

## SAFIR *Youth in action*

### Presentation of the Call for Applications for Civil Society Organisations (CSOs)

Safir is an ambitious project supporting youth and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 9 countries across North Africa and the Middle East. Co-funded by the European Union, it aims at creating an enabling environment in favour of youth participation and of the development of entrepreneurial projects with social, cultural and environmental impact.

Safir is built around 3 pillars: to provide support to more than 1,000 young project leaders, to develop a regional network of organisations supporting social entrepreneurship, and to accompany the creation of spaces for dialogue between youth and governmental authorities.

Website: [www.safir-eu.com](http://www.safir-eu.com)

**Project period:** March 2020 – February 2024

**Countries of intervention:** Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia

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### Framework of the Call for Applications

Civil society organizations (CSOs) provide an environment conducive to civic participation for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). More and more numerous in the countries targeted by the project, they are often carried by actors very committed in favor of the fight against inequalities, insecurity, environmental protection... As stakeholders in the public debate, they have the capacity to mobilize and raise awareness among the population and those in charge of addressing the issues they defend.

The 21 selected structures will benefit from sessions of consolidation and harmonization of their support methodologies and advocacy trainings. They will provide support the beneficiaries of the Safir project (young project leaders) to voice their demands in favor of the achievements of SDGs. They will pay particular attention to promoting dialogue with the authorities of the countries concerned. They may be involved in advocacy training with the other partner structures of the Safir project (incubators and universities).

**Grant awarded:** 22 000 euros (which must represent a maximum of 90% of the total budget proposed by the structure for the implementation of the activities)

**Activities of the call period:** September 2020 to April 2023 (provisional end date)

**Countries of intervention for the activities:** Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia (and organisations from Libya and Syria present in the countries listed above).

### Information on the call for applications

21 civil society organizations will be selected, with geographical representation between the 7 countries where the activities are implemented.

**Call for application open from 19<sup>th</sup> May until 26th June 2020.**

#### **Selection process:**

1. Online application form
2. Pre selection
3. Request for additional documents regarding the prerequisites for the project
4. Selection/Rejection letters
5. Signature of the contract

#### **Selection criteria:**

- Organizational and management capacities (presentation of the organisation) / 25 points
- Organisation's previous experience in similar activities to those of Safir / 25 points
- Previous experience in Safir's social impact fields (youth, active citizenship, civic participation and SDGs ) / 25 points
- Interest in joining the Safir project / 25 points
- Applications from structures located outside of capital cities are particularly encouraged.

### Essential prerequisites for the project

- Organisation's legal existence (at least one year).
- Demonstrated experience in managing grants: **the average annual cost of the project should not exceed 70% of the beneficiary's annual budget.**

*Ex: for an organization whose annual budget is equal to € 100,000, the total amount of the project must not exceed € 70,000 on average per year, i.e. a total of € 210,000 over 36 months.*

Preselected organisations will be invited to submit:

- Their financial reports for 2018 and 2019
- Their operational budget for 2020
- A budget proposal for activities' implementation: The Institut français' grant (€22,000) must represent maximum 90% of the estimated budget for the operation, with a co-financing rate of at least 10% by the grantee
- Economic sustainability: the applicant's financing plan exposes sufficient sources of funding - besides the grant - to implement the activities throughout the entire duration of the project.
- Demonstrated experience in the thematic areas of the current call for applications.
- Languages: fluency in at least two of the three languages of the project (Arabic and English and/or French).
- Applicants must not be registered on the list of European Union restrictive measures.

### **Activities to be implemented by selected organizations**

#### **Networking and capacity building in advocacy of selected CSOs**

- **Networking opportunities:**
  - Participation of the selected CSOs in 2 regional skills' building sessions
- **Consolidation of work methodology and capacity building of selected CSOs:**
  - Advocacy skills building sessions and harmonization of work methodology for the training of young project leaders
  - Face to-face training during the two regional meetings
  - Online training
- **Networking and training of young project leaders by the selected CSOs:**
  - Participation in the selection process of young project leaders (call for application, definition of selection criteria, selection of at least 600 project leaders - 300 in 2021 and 300 in 2023)
  - Organization of training workshops run by the CSOs for young project leaders over 6 months (in 2021 and 2023)
  - Final report

Based on needs' assessment and request, the selected CSOs may be involved in advocacy training with the other partner structures of the Safir project (incubators/accelerators and universities). These sessions will be adhoc and will respond to a specific request from Safir partner organisations(s).

**Access to financial support:**

- 22 000€ per selected structure – payment provided by the Institut français, for the implementation of the activities. This support must represent a maximum of 90% of the total budget for the proposed activities (the structures must co-finance at least 10% of the total budget).
- The total cost of the project may not represent more than 70% of the total budget of the structure for 2018, 2019 and 2020.
- A grant agreement will be signed between the beneficiary and the Institut français to record the payment of the financial support.

**Provisional timetable for the first two years (2020-2021)**

	Beginning	End
<b>Networking and capacity building in advocacy of selected CSOs</b>	September 2020	June 2021
<b>The selected CSOs may be involved in advocacy training with the other partner structures of the Safir project (incubators and universities).</b>	According to the needs expressed by partners	
<b>Networking and training of young project leaders by the selected CSOs</b>	Janvier 2021	June 2021

## **Safir partners in charge of overseeing the implementation of activities**

**L'Institut français** - Acting as Safir project leader, the Institut français is a public institution responsible for French cultural actions abroad. Its initiatives cover various artistic fields, intellectual exchanges, cultural and social innovation, and linguistic cooperation. Throughout the world, it promotes the French language, as well as the mobility of artworks, artists and ideas, and thus works to foster cultural understanding.

**Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND)** – The Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND) is a regional network, working in 12 Arab countries with 9 national networks and 23 NGO members. ANND aims at strengthening the role of civil society, enhancing the values of democracy, respect of human rights and sustainable development in the region. It advocates for more sound and effective socio-economic reforms in the region, which integrate the concepts of sustainable development, gender justice, and the rights-based approach.

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