
Assessment of Creative Partnership Applications

Categories and criteria

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 and the measures proposed for minimising and mitigating the identified risks?
- 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.

In addition to the above criteria, SI also assesses the degree to which the projects within the CPP as a whole best contribute to the goals of the government's reform strategies for Eastern Europe, the Western Balkans and Türkiye.

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.