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On 21 February 2023, the CEV hosted an online information session regarding the VERA project, and specifically the sub-granting opportunities available from Work Package 4. Here are some frequently asked questions based upon the discussion from that meeting and other enquiries received by email.

Frequently Asked Questions: VERA Sub-Granting 2023

- 1. My organisation does not operate mainly in the English language, the supporting documents that are requested for the due diligence process are only available in our local language. How can we deal with this? Do we need to translate everything to English?**

Though the CEV has staff who speak several languages, we unfortunately do not have speakers in every European language. We ask you to **provide a short summary of each document in English.**

- 2. How will the CEV and Awarding Committee assess errors in the application, such as accidentally requesting an overall amount greater than 60,000 euros?**

The pre-sift stage only excludes applications that fail to meet the eligibility requirements, and the due diligence check is to assess that there is a genuine intent and capacity to meet the stated goals and objectives of the proposal with the subgrant and that activities follow the EU's general ethics and values. Errors are therefore not a direct disqualification of an application. However, your application will still be evaluated against others by the Awarding Committee, so **we highly recommend that you avoid errors as much as possible.** We also stress that one organisation cannot be awarded more than 60,000 euros with no exceptions.

- 3. What will be the continuous reporting mechanism that will be expected of successful applicant organisations? Will this be intensive?**

The development of the sub-granting process by the CEV is ongoing, we cannot unfortunately tell you exactly what the continuous reporting mechanism will be yet. **This will be communicated to successful organisations when they sign their sub-granting agreements on 30 April 2023.** The mechanism is in place so that we can obtain proof that an organisation is carrying out the activities that they intended to carry out as stated in their proposal. For example, if an organisation planned to hold a public event on 30 June 2023, evidence of this event such as social media posts, photos and a feedback report would need to be reported to the CEV Sub-granting Officer in the first few weeks of July 2023.

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4. We unfortunately do not have many volunteers available to take advantage of the volunteering time to be used as part of our co-financing eligibility requirement. Are there ways that we can still apply for this opportunity?

It is a strict requirement of the eligibility criteria that you can provide 20% co-financing from your own sources. The suggestion of volunteer time is a way to reduce this financial expectation, but we highly recommend that you also think broadly about all possible volunteers. For instance, we recommend that many board members of organisations are volunteers depending on the organisation in question. Also, please remember that the financial value of volunteer time depends on the country in question, and is set by the European Union in the following table:

Volunteers (Decision C(2019)2646²)

Type: unit costs

Units: days spent working on the action (rounded up or down to the nearest half-day)

Amount per unit (daily rate):

Country	Daily rate in €
Denmark, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Austria, Sweden, Liechtenstein, Norway	157
Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Finland, United Kingdom, Iceland	131
Czech Republic, Greece, Spain, Cyprus, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia	78
Bulgaria, Estonia, Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia	47
Australia, Canada, Hong King, Israel, Japan, Kuwait, Macao, New Zealand, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Switzerland.	92
Albania, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Barbados, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Cook Islands, Dominica, Gabon, Grenada, Ivory Coast, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Mexico, Montenegro, Nigeria, Peru, Saint Kitts And Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent And the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Serbia, Seychelles, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia, Zimbabwe	45

5. One of the eligibility requirements is being able to contribute to an increased membership fee from non-EU funding sources (approximately 15% of the value of the sub-grant). Will this increase be permanent?

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No this will not be permanent. **The increase in membership fee will only apply to the year in which your organisation benefits from the award of the sub-grant.** The reason that this condition exists is to ensure that other CEV member organisations that do not benefit from this sub-granting opportunity this year, are not also expected to shoulder the cost for the essential coordination of the sub-granting opportunity for successful organisations.

6. Under the VERA option “Action”, the Call mentions activities involving municipalities. Can I still apply even if the municipalities my organisation intends to work with are not yet part of the European Volunteering Capital Competition?

Of course, we would prefer that the municipalities you intend to work with are part of the European Volunteering Capital Competition, but we understand how this may not be the case for everyone. **This is not part of the eligibility requirements, so would not be cause for an immediate rejection of an application at the pre-sift stage.** It would then be determined by the Awarding Committee whether your application is successful based on the connection of the proposed actions to the European Volunteering Capital competition.

7. My organisation became a full CEV member in August 2022. Can we still apply?

One of the eligibility requirements specifically states that **the sub-granting opportunities are available for organisations that are full CEV members, in their second year of membership as of the proposal deadline date (14 April 2023).** In your case you are indeed a full CEV member, and as for the two-year condition you are in your second calendar year of membership, so yes you should be eligible to apply. Please, remember that the success of the application is ultimately dependent upon the Awarding Committee.

8. Can I apply in cooperation with another CEV member?

The Call does not state anything about whether you can be in cooperation with another member organisation, so **your cooperation is neither beneficial or detrimental to your application as such, and is related instead to your proposal viability.** However, any proposal you make will be an agreement between the CEV and your own specific organisation: only your organisation will receive the funds directly, and your organisation will also retain the responsibility to provide continuous reporting to the CEV.

9. Who are the individuals of the Awarding Committee?

The Awarding Committee will be external experts outside of the CEV, but with a background in volunteering. It will be composed of 5 individuals. We will determine who is suitable for the Awarding



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Committee after receiving the applications to ensure fairness and lack of bias in the assessment of the applications.

10. I am interested in this opportunity, but I cannot apply this year. Will this sub-granting opportunity be available next year?

The CEV intends to provide sub-granting opportunities in the future, but this will depend on our own agreements with the European Commission. Regarding topics for such future sub-grants, this will of course be decided in the future, but the interest for the different sub-granting areas for this year's round of applications will be taken into consideration when determining what such future topics are prioritised.

