the capacity of local partners to manage the outcomes of the project?
- How strong is the partnership?

Risk management

- How appropriate and thorough is the project's risk analysis?
- How appropriate and thorough is the risk analysis with regard to corruption?
- How appropriate are the measures proposed for minimising and mitigating the identified risks?
- Assess the level of risk in relation to the capacity of the partner organisations to manage those risks.

Non-assessment of applications

SI reserves the right to reject applications on the following grounds:

- The application does not fulfil either of the two chief criteria.
- The application is incomplete. (If substantial parts of the application are missing or incorrect the applicant will not be given the opportunity to complete the application.)
- The application was received outside the application period.
- The application concerns a type of project which does not qualify for funding.
- The Swedish applicant organisation is not eligible to apply.
- The Swedish applicant organisation has not fulfilled previous contractual obligations vis à vis SI.

If the application does not qualify for assessment, the Swedish applicant organisation will be sent a written explanation.

Decisions

Funding decisions are published on www.si.se two to three months after the final date for applications.

Appeals

SI decisions cannot be appealed.