

# Local for Local FSTP (Financial Support to Third Parties) Guide

## Funding information Currency Ecosystem Applicants



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# 1. Project Introduction

## Local for Local project

The 21<sup>st</sup> century brought further digitalization and interconnection between the European member states. This brought a wonderful union wide improvement in innovation, use of technology, improvement of efficiency and productivity, and a better match between talent and demand.<sup>1</sup> However, we should not close our eyes to the downsides of these large trends. Smaller local communities throughout Europe are dealing with shrinking economies. Existing trends in digitalization will not reduce the gap between leading and lagging regions.<sup>2</sup>

The decline in social and economic interconnectedness across Europe is evident. Residents of local communities spend their money on goods and services produced outside their community, and local, often family-owned businesses get their products, energy, and services outside the region than sourcing them locally.<sup>3</sup> This causes financial exclusion, environmental degradation, and limits sustainability initiatives.<sup>4</sup> The barriers to sustainable improvement of local areas include low human and social capital, financial barriers to enterprise development, and poorly developed economic and social infrastructure. These issues complicate the development of strong regional economies and hinder local business opportunities.<sup>5</sup> Furthermore, acquiring finance for local, regionally owned enterprises is increasingly challenging due to the lack of scalability in locally produced goods and the limited availability of microfinancing.<sup>6</sup> This cycle reinforces itself as the underdeveloped local economy leads to the closure of financial institutions, reducing access to credit and hindering the ability to start or grow businesses. These conditions make it difficult for your local communities to thrive hence creating pressure for new initiatives to move away from local areas.<sup>7</sup>

At the same time, an opportunity arises for creating technology that can tackle these challenges. Community-driven technology solutions can help you connect local regions and provide micro-credits. This strengthens your local economy and makes regions more resistant against a social and economic exodus. It offers a path to restore perspective for a stable, more cohesive, and prosperous local community. This project has two ambitions in supporting local economies. First, we create a technology platform named Local for Local which provides open-source software solutions for local currencies. Secondly, we create an ecosystem of local currencies to strengthen each individual currency and the whole.

## Project objectives and Currency Ecosystem Relevancy

The objective of this project is the following:

### **Integrate and pilot a software stack that strengthens local economies throughout Europe**

This objective leads to two concrete and measurable goals:

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<sup>2</sup> Haefner, L., & Sternberg, R. (2020). Spatial implications of digitization: State of the field and research agenda. *Geography Compass*, 14(12), e12544.

<sup>3</sup> Viñas, C. D. (2019). Depopulation processes in European rural areas: a case study of Cantabria (Spain). *European Countryside*, 11(3), 341-369.

<sup>4</sup> Thackara, J. (2019). Bioregioning: Pathways to urban-rural reconnection. *She Ji: The Journal of Design, Economics, and Innovation*, 5(1), 15-28.

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<sup>6</sup> Emery, M., & Flora, C. (2006). Spiraling-up: Mapping rural community transformation with rural community capitals framework. *Rural community development*, 37(1), 19-35.

<sup>7</sup> Kyllili, A., Thabit, Q., Nassour, A., & Fokaides, P. A. (2021). Adoption of a holistic framework for innovative sustainable renewable energy development: A case study. *Energy sources, Part A: Recovery, utilization, and environmental effects*, 1-21.

## 1. Socio-economic impact in the local regions





### 2. A high-performing software stack by NGI innovators

The economic ecosystems will be self-sustaining and ready to scale in Europe.

We invite you to apply to the *NGI Currency Ecosystem*. The goal of the Currency Ecosystem is to help you, regional currencies, create more social and economic impact in your region. In the long term, we hope to create a better integration of regional currencies in Europe.

In this project, we unite currencies in a European collaboration and provide funding to regional currencies through Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP). In this document we describe the Currency Ecosystem, the FSTP funding, and we explain how you can apply.

### Consortium members

	<p><b>Centric</b></p>	<p>Centric is an IT and software services company with a presence in multiple European countries. With a team of 3,700 professionals, Centric combines IT expertise with extensive knowledge of industry-specific processes, particularly in government, supply chain, and finance sectors. This unique blend sets Centric apart, enabling the development of tailored solutions that align with clients' objectives. Centric operates in ten countries, serving over 3,500 clients, including millions of daily users who rely on Centric's 200+ software solutions.</p>
	<p><b>Delft University of Technology</b></p>	<p>Delft University of Technology (TU Delft) is a prestigious Dutch institution known for its excellence in engineering, technology, and applied sciences. Located in the historic city of Delft, the university has a rich tradition of innovation and research dating back to its founding in 1842. TU Delft is renowned for its cutting-edge research, world-class faculty, and state-of-the-art facilities, making it a global leader in fields such as aerospace engineering, civil engineering, and industrial design. The university's commitment to sustainability and interdisciplinary collaboration further reinforces its reputation as a hub for pioneering solutions to complex global challenges.</p>
	<p><b>Aix-Marseille University</b></p>	<p>Aix-Marseille University (AMU) is a French institution formed in 2012 by merging three renowned universities, boasting a vast academic community with over 78,000 students and 8,000 staff members. Highly regarded for its research, AMU consistently ranks among France's top research universities, particularly excelling in health and medical sciences with affiliated hospitals and medical schools. Situated in Aix-en-Provence and Marseille, its diverse and multicultural campuses facilitate international collaboration through partnerships with universities worldwide, cementing AMU's status as a leading institution in France and Europe known for academic excellence and research innovation.</p>
	<p><b>Kaunas University of Technology</b></p>	<p>The Kaunas University of Technology (KTU) is a Lithuanian institution. Established in 1922, KTU offers a wide range of technical and scientific programs, fostering innovation and entrepreneurship among its students and faculty. Located in Kaunas, Lithuania, the university is committed to research excellence and global collaboration.</p>

## 2. Currency Ecosystem Ambition, Content, and FSTP call

The Currency Ecosystem is part of NGI Local for Local and connects regional currencies throughout Europe. Its ambition is to strengthen regional currencies throughout Europe by strengthening their uniqueness and collective power, and thereby achieve more economic and social impact.

The ecosystem combines subsidiary and collective approaches to strengthen the regional currencies. It is *subsidiary* because the participating regional currencies are autonomous in using their funding as they see fit, and as they are supported with research by the consortium.

The ecosystem strengthens the *collective* with frequent collaboration between different regional currencies, and thereby opens up learning from other currencies, and avoids reinventing the wheel.

The program has five pillars: Funding, Networking, Training, Open-source software, and Research. The funding is limited to a certain number of participating currencies, whereas the other pillars are available for any currency interested in participating. We now describe every pillar in more detail.



**1. Funding**



**2. Networking and updating**



**3. Bi-monthly training**



**4. OSS software stack**



**5. Research**

**1. Funding regional currencies**

Currencies can apply for a maximum of €60k funding to strengthen their presence in the region. The currencies are free to determine how they allocate the funding, although the proposals will be evaluated on social and economic impact. Section 3, 4, and 5 of this call document contain further instructions for applying for funding.

**2. Networking and Updating**

Every month, the currency participating in the Currency Ecosystem meet online. The purpose is to strengthen bonds between currencies, prevent reinventing the wheel, and learn from other currencies. We meet every first Monday of the month in the afternoon. Frequently, we address a case study by one of the participating currencies. We also address challenges listed by the participants and exchange resources and best practices. For recipients of the funding, participating in the networking sessions is obligatory.

**3. Regional Currency Training**

The training program is designed to provide regular, in-depth training sessions on strategies, software tools, or frameworks related to currencies. Every two months, we invite experts that can provide guidance on regulation, currency design, technology, or community engagement. The topic for half of the sessions is chosen by the consortium. The other half is chosen by recipients of the funding. For funding recipients, the currency training is obligatory.

**4. Open-Source Software Stack for Regional Currencies**

The Local for Local initiative provides an open-source software stack designed to support regional currencies in transitioning to open-source solutions. This stack includes frontends for currency managers, end-users, and merchants, a transaction system, and banking integration.

The software is free to use, and in this program, we offer support with its adoption and implementation. We also conduct small-scale pilots in the regions of the funding recipients.

## 5. Research Support in Regional Currencies

The NGI Local for Local consortium has researchers with various expertise concerning regional currencies. Throughout the program we can support the regional currencies in improving their governance model, optimizing the engagement strategy, improve user adoption or conduct economic analysis. The ambition is to strengthen your currencies and provide data for research. The currencies receiving funding have to provide *anonymized* transaction data for research.

## 3. Budget for FSTP Funding

### Eligible costs and maximum funding

The total budget for financial support to third parties is €310.000, spread across currencies in Europe. Allocation depends on the requested amounts, prioritizing the highest scoring proposals until the budget is depleted. The requested amount cannot exceed €60.000 per currency.

The funding is a 100% lump sum grant. 70% of the amount is paid after signing the contract. The remaining 30% is paid after the final report is received.

### The types of activities that qualify for financial support include but are not limited to:

- Technology integration
- Marketing & Outreach
- Legal & Compliance
- User Incentives or booster funds
- Research & Planning
- Printing currencies

The activities for reimbursement can be submitted through Annex I and include:

1. Personnel
2. Equipment / Materials
3. Training / Seminars / Travel Workshops
4. Contracts
5. Other costs
6. Incidentals
7. Other support requested
8. Support Cost

## 4. Eligibility criteria

This open call accepts proposals from active local currency initiatives that are seeking support to enhance their technological capabilities and/or scale their operations. To qualify for this funding opportunity, applicants must meet the following conditions:

1. Applicants must be active **local currencies legally established** and registered within one of the EU member states or associated countries of Horizon Europe.
2. Applicants should meet the requirement for a sufficient operational scope by having a minimum of **20 commercial accepting entities** (stores, service providers, etc.) **OR annual revenue streams with a minimum value of 5000 euro-equivalents.**

3. Applicants must **either currently operate on a digital open-source infrastructure OR express a committed interest to transition to a digital open-source infrastructure.**
4. Eligibility is restricted to local currency initiatives that have **not previously received funding from NGI** (Next Generation Internet).
5. Applicants must actively participate in the currency ecosystem program. **It includes participation in the networking sessions, the trainings, small scale software pilots, and sharing anonymized data with the consortium for research purposes.** Applicants must agree to this condition to bring forth a collective pool of knowledge that will allow for innovation in the sector. A data management plan will be provided for each participant in the program to comply with GDPR.
6. The initiative **must require support in one or more of the program's pillars, as detailed in the open call document** (please refer to section 2).

Eligible initiatives are invited to submit their proposals. For the application requirements please refer to section 5.

## 5. Proposal application, evaluation, and selection

### Jury members

The evaluation of each submitted application will be carried out by an **Evaluation Committee** consisting of one expert of every consortium partner. These representatives are experts on digital transformation, decentralized infrastructure, and local economies. Therefore, their views and opinions will ensure that the most suitable candidates are selected.

### Application requirements

Applicants are required to prepare and submit documentation of the following:

1. Existing userbase and activity – please provide documented evidence of the number of active users currently engaged with your local currency system. Please mention the sector(s) that are currently accepting your currency (i.e., retail, gastronomy, services, etc.) and their geographic distribution (i.e., do they span over a single neighbourhood / a city / a district, etc). Please submit data on the average transaction frequency and velocity per month.
2. Funding allocation proposal – please clearly outline how the requested funding will be allocated across various developmental activities (for eligible activities please refer to section 3). Explain how the funding will contribute to the expansion and improvement of your infrastructure or operations. Provide projections on growth in user base, transaction volume, social, and economic impact.
3. Exploitation of results – please describe how the projected impact will be sustained post-funding (i.e., plans for financial sustainability, ongoing community engagement, and long-term operational strategies).
4. Required support – please choose the core 3 (three) training topics that would most benefit your team from the list in Annex I.
5. The team's composition, technical background, equipment, and capability to scale – please list core team members, their roles, expertise, and relevant experience. Describe the technical resources and equipment available to your team (i.e., software, hardware, and other technical infrastructure). Please describe your team's capability to scale, including any previous experiences or pilot projects.
6. Optional: open-source software - If applicable, detail your initiative's contributions to open-source software development and deployment. Include any existing open-source tools you have developed or substantial contributions to other OSS projects. Alternatively, describe how open-source software will be integrated into your initiative throughout the

runtime of the program. The consortium will supply you with a software stack to sandbox, if needed.

### Application criteria

An application will be eligible only if **all** the following **eligibility criteria** are met:

1. Application must be submitted before the submission deadline date (31-01-2025, 23:59 AoE).
2. All the required fields in the application form must be completed.
3. The applicant must meet all the eligibility criteria specified in the open call document. It is the responsibility of the applicant to demonstrate compliance with these criteria.
4. The official representative declares no incompatibility with other EU funding for the same actions proposed in ANNEX I.
5. When filling in the application form, applicants are asked to confirm that no conflict of interest could arise in connection with this open call. This will ensure to prevent any situation where the impartial and objective selection of the proposal is compromised for reasons involving economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional ties or any other shared interest (“conflict of interest”). Applicants who cannot confirm that there is no conflict of interest will not be considered for the selection.

### Evaluation Criteria

The evaluation process will be managed by an internal evaluator. Each proposal is assessed on its content (90%) and requested grant amount (10%). The proposals will be assessed based on the following criteria:

Proposal Evaluation Criterion	Description	Weight
1. Userbase and market engagement	What is the existing user base of the local currency? Proposals should provide metrics for the number of active users, engagement across commercial sectors, and the average transaction frequency and velocity.	10%
2. Funding distribution plan	Evaluation of the proposed funding distribution. The proposals should present a transparent and justified plan for funding allocation.	30%
3. Estimated impact and alignment with program	How well does the proposal align with the goals of the currency ecosystem? How much value is the applicant expected to gain throughout the program?	30%
4. Organisational capabilities	Evaluation of the team’s composition, technical expertise, equipment, and the overall capability to scale operations.	10%
5. Financial stability	Analysis of the initiative's current funding and economic model. Proposals must demonstrate financial stability and a clear understanding of the economic environment in which they operate.	10%
6. Open-source software integration	Does the initiative currently deploy open source software, or is there a planned transition to incorporate OSS?	10%

Proposals will first be checked for completeness. Then, each of the above criteria will be scored on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 indicates no alignment and 10 represents exemplary alignment with the criteria. Each score is multiplied with its weight and aggregated for a total score for the evaluator score. The proposal content score for an application is the combined average of the total score of the evaluation committee members.

### *Evaluator Score*

$$= Score_1 * Weight_1 + Score_2 * Weight_2 + Score_3 * Weight_3 + Score_4 * Weight_4 + Score_5 * Weight_5 + Score_6 * Weight_6$$

$$Proposal Content Score = \frac{Evaluator 1 Score + Evaluator 2 Score + Evaluator 3 Score}{3}$$

We use price scoring to encourage proposals that strike a balance between ambition and cost-efficiency. The price score accounts for 10% of the overall score. Proposals requesting €30.000 or less have a score of 10 (maximum). Proposals with a request of €60.000 have a score of 0 (minimum). Proposals requesting more than €60.000 are not taken into consideration.

The price score for a proposal can be calculated by:

$$Proposal price Score = \frac{60.000 - Requested amount}{30.000} * 10$$

The final score for a proposal is a calculation where the content is weighed for 90% and the price for 10%:

$$Total Proposal Score = Proposal Content Score * 90\% + Proposal Price Score * 10\%$$

Proposals will be ranked based on their total score, and applicants will receive feedback. The highest-ranking proposals will be selected for funding, subject to availability.

The consortium aims to integrate diverse and inclusive currencies across Europe, and we prioritize representation from a wide range of regions. To achieve this goal, the consortium intends to include currencies from underrepresented regions. Therefore, if a currency from a currently unaddressed region scores up to 0.5 points lower than a currency from a region that has already been positively evaluated, the consortium reserves the right to prioritize contracting with the currency from the underrepresented region. This approach ensures that small differences in scores do not outweigh the strategic objective of fostering diversity and inclusivity across Europe.

The Evaluation Committee will evaluate each application in a transparent and fair way, respecting the confidentiality of any information identified as confidential at the time it is provided. Evaluations will be performed applying the highest ethical and moral standards.

The applicant's contact person (provided in the form) may be contacted during the evaluation to provide further clarification on all aspects of the application.

The contact point for questions to the Local for Local team will be through the EU tender portal or email (info@localforlocal.io). Answers to questions will be presented on the EU portal and Local for Local website as needed. If the proposal is awarded, the details of the action plan of beneficiary will be discussed during the contracting period with the consortium.

**The applicants will be informed about the decision** made by the Evaluation Committee in February 2025 via email. The notification can be:

- **Not selected:** your application has not been selected for the programme, based on the evaluation criteria.
- **Not selected (in reserve list):** your application has not been selected for the programme but has been put in reserve list, in case one of the selected companies does not reach the grant signing.



- **Selected:** your application has been selected for the programme. The Local for Local consortium partners will engage in a contract negotiation regarding the specific terms and conditions of the service.

The final decision will also be published on the Local for Local website.

Within 2 working days of the reception of the communication, **applicants may submit a request for redress** if they believe that there has been a shortcoming in the way their proposal has been evaluated that may affect the final decision on whether they are selected as beneficiary or not.

A designated internal review committee of the Local for Local project will examine requests for redress, which must be:

1. Related to the evaluation process or eligibility checks.
2. Clearly describe the complaint and reasons for potential consideration.
3. Received within the time limit (2 working days) from the communication of the result is delivered.
4. Sent by the same enterprise legal representative that submitted the proposal.

The committee will review the complaint and will recommend an appropriate course of action. If there is clear evidence that a shortcoming(s) could have affected the eventual decision, it is possible that all or part of the proposal will be re-evaluated by the internal review committee. The evaluation score following any re-evaluation will be regarded as definitive. This score could be lower than the original score.

Only one request for redress per application will be considered by the committee. All requests for redress will be treated in confidence and must be sent to [info@localforlocal.io](mailto:info@localforlocal.io).

## Procedures and Timeline

Step	Timeline
Program Announcement	01-12-2024
Third party call opened	01-12-2024
First informative meeting	16-12-2024, 16:00 CET
Second informative meeting	13-01-2025, 16:00 CET
Final informative meeting	27-01-2025, 16:00 CET
Application Deadline	31-01-2025, 23:59 AoE
Outcome Notification to Applicants	20-02-2025
Currency Ecosystem Kick-off	01-03-2025
End of Currency Ecosystem	01-03-2026
Final Report Submission	01-04-2026
Wrap-up of NGI Local for Local	01-05-2026

## Sending in your application

All project proposals must adhere to the specific conditions and guidelines outlined in the Work Programme and related call for proposals. This includes compliance with all regulatory, ethical, and financial reporting requirements as mandated by the European Commission.

Applications can be uploaded at <https://localforlocal.io/>. A designated upload environment is available, where documents can be uploaded. The filled in Application form (Annex I) and declaration of honour (Annex II) should be given a recognizable name, aggregated in a single ZIP file, and uploaded to the website. Only documents provided before the submission deadline

will be considered. An alternative to the localforlocal.io website is through the EU tender portal but with the same formatting as the Local for Local website.

While the call is open, we organize three informative meetings. In such a meeting we explain the plan and ambition of the Currency Ecosystem, and you can ask questions about the application. The information for joining the call will be posted on the Localforlocal website and other socials. The meetings are organized at 16:00 on 16-12-2024, 13-01-2025, and 27-01-2025.

We look forward to receiving your application,

The NGI Local for Local consortium

## Annex I: Application form

Please provide the following information about your currency

Currency Name	
Postal Address	
Fiscal ID	
Country	
Region	
Telephone Number (including country code)	
Website URL	

Please provide the following information of your contact

Full Name:	
Title / Department:	
Telephone Number:	
Email:	

### Part I: Currency Description

#### 1. Currency Presentation (Maximum 500 Words)

[Describe your regional currency. Tell its history, its current operation and why it is a match for this project.]

#### 2. Describe the user base and market engagement (Maximum 500 Words)

[How many users are there in each user group? Please provide metrics for the number of active users, engagement across commercial sectors, and the average transaction frequency and velocity.]

#### 3. Demonstrate the Organizational capabilities (Maximum 500 Words)

[Please describe the organizational team that is supervising the currency. Mention the composition, technical expertise, equipment, and the overall capability to scale operations.]

#### 4. Describe the financial status of the regional currency (Maximum 500 Words)

[Give an overview of the current revenue streams and funding sources for the regional currency operation. Describe the economic model].

#### 5. Describe the currency's engagement with open-source software (Maximum 300 Words)

[Describe previous and current use of open source software in the regional currency. Please describe your plans to use open source software in the future.]

**6. Which trainings would benefit you most if included in the program? (Select up to 3)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic model optimization                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Building Techniques     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open-Source Adoption                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Analysis for Economic Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banking System Connectivity                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Impact Measurement         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial regulations for regional currencies | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Frontend User Experience Design               | <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Planning Tools          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Engagement Strategies                | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Frameworks Overview         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing for Local Currencies                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (.....)                     |

**Part II: Funding Proposal**

**1. Proposal of using funding (maximum 500 words)**

[Describe how you intend to use the funding, list the amount you are requesting for each purpose. Provide a timeline of funding allocation throughout the year.]

**2. Economic impact of funding (maximum 500 words)**

[Describe the envisioned economic impact of the funding, should you be selected as funding recipient. Factors in explanation can be an economic impact within the regional currency, or broader impact on the local economy]

**3. Social impact of funding (maximum 500 words)**

[Describe the envisioned social impact, should your proposal be executed as envisioned. Interpret social in the broad sense as all social benefits for society. This can be in metrics or in a narrative]

**4. Requests from Local for Local Consortium (maximum 300 words)**

[What would you need from the Local for Local consortium to enable you to both execute your proposal and improve the liveliness of your currency?]

### 5. Authorization for sharing information

I, the undersigned, certify that the information stated above is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. Likewise, I confirm that the currency has no objection to the information contained herein being shared with the Evaluation Committee and that there does not exist any conflict of interest.

Name

Signature

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

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Full title/Position

Enterprise name

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## Annex II: Declaration of Honour

### Local For Local FSTP

#### DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this declaration of honour, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them below:

1. "Action Plan title" refers to the title of the action plan, as specified in the preamble of this Agreement.
2. "Potential Beneficiary" refers to the currency specified as " ....." in the preamble of this Agreement.

#### PREAMBLE

Currency name: [.....]

#### DECLARATION

By signing this declaration, I hereby declare that:

- I have read and accepted the terms and conditions set out in this Call for Proposals and its annexes.
- I have read and accepted the Guidelines for Awarding Financial Support to Third Parties of the Local for Local Programme.
- I have read the Confidentiality and Communication rules applicable to this Call for Proposals.

I, the undersigned ....., representing [.....] /  
[.....] (Name of currency in local language and in English) hereby state that:

- I am legally authorized to sign this statement on behalf of Potential Beneficiary.
- All information provided by Potential Beneficiary required as a condition for participating in the Call for Proposals is correct to the best of my/our knowledge.
- Potential Beneficiary has the adequate legal capacity to participate in the Call for Proposals and especially to submit all required documents.
- Potential Beneficiary has the adequate organizational and financial capacity to implement the project if awarded, as described in the Proposal and in accordance with the contractual framework of this Call for Proposals.
- Potential Beneficiary is not part of a bigger group of enterprises (such as holdings or similar).
- The information in the Proposal is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.
- The information in the Proposal is not plagiarized from another Proposal present in this Call.
- Potential Beneficiary is not bankrupt, subject to insolvency or winding up procedures, its assets are not being administered by a liquidator or by a court, it is not in an arrangement with creditors, its business activities are not suspended, or it is not in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided under national legislation or regulations.
- It has not been established by a final judgment or a final administrative decision that Potential Beneficiary is in breach of its obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions in accordance with the law of the country in which it is established or those of the country of the implementation of the action plan.

- Potential Beneficiary is complying with its obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which it is established.
- Potential Beneficiary and any person legally authorized to represent it has not been involved in fraud, corruption, cooperation with a criminal organization, money laundering, or other illegal activity.
- Potential Beneficiary is not under reimbursement obligation of State Aid deemed illegal or incompatible with the European market.
- Potential Beneficiary and any person legally authorized to represent it has not been guilty of grave professional misconduct.
- Potential Beneficiary is not subject to a conflict of interest.
- Potential Beneficiary has not received funding from other public entities (including other programs funded by the European Union) for the same item of costs for the present action plan.

I understand that Potential Beneficiary will not receive funding under this Call for Proposals if:

- It finds itself in one of the situations of exclusion listed above.
- It has misrepresented the information required as a condition for participating in the procedure or has failed to supply that information.
- It is subject to a conflict of interest.

In the event that the Action Plan is successful, I/we authorize the Local for Local consortium to publish the following information in any form and medium, including via the internet:

- The Potential Beneficiary name and address;
- The subject of the Project and a short description thereof;
- The amount awarded and the Grant rate.

I understand that if Potential Beneficiary will not provide the required information and documents on the development of the action plan, such as financial and final reporting, will need to promptly return the funding received.

By signing this declaration, I accept all the conditions set out in this Call for Proposals and its annexes.

Place, Date

Name, Surname of Legal Representative

Signature