

European Coalition of Cities Against Racism

International Call for Proposals – 2018

Fostering inclusion and combating racism and discriminations through sports activities

I. THEMES AND PRIORITIES

The Fundamental Rights Agency comparative overview of the situation in the European Union on "Racism, ethnic discrimination and exclusion of migrants and minorities in sports" opens by highlighting that "sports activities ranging from the local to the national and international level, embracing leisure as well as competitive sports, can support the integration of migrants and persons belonging to minorities into society as a whole", and that "sports events could be an ideal platform to foster inclusion, acceptance of diversity and mutual respect while combating racism, discrimination and exclusion". The report findings show that despite significant progress made in past years, sports continue to face a number of challenges related to racism and ethnic discrimination and that incidences of racism and ethnic discrimination affect sport at professional as well as amateur levels.

The European Coalition of Cities Against Racism (hereinafter "ECCAR") cities have decided to set the theme of sport in combating racism and discrimination as a priority for the year 2018 and have thus decided to launch an international call for proposals open to sports clubs, sports associations or their networks, based in cities in Council of Europe countries.

The ECCAR cities are further guided by the Racial Equality Directive (2000/43/EC), the EC General Policy Recommendation on combating racism and racial discrimination in the field of sport (ECRI 2008), Vienna Action Plan adopted by the FARE network (Football Against Racism in Europe) in 1999, the UEFA 2002 10 Point Action Plan to fight racism in football.

II. OBJECTIVES OF THE CALL

- to increase the potential for host communities to successfully engage with and integrate migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, "new citizens" and foster the social role of elders and women through sports;
- to foster the participation of migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, "new citizens", elders, women at sporting, cultural and awareness-raising initiatives and events related to this topic;
- to promote equal opportunities for accessing sporting activities;
- to promote intercultural dialogue and exchange through sports activities;

- to raise public awareness about stereotypes and about all forms of discrimination;
- to activate networks and open or strengthen a constructive dialogue among local stakeholders to promote sports as a driver for social inclusion;
- to identify, support and disseminate good practices of integration through sports, at the city-level;
- to strengthen participation of local sport clubs and sport associations into promoting diversity and fighting discriminations through sports.

III. ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

A non-exhaustive list of the main activities eligible under this call for proposals is listed below:

- organisation of sport activities aimed at promoting participation of youths, migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and "new citizens"
- raising awareness activities (e.g. on the added value of sports in relation to the integration of migrants into host societies, on stereotypes regarding women in sports or sports for elderly people, homophobia in sports etc.)
- networking amongst local stakeholders
- best practice exchanges
- seminars, debates, conferences, or other cultural activities
- organization of non-competitive sports activities.

All projects must have a proven gender balance methodology and include a balanced participation of men and women in any proposed activity.

Further, project activities should preferably:

- take place and/or engage partners in at least 5 ECCAR cities;
- directly engage migrants or migrants associations into the project implementation along with host communities;
- include elders, and/or people with disabilities as target groups or final beneficiaries;
- include a communication strategy taking into account the following events:
 - 21/03/2018 World Day Against Racial Discriminations
 - 26-27 April 2018 ECCAR General Conference in Liège (Belgium)
 - FIFA World Cup in Russia and other official international sports events in 2018 (such as the European Youth Boxing Championships in Italy, the 2018 European Championship of American football in Germany, 2018 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup in France, 2018 FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup in Spain etc.)

Project duration:

Minimum: 8 months

Maximum: 12 months

IV. TIMETABLE

Stages	Date and time or Indicative period
Publication of the call	20/12/17
Deadline for submitting applications	24/01/18
Information to applicants	30/01/18
Signature of grant agreement or notification of grant decision	Indicatively, 07/02/18

V. BUDGET AVAILABLE

The total budget earmarked for the co-financing of the project is estimated at € 15.000 maximum and at 80% of the total cost of the project.

VI. PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATIONS.

Applications must be sent via email by 23:59 CET on the 24/01/2018 to eccar@rathaus.potsdam.de and eccarbologna@comune.bologna.it

Email subject must be: "ECCAR Call for Proposals 2018".

Upon submission, a receipt notification will be sent.

In order not to be rejected, the application should be submitted only by filling out the form and the necessary documents available for download at the following websites: www.eccar.info

Applications must be submitted in writing in any official language of the European Union, using the application form. The working language, should the project be approved, will be English.

The following documents are compulsory and must be attached to the application using the appropriate form where stated:

- application form (Annex 1);
- CV of the project coordinators
- budget (Annex 2)
- declaration (Annex 3)

All documents must be merged into a single PDF file attached to the application email.

Applicants can write for additional information regarding the procedures and the contents of this notice to the following emails:

eccar@rathaus.potsdam.de and eccarbologna@comune.bologna.it

or browse the FAQ which will be published and updated regularly on the website:

www.eccar.info

VII. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

In order to be eligible, projects must be presented by applicants meeting the following criteria:

- be a public or private organisation with legal personality who are active in the sports field and organise sports activities, such as sport clubs, sport associations and their networks (natural persons are not eligible);
- have their registered legal office in a European city

In order to assess the applicants' eligibility, the following supporting documents are requested:

- Statute of the association and registration documents
- All application documents signed by the Legal Representative
- if private entity: extract from the official journal, copy of articles of association, extract of trade or association register, certificate of liability to VAT (if, as in certain countries, the trade register number and VAT number are identical, only one of these documents is required).

VIII. EVALUATION CRITERIA

A Commission composed of ECCAR Board members will be in charge of the evaluation of applications, assessing the adequacy of the budget plan and the project plan.

Their judgement will be irrevocable and all decisions made will be final.

In order to evaluate the received applications and to form a ranking list to determine the winning project, the Commission will take into account the following criteria:

- Potential to reach the call for proposals objectives: max 30
- Budget feasibility and adequacy: max 30
- Partnership composition: max 20
- Innovativeness of the project idea: max 20
- Previous experience of the applicant organisation in terms of project management and in terms of expertise on the specific theme of the call for proposals: max 20

During the assessment period a selection of the most interesting projects (maximum 3 projects) will be made at the unfettered discretion of the Commission. Further questions may be asked to the applicants who submitted the short-listed projects.

Once the assessment period has been completed, all the applicants will receive an email indicating the results of the competition.

The winner of the competition will be contacted by the ECCAR Administrative Secretariat for the proceedings related to the contracting procedure.

Should the winner not be available any-more for the realization of the project, the evaluation Commission will award the grant to the project proposal that ranked in the second place and so on.

Should there be no satisfactory proposal among the submitted ones, that is if the quality of the projects submitted has not met the requirements established by the ECCAR and by the members of the Commission, or if no submission is financially viable, the procedure will be annulled.

IX. GRANTING AND FINANCING PROCEDURES

The winner of the competition will sign a contractual agreement with the ECCAR.

The ECCAR will pay in 3 (three) tranches : one initial pre-payment, up to 20% of the total awarded financemement, immediately after signing the contract ; one interim payment, based on actually incurred costs (as proven in the interim financial and narrative report); final balance, based on actually incurred costs (as proven in the final financialand narrative report), within 30 days from project end date. Interim and balance payment will be authorised after the evaluation and acceptance of the reported activities.

X. WORK USE CONDITIONS and OWNERSHIP RIGHTS

The ECCAR, along with the project partners, will hold intellectual property and the ownership rights related to any material and immaterial output delivered during and funded by the project. The partners grant the ECCAR the right to use freely and as it sees fit and, in particular, to translate, publish or communicate by any medium the outputs and the results of the project.

All events and materials produced will be not for profit nor will they have a commercial exploitation.

The contractor will support dissemination of all outputs and materials, based on previous agreement with the ECCAR.

XI. REPEAL OF THE GRANT CONTRACT

In case of repeal of the grant contract, the applicants will be alerted in writing by the ECCAR. The repeal may occur in the follwing cases:

1. The financial and technical parameters have been fundamentally altered.
2. Force majeure or other circumstances make the normal execution of the project or of the activity expected by this contract impossible.
3. Irregularities have occurred during the assignment procedure.

In no circumstance will the ECCAR be responsible for harm derived from the repeal of the grant contract.

XII. VISIBILITY RULES

The awarded subject must acknowledge the ECCAR support, by featuring the ECCAR logo in all materials and events.

XII. EXCLUSION GROUNDS

The ECCAR reserves the right to exclude from the competition applicants who find themselves in the following situations:

1. When the applicant is bankrupt or is being wound up, when business is administered by a court, it has entered into an arrangement with creditors, it has suspended business activities, is the subject of proceedings for a declaration of bankruptcy, for an order for compulsory winding up or is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure under national laws and regulations during the assignment procedure.
2. Has been legally convicted, by final judgement, for crimes related to professional conduct;
3. Has not fulfilled legal obligations related to the payments of social contributions or taxes according to the law of the Country in which it has been registered or in Italy.
4. Has been brought to court and convicted by final judgement for fraud, corruption, having participated in a criminal organisation or any other illegal activity.
5. Has been declared in serious breach of contractual requirements in other assignment procedures financed by the Municipality of Bologna or by other funding bodies.

The applicant must prove that they do not belong to any of the aforementioned categories, and is required to sign the declaration of ethical standards and of access rights attached to this document.