

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

9. Concerted Multiple-Stakeholder Programme

(Programme concerté pluri-acteurs)

Background

In 2005, France devoted €8.9 billion to development co-operation. Only around 1.1% of this total amount was channelled through non-government organisations (NGOs) and territorial authorities. The institution supervising the management of these funds is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with its Directorate General for International Co-operation and Development (DGCID). The Mission for Non-government Co-operation (MCNG), directly reporting to the DGCID, is the direct contact partner for NGOs, local authorities and enterprises looking for French development co-operation funds.

The MCNG's main tasks are as follows:

- Accompanying the upsurge of Southern civil societies;
- Facilitating the consultation and partnership between the French state and French non-government actors (NGOs, local authorities, enterprises, unions);
- Implementing the credits allocated to non-government co-operation;
- Encouraging development education in France;
- Implementing co-development projects, particularly mobilising organisations involved with immigration;
- Steering civil volunteering associations.

Types of Grant

A concerted multiple-stakeholder programme is a set of coherent development actions which brings together different institutional and non-government actors around one collective strategy in a specific area.

Own Contribution

The government contribution cannot exceed 75% the total programme budget. The outstanding amount may be covered by other sources.

Funding Priorities

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs set up this instrument to encourage co-operation among government and non-government actors, to foster synergies between them and enhance the impact and visibility of these actions. Also, this is a test of how to design stronger co-operation between different types of organisations. It aims to explore new ways of development co-operation, new methods and new norms.

Furthermore, the instrument aims to enhance partnerships and the creation of consortia to reach a critical mass and to access other funding sources. It wants to structure partnership relations between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and NGOs, while designing and implementing development co-operation activities, and, thus, strengthen the relationships with Co-operation and Cultural Action Services (SCAC) and other relevant thematic and geographical units in the ministry.

The priorities as shown by the 2002 allocation figures are:

- rural development (22% of funds)
- health (17%)
- social development (16%)
- empowering civil society (12%)

Grant-making Criteria

The concerted multiple-stakeholder programme has been established for groupings of at least three partner organisations, one of which is the lead organisation (chef de file). The others can be NGOs (including development NGOs involved in migration), territorial authorities, private actors, public institutions, actors in the social sector, and professional and consular organisations. In addition to the usual eligibility criteria for French NGO co-operation as described in FRI, the lead organisation must have received funds of at least €200,000 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs over the previous three years. The following project criteria must also be met:

- The project must be a development co-operation project in developing or transition countries or a project with special focus on development education in France.
- A description of the local partner and a report on its participation throughout the project must be provided. A project partner can be a local NGO acting as supporting agency for the beneficiaries; an NGO directly representing the beneficiaries; an NGO acting as implementing agent; a non-profit civil society organisation working within the sector of economic, social and cultural development which can be interested in the project without directly being an implementing agent.

- The project should pay special attention to capacity building of civil societies.
- The project should take place in co-operation with NGOs of developing or transition countries.

Guidelines

Volume 1 of the guidelines ('VADE-MECUM le cofinancement des projets des OSI – Tome 1') can be obtained from the MCNG office or online at: http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/thematiques_830/ong_organisations_non_gouvernementales_1052/cofinancement_asi_tome_1_3074/index.html. Volume 2 of the guidelines ('VADE-MECUM le cofinancement des projets des OSI – Tome 2 – Les programmes') can be obtained from the MCNG office. The document is not available online.

Project Duration

Three or four years

Deadline

No deadline applies.

Application Forms

Application forms can be found in the guidelines 'VADE-MECUM le cofinancement des projets des OSI – Tome 2 – Les programmes' and are provided by the MCNG on request.

Application and Procedures

A programme idea can be submitted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, by a group of interested organisations, or by both in a joint activity. Together with the orientation and programming commission, the MCNG accepts or rejects the programme idea. If the result is positive, a call for proposal is published, urging other actors to submit additional proposals. Interested NGOs can then submit a simplified document to the ministry, which explains the background of the programme grant, its aim, its content, an estimated amount of funds needed and sustainability provisions. The annex of VADE-MECUM Volume 2 provides a template for this purpose. For each call for proposal the MCNG organises an ad hoc evaluation committee which closely co-operates with the orientation and programming commission. If the additional proposals are useful, the MCNG can accept them and include them in the original programme idea.

In the next step, the selected stakeholders and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs elaborate the programme in close collaboration. This takes six to 12 months and ends with a final decision taken by the ministry on the basis of a detailed programme proposal.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs finances up to 75% of this phase. The proposal describes the programme framework, the geographical scope, its objectives, its logical structure, the envisaged time frame, the finance, the modalities of implementation, envisaged partnerships, sustainability mechanisms and evaluation provisions in a detailed way. The annex of VADE-MECUM Volume 2 provides a template for this purpose.

Language

French

Tips

It is an advantage if the applicant participates in thematic and geographical networks. Privileged projects are those with a significant impact implemented in co-operation with government authorities of the recipient country and Co-operation and Cultural Action Services (SCAC) of the French embassies.

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| NAME IN ENGLISH Non-Government Co-operation Mission |
| ACRONYM MCNG |
| DEPARTMENT Direction Générale de la Coopération Internationale et du Développement |
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