

BlueActionBANOS

Community-Led Actions Open Call

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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Open Call for Community-Led Actions (CLAs)

Frequently asked questions

Welcome to the BlueActionBANOS CLA Open Call Frequently Asked Questions. This document will be regularly updated throughout the Open Call with questions most frequently asked through our helpdesk email address.

Please take a moment to read this document carefully to understand the requirements and process of the Open Call. For any further questions, please contact us at BAB_helpdesk@fundingbox.com.

BlueActionBANOS Open Call Team wishes you the best of luck!

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1. Questions concerning the Open Call

1.1. Are applicants from outside the BANOS area eligible?

Applicants from outside the BANOS area are eligible as long as:

- they are registered in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country;
- their participation in the applying Community-Led Action is justified (i.e. strong contribution to the proposed Action's goals, strong connection with the area of the proposed Action, otherwise important role in the Action consortium).

1.2. What is the conflict of interest?

Conflict of interest is a situation where there are capital or personal connections between two or more entities (Applicant, BAB Consortium partner or any person involved in the selection process); in particular, it should be understood as:

- any ownership relations - ownership of shares, financial links and economic connections – like joint venture, holding, joint participation, silent partner. E.g. Applicant's entity owns shares in the BAB Consortium partner company or BAB Consortium partner company owns shares in the Applicant's company (it also refers to the Applicant partner/linked enterprises). As economic connection, we can understand exclusive license, sale agreements if they concern product or solution covered by your application;
- family and personal relationships - in particular: with marriage, kinship, a relationship of affinity to the second degree in a straight line or lateral line, adoption, custody or guardianship or actual life and other close personal ties binding the Applicant and BAB Consortium partner or any person involved in the selection process (it refers also to employees, shareholders, members of the management body, members of the board, managers, subcontractors etc.) – e.g. person representing the BAB Consortium partner company has family/personal relationship with any person representing the Applicant company;
- the existence of material, especially financial relationships (such as the receipt by a person involved in the selection process from Applicant any significant gifts, donations, future contracts or employment, etc);
- relationships based on employment, cooperation or existing civil contract between the BAB Consortium partners and people involved in the Applicant structure, including managerial or supervisory functions, position in managing or supervising bodies. E.g. Director of the BAB Consortium partner is involved in the management bodies of an Applicant company; the Applicant employees involved in the Community-Led Action are employed or contracted by the BAB Consortium partner company;

- remaining in a legal or factual relationship that may give rise to justified doubts as to the impartiality of the people involved in the selection process (expert/evaluator/employee/member of the management bodies of any of the BAB Consortium partners).

The reasons above may result in a conflict of interest if they occur at the time of an action or have occurred in the past (during the last 3 years before the action starts). Time limits do not apply to family and personal relationships.

Remember that the concept of the conflict of interest should be understood widely, so if you have any doubts about the conflict of Interest, please consult it with our team.

2. Questions concerning technical matters

2.1. What is the submission platform?

The submission platform for both Project Idea Form and full proposal is OnePass - the open call management tool owned and managed by FundingBox Accelerator Sp. z o.o. You can submit your Project Idea Form via OnePass through this dedicated link.

2.2. What to do in case of technical issues with the submission platform?

If you experience any technical difficulties using the OnePass platform, as the first step, please check the [Frequently asked questions](#). If you require further assistance, you can contact OnePass helpdesk at support@getonepass.eu, or BluActionBANOS helpdesk email at BAB_helpdesk@fundingbox.com. If you are requesting technical support, please add screenshots wherever possible so that we can solve the issue as quickly and as efficiently as possible.

3. Questions concerning support programme and funding

3.1. How will the Sub-Grant Agreement be signed if a CLA consortium includes e.g. 8 partners?

The Sub-Grant Agreement (SGA) will include the list of all the consortium partners, and every partner will have to sign the SGA. We will accept handwritten signatures or QES.¹

¹ A qualified electronic signature - an electronic signature that is compliant with EU Regulation No 910/2014 (eIDAS Regulation).

3.2. What is a lump sum?

The lump sum is a simplified method of settling expenses in projects financed from Horizon Europe funds. Under this method, you are not required to present strictly defined accounting documents to prove the cost incurred (e.g. invoices), but are obliged to demonstrate the implementation of the Action in line with the budget and milestones set for the Action in the Individual Integrated Project Plan (IIPP). The lump sum does not release you from the obligation to collect documentation to confirm the costs under fiscal regulations.