



## Public Call for Proposals for Supporting Women and Youth Start-ups through Procurement of Equipment and Introduction of Services

### Frequently asked questions, 01 September, 2023

*This document serves as a record of the clarifications provided to interested parties in relation to the Public Call CFP EUPROPLUS 01-2021 in response to their questions raised orally, by telephone and during information sessions of the Call, as well as any written clarifications in response to the most frequently asked questions received through the channels defined by the Call.*

#### R.B. Question:

1 Is there a minimum time until when an applicant from the Lot 1 must be registered in the National Employment Service?

#### Answer:

No. Is it important that an applicant is registered in NES at the moment of application. Long term unemployed persons receive additional points in the evaluation (see Evaluation Criteria for more details).

2 Can enterprises that are registered in a municipality that does not belong to the fourth category of development apply for this Public Call?

Enterprises that are not registered in one of [43 extremely underdeveloped local governments \(fourth category of development\)](#) covered by this Public Call do not meet the requirement to apply for this Public Call.

3 Are the funds received under this Call non-refundable? In what period is it mandatory to be registered after potentially approved funds?

Funds allocated under this Public Call are non-refundable. Supported grantees have the obligation to perform their economic activity and not to alienate the equipment for a period of at least two years after completion of the project.

4 Is it possible to apply for this Public Call for procurement of used equipment?

No. The subject of this Call is procurement of exclusively new equipment.

5 Are women over 30 years old eligible to apply for this Public Call?

Yes. Women over 30 years old can apply for this Public Call.

6 By what date must an applicant be under the age of 30 to be eligible to apply for this Call?

Young people who were less than 30 years old by the date of publication of those Public Call, respectively by 27 July, 2023, are eligible to apply for this public call.

7 Can recipients of support for self-employment from the National Employment Service in 2023 apply for this Public Call.

No. Recipients of support for self-employment from the National Employment Service in 2023 are not eligible to apply for this Public Call.



- 8 Are employed persons eligible to apply for this Public Call for starting their own business (Lot 1)?
- Lot 1 of the Public Call is intended for unemployed persons. To apply under this Call, the applicant must be registered with the National Employment Service.
- 9 Can agricultural households apply for this Public Call?
- Unemployed persons, companies and entrepreneurs registered in 2022 and 2023 are eligible to apply for this Call. Agriculture households are not included in this Public Call. Unemployed persons, who receive grants, will be obliged to register a company or entrepreneurial activity through which they will perform their economic activity.
- 10 Is it necessary to create a seal for the purposes of the application if the enterprise does not use one in its business, in accordance with the Law?
- It is not necessary to create a seal for the purposes of the application, if you do not use it in your business. In the application form and the Statement of Acceptance of Conditions, it should be emphasized that the business entity does not use a seal in its operations.
- 11 Is it considered where the enterprise is registered for the realization of the program, or only the identity card of the owner of the enterprise?
- The condition for applying for Lot 2 is that entrepreneurs and enterprises (hereinafter: "enterprises") must be registered with the Agency for Business Registers of the Republic of Serbia (APR) in one of the 43 target LSGs, and have an active status.
- For Lot 1, the condition is that the applicants of project proposals must have citizenship of the Republic of Serbia and permanent residence in one of the 43 program local governments categorized as extremely underdeveloped (category IV) in accordance with the Regulation on establishing a unified list of development of regions and units of local governments for 2014.
- 12 Can entrepreneurs whose activity is retail trade in food, drink and tobacco receive funds under this Call?
- No. Trade activity is not covered by this Public Call.
- 13 Is attendance at the info sessions mandatory for applying to this Public Call?
- No. Info sessions are only for your information. You can watch the recording of the info session on our website.



- 14 What documentation is required for application to this Public Call?
- The conditions of the Public Call as well as the application method are explained in the text of the Public Call. The text of the Public Call as well as the application documentation are available on the link "Public Call documentation"  
<https://www.euproplus.org.rs/kpoziv/javni-poziv-za-podrsku-pocetnicima-u-poslovanju-i-samozaposljavanju-u-zena-i-mladih-kroz-nabavku-opreme-i-uvodjenje-usluga>.  
A recording of the informative info session is available on the same page as well.
- 15 Does this Call also apply for enterprises registered in 2023?
- Yes. Enterprises registered in 2023 are eligible to apply for this Public Call if they meet the other criteria for participation.
- 16 If I register my business in the next two months, do I apply for LOT 1 or LOT2?
- If you do not currently have a registered business entity, you should apply for LOT 1.
- 17 Are enterprises registered in 2023 eligible to participate in this Public Call?  
If they are eligible, what documentation should they submit instead of the balance sheet for 2022?
- Yes, enterprises registered in 2023 are eligible to apply to this Public Call if they meet the other criteria for participation. Business entities registered in 2023 submit a certificate of turnover on the current account(s) registered in the bank for 2023.
- 18 Is it also valid for registered entrepreneurs to be up to 30 years old?
- Yes. The condition for entrepreneurs is to be younger than 30 years old. Women entrepreneurs can apply regardless of age.
- 19 Can female entrepreneurs who registered an enterprise in 2022, which was inactive, apply for this Public Call?
- Enterprises registered in 2022 can participate in this Public Call. It is necessary to have an active status at the Agency for Commercial Registers during the application period.
- 20 Can an enterprise that is registered in one of the 43 extremely underdeveloped local governments and has production outside those municipalities apply for this Public Call?
- If the planned investment and employment refers to the local self-government that is covered by the Public Call, the enterprise can apply for this Public Call. If the investment is realized in a local self-government that is not covered by the Public Call, then it does not meet the requirement for application.



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21 Can recently procured equipment be subject to support through this Public Call?

No. Equipment that has already been procured cannot be the subject of support through this Public Call.

22 Can cooperatives and agricultural households apply for this Public Call?

Cooperatives and agriculture households are not eligible to apply under this Call for Proposals.

23 Does an enterprise that was registered before 2022, and the ownership structure changed after 2022 and has been owned by a woman since then, meet the requirement to apply for this Public Call?

No, the condition for Lot 2 is that the enterprise is established during or after 2022.