

CALL FOR PROPOSALS
Organisation of two local European Youth Events (EYE) in 2022
EP-COMM-SUBV-2022-LOCAL-EYE

Questions and Answers

(Q&As)

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You will find below the list of asked questions and replies based on received questions for this calls for proposals. Please note that the present document aims to complement and clarify the current call for proposals and its documents of guidance and does not replace them. The Q&As will be periodically published; applicants are invited to check the following website regularly:
<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/contracts-and-grants/en/grants>

Question 1 :

Bonjour

Nous faisons référence à l'appel à projet ci-dessous référencé : **Organisation of two local European Youth Events (EYE) in 2022 (EP-COMM-SUBV-2022-LOCAL-EYE)**

À la lecture du document "call document" disponible ce jour, notre organisation, n'apparaît pas éligible. Or notre organisation fédère les lycées, les collèges et les écoles primaires.

Il nous semble que notre organisation pourrait valablement fédérer les initiatives de nos apprenants. Par ailleurs, je vous précise que notre organisation, administration publique, est apolitique.

=> ANSWER 1 :

Nous vous remercions pour l'intérêt que vous portez à l'appel à proposition suivant: EP-COMM-SUBV-2022-LOCAL-EYE.

Le déroulement d'un appel à propositions suit un cycle bien précis.

L'évaluation de l'éligibilité des candidats est effectuée après la clôture des soumissions durant la phase d'évaluation des différentes propositions.

Dans ce contexte, nous ne pouvons pas effectuer la vérification de votre éligibilité à ce stade de la procédure.

Question 2 :

I belong to a non-political local authority with no legal person but it has a PIC number yet. Are we eligible to participate in this call? Could the cofinancing be a contribution in nature (personnel costs eg)? Has the financed action to be transnational end be multi participants? Or has it to be mono beneficiary?

=> ANSWER 2:

From your message we understand that your entity doesn't have legal personality but somehow you already have a PIC (Participant Identification Code). Please, would you be so kind to confirm that our understanding is correct? If you have a PIC, do not hesitate to send it to us.

Entities will be eligible for applying to this call for proposals if they fulfil the criteria of Section 6.1 of the Call for proposals:

- A national non-profit making organisation; be a non-governmental organisation or body.
- A legal person constituted and registered as legal entity for at least three years at the time of application;
- Based in one of the Member States of the European Union;
- No political affiliation.

The grant is limited to a maximum co-financing rate of 80 % of the action's eligible costs. Consequently, part of the total eligible expenses entered in the estimative budget must be financed from sources other than the grant (co-financing principle).

We confirm that the co-financing could be, for instance, the own funds of your entity. The actions supported under this call are mono-beneficiary actions. This means that there is one legal entity applying for a grant.

We hope we replied your questions.

Question 3:

I have a question regarding eligibility for the Organisation of two local European Youth Events (EYE) in 2022 (EP-COMM-SUBV-2022-LOCAL-EYE)

Specifically, we are a think tank already activity organizers at the EYE 2021, but we are not a legal entity.

Therefore, we are considering applying through a company that is in our network, with no political affiliation. Or we may apply through university.

Can you please give us more details about the sufficient requirements to do that? I am referring to the paragraph 6.2 Specific cases of the Call.

=> ANSWER 3:

From your message we understand that your entity is not a legal person and cannot apply for the action.

Before replying your questions, I would invite you to have the following points into consideration:

Entities will be eligible for applying to this call for proposals if they fulfil the criteria of Section 6.1 of the Call for proposals:

- A national non-profit making organisation; be a non-governmental organisation or body.
- A legal person constituted and registered as legal entity for at least three years at the time of application;
- Based in one of the Member States of the European Union;
- No political affiliation.

To have the possibility to apply, we understand that you are considering applying through a company or a university which are part of your network.

- (1) In this context, the 'company' you are referring to, is it a profit-making entity? If it is a profit making entity it won't fulfil the criterion laid down in the first point of Section 6.1 of the call for proposals.
- (2) Where are the entities based? Please be reminded that the entities must be based in one of the Member States of the European Union.
- (3) Is the University public or private? If the University is a profit making entity it won't fulfil the criterion laid down in the first point of Section 6.1 of the call for proposals.

Regarding your request of information related the Section 6.2 of the Call for proposals, please refer to the Guide for Applicants where more explanation regarding this point is available under the Section 3.

Under this call for proposals, the application (future project if selected for funding) may involve the participation of affiliated entities to help with the project activities. Affiliated entities are allowed under the following conditions: legal entities having a legal or capital link with applicants/beneficiary, which is neither limited to the action nor established for the sole purpose of its implementation (e.g. members of networks, federations, trade unions).

In your concrete case, you must make sure of the following:

- The entity through which you are willing to apply fulfil the criteria set out in Section 6.1 of the Call for proposals; this entity will have to submit the proposal as applicant and would become beneficiary if selected for funding;
- If your Think Tank wants to be included as 'affiliated entity', it needs to be validated and given a Participant Identification Code (PIC) as well. This will be verified at a later stage;
- The entity through which you are willing to apply and the Think Tank must have a legal link - as specified in section 3 of the Guide for Applicants - in order for Regeneration Youth Think Tank to be considered an affiliated entity.

Please note that the information contained in this message aims at helping you understanding the documents of the call for proposals but doesn't replace them. The assessment of the eligibility of a given applicant will be done only after the submission of the applications.

Question 4:

I attended a webinar about the local version of EYE today. There was a lot of useful information, however, I would like to ask one more question regarding the cofinances. Is it possible to get another grant for the 20 % of the budget, for example from the national sources, if not from the European ones such as Erasmus +, etc.?

Thank you very much for all the information already provided.

=> ANSWER 4:

The grant is limited to a maximum co-financing rate of 80 % of the action's eligible costs. Consequently, part of the total eligible expenses entered in the estimative budget must be financed from sources other than the grant (co-financing principle). The co-financing could be national sources, sponsors or the own resources of the applicant (future beneficiary if selected for funding).

However, you must keep in mind that there is a strict prohibition of double funding from the EU budget. Your action may receive only ONE grant from the EU budget and cost items may under NO circumstances be declared to two different EU actions.

Question 5:

On behalf of a youth association, I am writing you this e-mail with the aim to get additional information for Organization of local European Youth Event (EYE) in 2022.

- Since we are applying for local EYE2022, together with the national youth council and other entity, can you just confirm if we understood well - the principle of affiliated entities?
- budget table:
 - You are referring to ANNEX IX OF THE CALL DOCUMENT in financial line *C.1 Travel and subsistence costs*, I cannot find the ANNEX IX, can you please help me with finding it?
 - During the online webinar, one of the speakers answered that we do not cover the expenses for young people that might attend local EYE; to whom does the financial line *C.1 Travel and subsistence costs* refer to?

- Do we present overall cost of the local EYE2022 (EYE grant + other sources of funding)?
- Explanation needed for: "Affiliated entities are allowed under the following conditions: legal entities having a legal or capital link with applicants."
- During the webinar it is mentioned that "cross-border cooperation is an asset", does it mean that it is expected for the organizer to cover the expenses for international participants?

=> **ANSWER 5:**

I thank you very much for your message.

(1) Participation of affiliated entities:

The actions supported under this call are mono-beneficiary actions. This means that there is one legal entity applying for a grant. As mentioned in the Section 6.2 of the Call for proposals, the application may involve the participation of affiliated entities to help with the project activities. For more information on this point, please refer to the section 3 of the Guide for Applicants.

In a nutshell, affiliated entities are allowed under the following conditions:

- They must be a legal entity;
- They must have a legal or capital link with you, the applicant, which is neither limited to the information measure nor established for the sole purpose of its implementation (e.g. members of networks, federations, trade unions), may take part in the action as affiliated entities, and may declare eligible costs.
- The legal or capital link **MUST BE** pre-existing, and not only established to obtain the grant.

In your concrete case, you must make sure of the following:

- The beneficiary and the two entities must fulfil the criteria set out in Section 6.1 of the Call for proposals;
- The two entities must have a legal link with the applicant (future beneficiary) - as specified in section 3 of the Guide for Applicants - in order for them to be considered an affiliated entities.

If you will apply for the Call for Proposal with organisations as affiliated entities, you, Beneficiary and the organisations must register in the Participant Register and will have to be validated by the Central Validation Service (REA Validation). For the validation, they will be requested to upload documents showing legal status and origin.

If the organisations meet the abovementioned criteria, the organisations may take part in the action as affiliated entities, and may declare eligible costs. Supporting documents proving the legal link between the beneficiary and the affiliated entity will be requested at a later stage and only for selected proposals.

(2) Budget table:

- Indeed, the Annex 2 of the call documents referred to an Annex IX. This was a material error and have been corrected as explained in the info session and published on 2 February 2022. This reference doesn't appear anymore.

- C.1 Travel and subsistence costs: this would cover costs of speakers or personnel (staff) attending the meetings, workshops or other. Travel and subsistence costs are eligible provided that these costs are in line with the beneficiary's usual practices on travel and linked to the action. Organisers are not expected to cover the expenses for participants.
- Yes, the estimated budget shall be complete and present all overall cost of the local EYE2022 (EYE grant + other sources of funding).

(3) Cross-border cooperation:

Cross-border cooperation is about the co-design, the co-creation and the European dimension of the local EYE (see principles 1, 2 and 5 under point 2.2.2 of the call document): a target audience across borders, involvement of youth organisations from across borders, topics relevant to the issues faced by young people in the cross-border region. Examples of such actions include but are not limited to activities organised in a different language or the provision of interpretation.

Please note that the information contained in this message aims at helping you understanding the documents of the call for proposals but doesn't replace them. The assessment of the eligibility of a given applicant or the legal link between an applicant and the possible affiliated entities will be done only after the submission of the applications.

Do not hesitate to come back to us if you need more information.

Question 6:

My organisation is interested on doing a Local EYE, but we have a doubt:

"Call document" says in their point 6:

6.1 Eligible participants

[...]

- A national non-profit making organisation; be a non-governmental organisation or body.

[...]

It means that the applicants have to be an organization at the national level (an association that has activities in all the country, for example) or can be an organization at the local level (association of a city, for example).

=> ANSWER 6:

We thank you for your interest in the following call for proposals: EP-COMM-SUBV-2022-LOCAL-EYE.

In line with the Call for Proposal, we confirm that local or regional organisation comes under the definition of a national organisation.

Question 7:

I would like to ask you a question regarding something mentioned in part 2.2.1 *Scope of the local EYE's* in the abovementioned call for proposals:

A local EYE is a stand-alone event. It should not be organized as a sub event of a bigger event.

Despite this, we are considering an option to subcontract the organizers of another festival which will be held in the city, we are organizing the local EYE in, and use their already established venue. (The venue will be closed for the whole duration of the EYE only for its participants). This will significantly decrease the costs for preparation (approx. 50-60%) such as tents, rent for technical equipment, etc. and therefore allow us to reallocate these resources towards other parts of the project, and therefore allow more activities and young people to participate.

Is this a possible option, or should we consider a totally independent venue for the project activities?

=> **ANSWER 7:**

No this is unfortunately not an option. Chapter 2 of the Guide for Applicants on Grants in the Area of Communication of the European Parliament points out that the “the types of projects and activities that will be funded are set out in the work programme and call document” and the “Eligibility conditions [...] are explained in the call document.” As part 2.1.1 of the Call for Proposals indeed points out that “a local EYE is a stand-alone event. It should not be organised as a sub-event of a bigger event (e.g. local EYE as part of a bigger festival and reduced to a tent of the latter)”, the event must be organised on an independent venue.

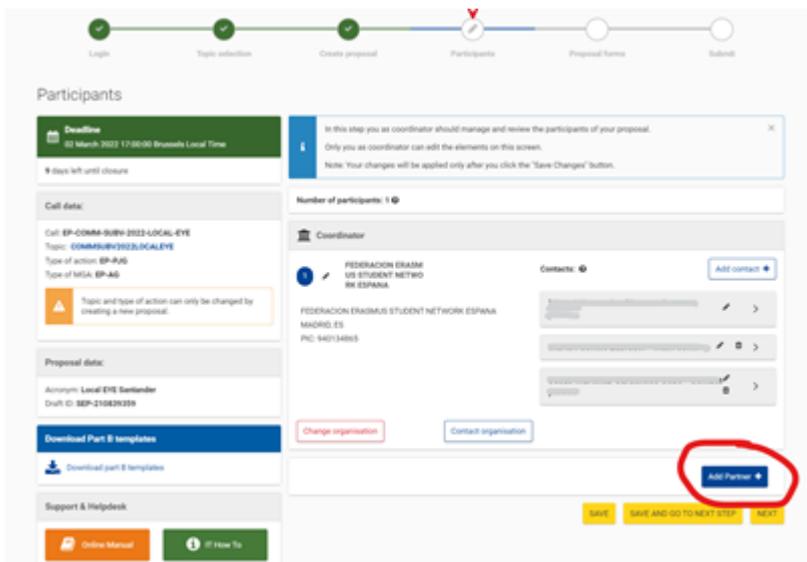
Question 8:

We are a Spanish organization preparing our application for organizing the Local EYE, but we have **one question regarding partners:**

We understand that just one organization can submit a proposal for the local EYE, be selected as beneficiary, as well as sign the agreement with the European Parliament. Even so, we still have doubts regarding the role of partners -if any-.

The call just mentioned that a partner is a "*Organisations that very involved in a specific part of the event e.g. organising several activities with a particular added value or media partners*" (p.28).

In our specific case we are working with other local and national youth organizations (not affiliated entities nor subcontractors) in the process of the co-creation of the application for a Local EYE in Spain and, if elected, they will also help us out with the organization of the event, understanding that we are the ones submitting the proposal and the only ones being in charge of it. In addition, we are collaborating for the proposal with public bodies (for example a city hall) and MEPs, as well as the EP office in Madrid. Having said that, we are wondering if they are partners of the project and if we should submit them in the online form (in the pointed button):



If so, should we sign a mandate letter with each of them (like in Erasmus+ projects)?

=> **ANSWER 8:**

The actions supported under this call are mono-beneficiary actions. This means that there is one legal entity applying for a grant. Nevertheless, your project may involve certain types of third parties to help with the project activities. The partners mentioned, not being affiliated entities, will be classified as third parties. In this context, in your proposal, it should be mentioned the proposed methodology for efficient collaboration with local and national youth organization, with MEPs as well as with public entities and European Parliament's services (headquarters and EPLOs).

We hereby confirm that you do NOT have "Add Partners" in the online form (in the pointed button).

Question 9:

9.1 We are planning to submit a proposal for the Local EYE in Slovakia. Our contact person from the Liaison office answered some of our questions, but recommended us to contact you directly as well. Since my colleague and I had coronavirus, we unfortunately weren't able to attend the online information session. Therefore we would like to ask a few questions this way:

=> **Answer 9.1:**

The online information session can be watched again at following link:

<https://app.swapcard.com/event/eye-online/planning/UGxhbm5pbmdfNzc4NzM0>

9.2 Should the Local EYE take place only in the country of the grant beneficiary, or should some activities be taking place also in other countries in the region (in our case in Poland, the Czech Republic, or Hungary, for example)?

=> **Answer 9.2:**

The local EYE should take place in the country or the neighbouring country of the beneficiary. Parallel activities in close cross border regions could also be organised, notably for the follow-up activities until EYE2023. Even if organised only in the country of the beneficiary, local EYEs should, as much as possible, involve cross-border cooperation so to

take an EU regional dimension. This applies to the 12 principles of a local EYE (see point 2.2.2).

9.3 Should the Local EYE be focused only on participants from the hosting country, or is it required to have foreign participants as well?

=> **Answer 9.3:**

The number of participants from other nationalities than the country where the event takes place is one of the performance indicators that applicants have to provide. Whether these participants come from the same country or from other countries will depend on the specific situation in each country and the concept of the beneficiary. As mentioned in the reply to the first question, cross-border dimension of the action is highly encouraged, and will be evaluated under award criterion 1.

9.4 How do you foresee cooperation with the European Parliament? Would you supervise the Local EYEs, or would it be the sole responsibility of the grant beneficiary to implement the events? If it is the latter, we would be happy to work closely with your team, for example on linking results of the local events with the main EYE, or a media production and distribution

=> **Answer 9.4:**

The local EYE is the project of the beneficiary and the implementation of the event (and the follow-up activities) are under its responsibility. While the European Parliament will not control the implementation of the events and follow-up activities, we wish a close cooperation with the beneficiaries. More specifically, the European Parliament offers beneficiaries the possibility to work closely:

- to co-design activities on the Parliament's youth offer and the workings of the institution (notably by organising some of the EP's most successful activities for young people), and to deepen the European dimension of the local EYE;
- to facilitate the contacts with MEPs and with other EU institutions;
- on the communication plan for their event. It is essential that the narrative and visual line used to communicate about the local EYE are agreed with the EYE team before, to ensure their consistency with the Parliament's communication guidelines, including rules on the use of the European Parliament's logo (page 11);
- on the collection of ideas on the youth ideas platform (youthideas.eu - a specific section could be created for the local EYE) (page 11);
- by sharing best event practices.

9.5 The call says that some activities should be carried out by other organisations. Do we need to submit some cooperation agreements together with the grant application? We would cooperate with local youth parliaments, Liaison office of the EP, some other local NGO's and city offices. In some cases it might take more time to get official agreements from them before the deadline.

=> **Answer 9.5:**

You could submit cooperation agreements to support your grant application, but you don't have to. It is enough if you describe the partnerships you intend to have. Collaboration with youth organisations should be as wide as possible in order to offer a diverse and rich programme, bearing in mind the political pluralism (principle 6 of a local EYE). Please read principle Nr 2 of a local EYE on the co-creation of the event's programme with young participants and youth organisations. Please, be kindly reminded that Collaboration with EPLOs as mentioned in the call for proposals relates to the period of time when the grant has been awarded, not before. If you plan collaborating with EPLOs, you should mention in the proposal the proposed

methodology for efficient collaboration with public entities and European Parliament's services (headquarters and EPLOs).

Question 10:

10.1 Can we organise the event in a city different from that of the applicant organisation? Our organisation is registered in Belgium as an ASBL, but we want to organise the event in Romania, where our member who is the main organiser lives. He is also managing a local organisation there that is affiliated with ours. Do we need any paperwork to justify the relationship between the different organisations or is it enough that the core organiser is a member of our organisation but lives in Romania? For further clarification, our organisation is a national NGO, but has members from all over Europe, which is also how we were able to represent our organisation with a mixed group of participants in Strasbourg. As a pro-EU organisation we would like to maintain our international and diverse character in our local events. We've been doing so for years and it has only been beneficial for our members and the cause we're advocating for. We also intend for our local EYE to express the pro-EU spirit of our members in the same way our participation in the EYE in Strasbourg did. We just need your guidance on how to do it in practice for this event, regarding our application.

=> Answer 10.1:

By organising an event in a different city, we understand that you mean a different country. You describe your ASBL as having members from all over Europe. We draw your attention to the call for proposals (footnote on page 15) indicating that Pan-European or Transnational Organisations are not eligible, but their members at national level may submit a proposal. If your idea is to organise an event in Romania, an option would be your member in Romania to submit an application or, considering the cross-border dimension highlighted in the call, a member located at least in the neighbouring countries of Romania. Your entity and its members could carry out part of the action as subcontractors or affiliated entities (following the conditions of the call for proposals).

10.2 On the one hand it was clarified that there can only be one applicant organisation and on the other the call mentions collaborating and co-designing with other organisations. How should we deal with the necessary collaborations with other youth organisations in relation to the application and in practice? The answer to this could be similar to that on the previous question, as we aim to collaborate with other youth organisations for the event.

=> Answer 10.2:

As mentioned under point 2.2.2, with a concrete example of what a beneficiary could do, it is essential that the beneficiary co-creates the event's programme with young participants and youth organisations (principle nr2). Applicants should include in their proposal a detailed description of how they will follow the 12 principles of a local EYE. Co-creation of the event will be assessed under award criterion 1.

10.3 Does the collaboration with public institutions (like the EPLOs, city council etc) need to be done before the application or does it suffice to have a detailed plan on how we intend to do it, written on the application?

=> Answer 10.3:

Collaboration with national, regional and/or local public authorities should be presented in

the detailed description of the proposed methodology mentioned under point 2.2 at page 8. We strongly recommend, however, not to wait for the outcome of the evaluation of your proposal to approach public institutions given the short timeframe for implementing the action. Collaboration with EPLOs as mentioned in the call for proposals relates to a period of time when the grant has been awarded, not before. In your proposal, it should be mentioned the proposed methodology for efficient collaboration with public entities and European Parliament's services (headquarters and EPLOs).

10.4 How long should the event last? 2-3 days like the EYE in Strasbourg or a different duration? Is it up to us or are there limitations/recommendations? We must have missed that on the open call.

=> **ANSWER 10.4:**

The duration is up to the applicants and will depend on the concept submitted. We would like to draw to your attention that beneficiaries are also requested to organise follow-up activities until EYE2023.

10.5 Similarly, how many participants should there be? Is there a minimum/maximum we should aim for?

=> **Answer 10.5:**

There should be as many participants as possible. The number of participants is one of the performance indicators and will be evaluated under award criterion 4.

Question 10.6:

Does catering, accommodation etc count as subcontracting, which is not allowed according to the application? What about collaborations with other entities?

=> **Answer 10.6:**

Subcontracting is allowed under this call for proposals. Please see section 10.3 of the call for proposals:

Subcontracting costs - subcontracting of action tasks is subject to special rules and must be approved by us (either as part of your proposal or in the final report). Subcontracting is allowed except for project's core tasks and subject to strict limits (see Guide for applicants). Beneficiaries must respect the rules of subcontracting as per the Grant Agreement. For more information, please also check the Guide for applicants, section on Direct Costs (F.Subcontracting).

Question 11:

11.1 In our case, we are still struggling with the concept of **legal link**: *Supporting documents proving the legal link between the beneficiary and the affiliated entity will be requested at a later stage and only for selected proposals.* If we understand correctly, according to *three main notions of defining the affiliation (1 - control; 2-membership; 3-the specific cases of public bodies)*, we are taking into consideration the notion **2-membership**.

Would it be possible to write to us what the evidence is (supporting documents) for proving the legal link (or direct us to some EU Regulation that defines it)?

=> **Answer 11.1:**

The legal link must be proved by a legal document stating one of the notions of affiliation: 1-control; 2-membership; 3-the specific cases of public bodies. As an example, in the cases of

membership, the statutes of the association (mentioning the members) or the official list of members of an association would be a legal proof.

11.2 In the Application Form you are referring to EP's resources, Activities organised by the EP and the presence of MEPs. Is it acceptable to contact the EP Liaison Office in Croatia in the phase of writing the proposal (regarding the activities, resources and all mentioned linked to the EP)?

=> **Answer 11.2:**

Collaboration with EPLOs is mentioned in the call for proposals. To make sure that the local EYE benefits from the renown of the EYE brand and gets support from the European Parliament's communication outreach and strategy, beneficiaries have the possibility to work in close collaboration with the central EYE team and the relevant EPLO(s) on the communication plan for their event. In your proposal, it should be mentioned the proposed methodology for efficient collaboration with public entities and European Parliament's services (headquarters and EPLOs).

Question 12:

I have the following questions with regards to the call: COMMSUBV2022LOCALEYE

12.1 Regarding to European dimension, we plan to host in Kilkenny, Ireland a group young people from all over Ireland and two partners based in Spain and Germany for a 7 day long residential training course to enable them with tools and skills to return to their locality and implement actions of the overall project. I was wondering if it is okay and valid to host youth groups for such a seminar?

=> **Answer 12.1:**

It is not possible to reply to your question on the basis of the information provided. Whether it could be okay and valid to host youth groups for such a seminar will depend on the overall concept of your proposal. Evaluation of proposals will only be done after the closing date of submissions, by the evaluation committee appointed for that purpose.

12.2 Can our organisation pay someone to work as a full time coordinator of the overall project for its duration?

=> **Answer 12.2:**

It is allowed to hire an employee to work as a project coordinator. The following categories of costs are eligible direct costs, provided that they satisfy the eligibility conditions set out in Article II.19.

(a) the costs of personnel working under an employment contract with the beneficiary or an equivalent appointing act and assigned to the action, provided that these costs are in line with the beneficiary's usual policy on remuneration.

(b) The costs of natural persons working under a contract with the beneficiary other than an employment contract or who are seconded to the beneficiary by a third party against payment may also be included under such personnel costs, provided that the following conditions are fulfilled:

(i) the person works under conditions similar to those of an employee (in particular regarding the way the work is organised, the tasks that are performed and the premises where they are performed);

(ii) the result of the work belongs to the beneficiary (unless exceptionally agreed otherwise); and

- (iii) the costs are not significantly different from the costs of staff performing similar tasks under an employment contract with the beneficiary;

If it is allowed to hire a coordinator to manage the project within your organization, please note that it is forbidden to outsource project management to a subcontractor. For more information, please refer to the attached Guideline for Applicants (p.27 – Subcontracting Cost).

12.3 Can we get the funds before initiating activities and events ?

=> **Answer 12.3:**

After the signature of the grant agreement there will be two payments:

- 1) A pre-financing payment corresponding to a maximum of 80 % of the grant amount will be transferred to the beneficiary **within 30 days after the signature of the grant agreement**. The aim of the pre-financing is to provide the beneficiary with a float. The pre-financing remains the property of the EP until the payment of the balance.
- 2) The payment of the balance after the final amount of the grant is calculated. The total amount paid to the beneficiaries by the EP may in no circumstances exceed the maximum amount of the grant as indicated in the grant agreement. If the total amount of the actions is higher than this maximum amount fixed in the grant agreement, the final amount of the grant is limited to the latter.

Question 13:

Just a couple quick questions **related to the call for proposals COMM/SUBV/2022/LOCAL/EYES for the Organisation of two local European Youth Events (EYE) in 2022.**

13.1 What are the current audit rules? If the grant is about 100 000 EUR, should our auditor conduct an audit relating to the costs declared in the financial statement? If so, is the price of the audit certificate an eligible cost for the project and should we detail it's estimated costs on the budget?

=> **Answer 13.1**

In line with the attached Guide for applicants (APPENDIX 3- p. 42), we confirm that an audit certificate on the financial statement must be performed for grants equal or greater than EUR 60,000. This certificate on the financial statements must be established by an independent auditor qualified to carry out statutory audits of accounting documents in accordance with EU law or similar national regulations, or by a competent and independent public officer in whom the relevant national authorities have vested the legal capacity to audit the participant and who has not been involved in the preparation of the financial statements. It shall be submitted when that amount is equal to or greater than EUR 60 000 at the time of claiming the payment of the balance of the grant. It shall cover the total amount of the grant claimed by the beneficiary under the form of reimbursement of actual costs and/or under the form of unit costs, excluding the amounts declared on the basis of lump sums, flat rates and unit costs other than those determined according to the participant's usual cost accounting practices. We confirm that the cost of this audit is an eligible cost and must therefore be included in the budget estimate of your application form.

13.2 On the application form there is a question *"Has this proposal (or a very similar one) been submitted in the past 2 years in response to a call for proposals under any EU*

programme, including the current call?" Could you kindly clarify what kind of proposals should be mentioned on this? We have had Erasmus+ -funded project called "Let's solve Europe's biggest problem" in the past 2 years and there are some similarities with this proposal also even though this proposal is different. Should this project be mentioned in this question?

=> **Answer 13.2**

Please note that there is a strict prohibition of double funding from the EU budget. In this context, you must declare in your application form if this current proposal or part of it has already received an EU Funding.

According to your explanations, the actions financed by Erasmus + for the project "Let's solve Europe's biggest problem" have been completed for some time, in this context there is no risk of double funding.
