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|  | **CALL FOR PROPOSALS****Procedure for acceptance of project proposals for grants from the Republic of Bulgaria** |

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria through the Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan announces a procedure for the acceptance and selection of proposals for projectsto be implemented with a grant through the Official Development Assistance of the Republic of Bulgaria, with an initial implementation period in 2023.

**Priority Areas for Project Implementation on the territory of Jordan:**

*- Protecting the environment and combating climate change;*

*- Sustainable economic development and support for sustainable employment.*

**1. Objectives and Scope of the Projects:**

*- Taking actions to combat climate change and its impact;*

*- Taking actions to promote renewable energy solutions;*

*- Conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal ecosystems;*

*- Preservation, restoration and promotion of sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems;*

*- Taking actions to combat desertification and land degradation;*

*- Taking actions to halt biodiversity loss;*

*- Ensuring sustainable water and waste management;*

*- Ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns;*

*- Building climate-smart livelihoods and creating green jobs.*

**2.  Target Groups:**

*-Young people;*

*-Women and disadvantaged children;*

*-Vulnerable social groups;*

*-Local population in towns and villages;*

*-Educational institutions - schools;*

*-Non-governmental organizations contributing to the realization of the priorities and the achievement of the goals of the Bulgarian "Official Development Assistance".*

**3. Outputs/Results:**

*-Affirmation of Bulgaria's reputation and international prestige, expanding the opportunities for exchange of expertise between the Republic of Bulgaria and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in the context of the excellent relations of fruitful cooperation;*

*- Local innovative solutions for combatting climate change impacts are promoted;*

*- Practices related to environmental protection, conservation of biodiversity, sustainable management of marine, coastal, and terrestrial ecosystems are implemented;*

*- Enabling environment for youth to innovate and develop new skills to take climate actions is created;*

*- Knowledge and awareness on environmental protection and climate change are built;*

*- Mechanism to share good practices on environmental conservation at the local level is introduced;*

*- New skills needed for green transformation of the economy are developed;*

*- Pilot ideas to promote green entrepreneurship are implemented;*

*- Deepening the interaction between the institutions at central, regional and local level;*

*- Improving socio-economic development;*

*- Acquiring skills that ensure sustainable employment, reduce poverty and increase prosperity.*

**4. Eligible Project Budget:**

4.1. Minimal amount of the project is 5 000 BGN.

4.2. Recommended maximum amount of the project is:

* for projects with main purpose to deliver goods and /or services - up to 30 000 BGN;
* for projects with main purpose to carry out repairs and /or construction activities - up to 30 000 BGN.

4.3. Co-financing of project activities provided by the applicant will be considered an advantage in the evaluation, selection and approval of the projects.

**5. Implementation Deadlines and Duration of the Projects:**

5.1. Project proposals must contain an indicative start date for the implementation of the project after March 1, 2023 and no later than November 30, 2023.

5.2. Projects must be completed no later than December 31, 2025.

**6. Eligible Candidates:**

* *Primary and secondary budget beneficiaries - legal entities of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan;*
* *International and local non-governmental organizations;*
* *Municipalities and their associations;*
* *Educational, health and social institutions;*
* *International humanitarian organisations.*

No natural or legal person can apply for whom there are circumstances under Art. 23, para. 3-8[[1]](#footnote-1) of Decree No. 234 of the Council of Ministers of 01.08.2011 on the policy of the Republic of Bulgaria on participation in international development cooperation**.**

**7. Eligible Activities and Project Costs:**

**7.1. The costs of project implementation must meet all of the conditions below:**

- be lawful and comply with the principles of responsibility, economy, efficiency, effectiveness and transparency;

- be executed only against the necessary supporting documents - invoices or other documents of equivalent probative value, testifying the expenditures incurred;

- be within the budget limits of the project;

- not be funded by another project, program or any other financial scheme, related to or originating from the national budget, the EU budget or any other donor.

**7.2.** **Compulsory Activities to be provided in the Project:**

- provision of an audit report issued by an independent financial auditor;

- activities to ensure publicity and visibility of the financial assistance provided, in accordance with the Publicity and Visibility Guidelines of the Bulgarian Development Aid, worth 3 to 5% of the total project value, but not exceeding 5 000 BGN.

**7.3. Examples of Activities Eligible for Funding:**

*- Awareness raising trainings related to sustainable management of marine and coastal resources;*

*- Cleaning and afforestation campaigns to promote sustainable use of the environment among youth and reduce environmental pollution;*

*- Innovative solution for harvesting rainwater;*

*- Green business solutions to promote sustainable consumption and production patterns;*

*-Use of Jordan's natural resources for the production of medical and cosmetic products.*

**8. Required Documents for Application:**

An Application Form is available on the following website in Bulgarian and English: <https://www.mfa.bg/bg/3866>

All parts of the application form should be duly completed in Bulgarian and / or English. In case of any deficiencies that hinder the evaluation of the project proposal, the Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan may require additional information within a short period of time. Failure to provide such information within the deadline shall be considered a ground for rejection of the proposal.

**9. Method and Deadlines for Projects Applications:**

*Projects are accepted only through e-mail* *consulate.amman@mfa.bg* *and must be sent both in a word document and in a scanned pdf document, duly signed and stamped by the candidate.*

*Contact phone 00962776995154.*

*The deadline for accepting proposals is 30th June 2022.*

**10. Additional Information:**

Applicants shall be informed of the results of the procedure for evaluation, selection and approval of the project proposals within 14 working days of the completion of the individual stages of the procedure. The Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has no obligation to inform applicants about the grounds for approval or rejection of the submitted project proposals.

**Annex 1**

**Decree No 234 of the Council of Ministers of 01.08.2011 on the policy of the Republic of Bulgaria regarding its participation in international development cooperation (excerpts)**

**Article 23**(**3**) **A legal person seeking to apply for the provision of development aid must not**:

1. be declared bankrupt;
2. be in liquidation proceedings or in a similar procedure under the national laws and regulations;
3. be in open insolvency proceedings or must not have entered into an out-of-court settlement with its creditors within the meaning of Article 740 of the Commerce Act, and if the applicant is a non-resident – it must not be in a similar procedure under the national laws and regulations, including if its activities are under the court's control or it has ceased its activities;
4. be disqualified from practicing a particular profession or activity under the law of the State in which the offense was committed;
5. have any monetary debts owed to the State or a municipality within the meaning of Article 162, paragraph 2 of the Tax and Social Insurance Procedure Code established by an act of a competent authority which has entered into force, unless rescheduling or deferral of the debts has been allowed, or monetary debts relating to the payment of social insurance contributions or taxes under the legal provisions of the State in which it is established;
6. have any outstanding private debts owed to the State listed in Article 3, paragraph 7 of the National Revenue Agency Act.

**(4) A legal person seeking to apply for the provision of development aid must not have a member of the management body that**:

1. has been convicted by a final sentence for indictable offense;
2. has not fulfilled his/her/its obligations relating to the payment of social insurance contributions or taxes in accordance with the applicable law;
3. has provided deliberately false documents when providing information requested as a condition for financing development aid activities or has not provided such information;
4. has been disqualified from practicing a particular profession or activity under the law of the State in which the offense was committed;
5. is a legal person for which any of the circumstances under paragraph 3 exist;
6. has any outstanding private debts owed to the State listed in Article 3, paragraph 7 of the National Revenue Agency Act.

**(6) Where the members of the management bodies are legal persons, the requirements of paragraph 5 shall apply to their representatives in the relevant management bodies.**

**(7) Persons seeking to apply for the provision of development aid must not**:

1. have a member of a management or supervisory body, as well as such person ad interim, including a procurator or a commercial agent who has “close links”, within the meaning of § 1, item 1 of the Supplementary Provision of the Conflict of Interest Prevention and Ascertainment Act, with the agency administering the relevant project or with senior employees in his/her organisation;
2. have entered into a contract with a person under Article 21 or 22 of the Conflict of Interest Prevention and Ascertainment Act.

1. See Annex 1 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)