

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

2023/CFP/POST/02

FOR A FRAMEWORK PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE POST-ARRIVAL AND POST-RETURN ASSISTANCE TO NON-EU NATIONALS RETURNING TO THEIR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

Frequently asked questions - FAQs

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In the interest of equal treatment of applicants, Frontex cannot issue a prior opinion on the eligibility of an applicant, an action or specific activities.

Frontex has been supporting Member States and Schengen Associated Countries in providing post-arrival and reintegration assistance to non-EU nationals returning to their countries of origin since 1 April 2022. The assistance aims at helping returnees integrate back into society.

Based on a MS consultation in 2021, the very first call for Framework Partnership Agreements (FPA4) aimed at finding reliable Reintegration Partners in 53 Countries of Origin (CoO). Partnerships were signed to cover only 43 of those CoO. As part of the annual assessment, a new MS consultation was launched in August 2022 to get an updated view of the MS needs regarding reintegration services in 2023 and beyond, in terms of geographical scope, and in terms of caseload. As a result, a larger number of CoO were requested with a higher number of estimated departures.

This call for proposals for FPA aims to establish cooperation with reliable Reintegration Partners that can ensure the provision of quality reception and reintegration assistance for the new CoO requested by the MS not available, or not covered under the Call for Proposals No 2021/CFP/POST/01. At the same time it aims improve the JRS by expanding the scope of the services contracted and made available to the MS. Following this decision, the FPA's were prepared and sent to the applicants for signature on 28 January 2022.

The general objective of this call for proposals is to conclude Framework Partnership Agreements with interested reintegration service providers (hereinafter referred to as Reintegration Partner or RP) for a period of two and a half years. The aim is to align the end date with the current FPAs , that were signed in the beginning of 2022, so the next call for FPAs in 2025 will be opened at the same time for the entire scope of the Frontex JRS to ensure transparency and equal treatment.

The total indicative budget for 2024 - 2026 is EUR 35,000,000. The total budget earmarked for 2024 for the co-financing of projects under this call for proposals is estimated at EUR 8,000,000. This amount will be split between multiple specific agreements with multiple RP.

For more information about the admissibility requirements, the eligibility criteria and the selection criteria, please see the [Call for Proposals](#).

Questions regarding the Call for Proposals, indicating the reference number of this call (2023/CFP/POST/02), can be sent to the following email address HoU.POST@frontex.europa.eu.

Deadline for submitting applications: 23 June 2023 23:59 CET

Since the launch of the Call, applicants have been submitting questions to Frontex. To ensure transparency and clarity, interested parties can find below all questions as well as answers provided by Frontex.

This document is updated regularly.

Question 1

If a country of origin has an estimated number of returnees e.g. 10, 20, 30, or even 50 the formula for calculating "Charter Flight Arrival Package" still applies in budget preparation? Or do we have to consider no charter flight for that country of origin? For example, if a country of origin has 10 returnees. $10 \times 25\% = 2.5$ returnees on a charter flight is it possible?

Answer:

Yes, very small charter flights can happen. The number of returnees calculated by applying a percentage, if not a whole number, should be rounded up for ease of calculation. For example, if a country of origin has 10 returnees. $10 \times 25\% = 2.5$ returnees -> 2.5 should be rounded up to 3 returnees in charter flights and the budget should be calculated for 3 returnees.

Question 2

Same goes for Main Applicant FR ($10 - 4 \times 5.5\%$) = 0.33 returnee do we have to skip this as well in budget preparation? And prepare budget Family Members = 4 and Main Applicant VR = 6 ?

Answer:

The same applies for any calculation. If the number resulted from the calculation is not a whole number, the number should be rounded up to the following number, in this case to 1 returnee in FR. No number of returns should be ignored or left out.

Question 3

For organizations applying in consortium, do the organizations have to submit a budget for each relevant country with a consolidated budget on the top? Or submit a budget top sheet for every country?

Answer:

There should be a general budget for 12 months of the action covering all destinations that the main applicant intends to cover. On top there should be budget sheet for each destination attached.

Question 4

On page 27 of call for proposal in point Charter-Flight Arrival Package the package amount is given EUR 615, this amount should have been EUR 205? Or EUR 615 is indeed the correct amount?

Answer:

Indeed, that is an error. The Charter Flight Arrival package is in the amount of 205 EUR per eligible person.

Question 5

Only the main applicant has to submit its list of projects and CVs or does every subcontracting country organization have to submit a list of projects and CVs as well?

Answer:

The list of CVs should be submitted for every sub-contractor that is part of the initial offer.

Question 6

Do Certified Third Party Translations of the Supporting Documents need to be provided or can the organization itself Translate the Documents and Sign and Stamp it as "Translation of the Original Document".

Answer:

Translations can be certified by the applying organisations.

Question 7

Do the main applicant as well as its partner organizations have to send all supporting documents including policies in hardcopy?

Answer:

According to point 14 of the Call for proposals, all documents should be submitted both in hard copy and in soft copy.

Question 8

If an organization does not have a website, how can they publicly post their public statements (on Facebook etc)

Answer:

The way in which an organisation makes their statement public can vary from country to country, from a website to publication in the National Judicial Papers to printing hard copies for public distribution. Any form of publicizing their statements as long as the general public can have free and unimpeded access is acceptable.

Question 9

We have been prepared to apply for some new countries of origin, we heard that the RP must be registered at least for three years in the country of origin but according to the article 8.2 of the CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2023/CFP/POST/02 it says the RP or the subcontractors must be registered for three years.

"The RP or its affiliates/subcontractors must be registered in the country of origin for a minimum of 3 years at the time of launching of this call. Supporting documents for each country of origin must be provided".

Is this correct?

Answer:

As long as the RP are registered in the country of origin or EU, EFTA, EEA country at the time of making the application and use a local partner that has been registered in the Country of Origin listed in the call for at least 3 years, then, provided all other criteria are met, they can be deemed eligible to participate in the call.

Question 10

Should the Strategic Action Plan be from 2024 to 2026 or 2023 to 2026?

Answer:

Since the Framework Partnership Agreements will be signed in 2023, the Strategic Action Plan should cover the period 2023-2026. The partnership does not have a budgetary impact.

Question 11

Can the declaration of honor according to the call be signed by the applicant on behalf of the affiliated entity? If so, can we sign one declaration of honor per country ?

Answer:

Yes, the declaration of honour can be signed on behalf of the affiliate entity. Please remember that there should be a declaration of honour also in the name of the main applicant.

Question 12

The profit and loss which should be attached to the declaration of honor according to the budget? Is it required also for the affiliated entity or it's like stated with the declaration of honor?

Answer:

Since any future grant agreement will be signed with the global partner (the applicant) and not the affiliates, the profit-loss should be attached for the applicant only, the same applies for audit reports and the other documents that may be required depending on the proposed budget, as per point 8.1 of the call.

Question 13

If we have two co-partners in specific country, can we apply with both of them ?

Answer:

Yes, you can apply with both partners, but for each you should submit the full spectrum of supporting documents. During the implementation of the action, following the potential award of a grant, only one can be used, while the second would be put on a reserve list.

Question 14

Would an organization based in Hong Kong be considered an organization from China or are they considered separate countries?

Answer:

This question requires more details from your side to be answered before a position can be taken. Being Hong Kong based does not immediately exclude the organisation, but other aspects relating to the implementation of the programme must be proposed by the applicant to better evaluate how this organisation can implement the action. Our advice is to go ahead and apply, as this would give the evaluation committee the time needed, and the full details needed, to make a proper evaluation.