



Terms of Reference (ToR)

Financial support to third parties for CSOs targeting youths in Tanzania

Preamble:

ECVC (the 'Co-Beneficiary') is Co-Beneficiary in an EU-wide project called „**Rebooting the Food System: Youth Engagement for Agroecology and Due Diligence**“, co-financed by the European Commission (DG INTPA)¹.

In order to support the achievement of the objectives of the action with its main objective to contribute to a more inclusive society with a developed sense of co-responsibility for sustainable food supply chains on a local and global level, tackling global inequalities and ecological crises, ECVC is awarding financial support to third parties for implementing a third party scheme.

The 'Applicant' is the organisation in charge of submitting the third party project proposal, signing the contract with ECVC, receiving the funds from ECVC and reporting on the implementation of the third party scheme.

1 Background

Our global food system is broken: it favours a small number of "too-big-to-fail" corporations and exploits both our planet and people – and existing policies ensure that it stays that way. Globalisation has created a food system with global food supply chains and large industrial food corporations. Today, the industrialised food sector is a major contributor to climate change and exploitative labour practices while the exponential creation of farmland is displacing entire communities and destroying natural habitats. Human rights violations and environmental destruction can therefore be found in almost every supermarket product.

As a European coalition of 14 civil society organisations from 9 countries, we are joining forces in the EU-funded project "Rebooting the food system" and calling for an agricultural revolution now! We want to replace the broken system and create a new one based on fair and sustainable principles.

With the Green Deal and the Farm-to-Fork strategy (F2F), the EU has already set the course for change in European agriculture to make it future-proof, sustainable and fair. So far, however, implementation has failed. We aim to close this gap. Our vision is an agriculture based on agroecological principles as a counter-model to industrialised food production.

Among the people who would benefit the most from the agricultural transition into a green and fair future is the European Youth. That is why we want to mobilise and empower them to become active agents of change to REBOOT THE FOOD SYSTEM.

As part of the action, the Co-Beneficiary is managing a third party scheme on international level, which is a mechanism of financial support to third parties. Third parties are civil society

¹ Grant contract - External Actions of the European Union – CSO-LA/2023/448-324

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organisations (CSOs)² that are not formal partners or beneficiaries of the action but interested to contribute to its activities and goals. The call will be open to all smaller and grassroots organizations based in Tanzania working with small-scale agroecology farmers and producers (target group 4 of the project) and particularly **young and female** peasant farmers at the global level.

2 Objective of the Financial Support

This activity is meant to reach specifically small-scale agroecology farmers and producers (target group 4 of the project) and particularly **young and women peasant farmers** at the global level bringing together farmers from different regions to create mutual understanding of the globally interdependent food system and its inherent challenges.

This will contribute to their empowerment to campaign and advocate for an agroecological food system.

The concrete objective of the activity is to

- exchange about regional specificities and work carried out to support the agroecological transition in the respective regions
- exchange on agroecological training and practices
- exchange on actions to advance and promote agroecology and peasant rights and youth implication
- contribute to mutual capacity building
- broaden the perspectives of the other actors around these topics through exchange activities
- to feedback the knowledge and conclusions within the Reboot project in a virtual way and if appropriate through the participation of other activities (this activity might stretch beyond the duration of the financial support until the end of the project on 28/02/2027).

The aim is to allow for international exchange and collaboration strengthening agroecology within the farmers' community, specifically with the young and women farmers' community.

The applying third party organisation (the Applicant) provides a project proposal that should therefore contribute to the above mentioned activity and objectives.

3 Eligibility Criteria for Applicant:

A third party eligible for financial support **must**:

- be a legal person **and**
- be non-profit making **and**

² CSOs are non-state, not-for-profit, voluntary entities formed by people in the social sphere that are separate from state and market. CSOs represent a wide range of interests and ties. They can include community-based organizations as well as non-governmental organizations (NGOs).



- be a non-state actor constituted in accordance with the legislation in force in Tanzania **and**
- be a farmers' association or grassroots-oriented Civil Society Organisation (CSO)
- be established in Tanzania **and**
- **not** be a beneficiary of a grant (neither Coordinator, nor Co-Beneficiary, or affiliated entity) and **not** be recipient of other financial support to third party and **not** be an associate or a contractor in the frame of this call for proposals (EuropeAid/173998/DH/ACT/Multi).
- **not** have the financial, administrative or operational capacity to compete directly for EU funding under this call for proposals (EuropeAid/173998/DH/ACT/Multi)

Furthermore, they **must**:

- have proven experience in agroecology
- be experienced to reach out and provide training to small and medium scale farmers
- have the administrative and financial capacity to manage the grant³
- be involved in the country's farmers' networks and civil society

4 Target Groups

The groups targeted by the activities under this third party scheme focuses on young and women small scale famers (until 40 years).

5 Duration and Timing:

Launch of the call for proposals: 21/01/2025

Deadline to ask questions to ECVC: 27/01/2025 at 18:00 CET

Deadline for submission of application: 09/02/2025 at 18:00 CET

Publication of the selection results (notification (by email) to all applicants): 17/02/2025

Earliest possible date for start of the activities: 01/03/2025

Latest possible date for activities: 31/12/2025

Deadline for reporting to ECVC: one month after the implementation of activities (to be defined in the contract with ECVC)

³ This includes i.e. the ability to report properly, the operation of a proper bank account registered in the name of the organisation and the employment of staff which is capable and trained for adequate financial administration.

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6 Eligible activities

The activities that will be eligible for third parties are:

- Activities that empowered active citizens, in this case especially farmers, to actively campaign and advocate for a fair and agroecological food system by participating in training and exchange activities.
- Activities that contribute through their demands to international political / institutional decision-makers.
- Activities to strengthening knowledge of the participants around agroecology and their capacity to get active and advocate for it at political level
- As far as appropriate activities to participate in working groups, be participants/speakers in capacity-building meetings and international encounters, workshops, GCE and digital platforms.
- As far as appropriate activities to participate in the final evaluation/Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) target of the project.

7 Budget

The maximum financial support will be limited to 60,000 EUR per third party project proposal.

The budget shall be indicated in Euro, as described in Annex 3.

8 Application Package

The application to submit shall consist of the following elements:

- 1) A project proposal (maximum 3 pages) (using the template in Annex 2)
- 2) A project budget (using the template in Annex 3)
- 3) A signed *Declaration by the third party* ('Anti Fraud Statement', Annex 4)

Templates for the project proposal and project budget and Anti Fraud Statement are attached to this call.

For your reference the rules on public procurement are equally attached.

Applications shall be submitted in English.

A full application should be sent electronically to the following e-mail address:
admin@eurovia.org

Applications received after this date will not be considered.

9 Evaluation

Award criteria for the third party scheme include:

- Relevance of the planned activities according to the objectives of the third party-scheme (40%)



- Efficiency of the project (impact / budget ratio) (20%)
- Experience with the target groups (20%)
- Experience with the relevant topics (Food supply chains/climate change/agroecology) (20%)

The selection of project proposals will be made by an evaluation panel composed by two members of ECVV.

10 Contractual Conditions

The successful Applicants (third parties) will sign a Third Party Agreement ('Agreement') with ECVV before the start of the project.

The third party will take responsibility for the implementation of the project.

The third party will need to report on the project expenditures. It will need to justify expenditures with financial supporting documents (invoices, boarding passes, staff and payroll records, salary slips, etc.) enabling a verification that the funds have been used for the purpose and in line with the Agreement.

The third party will need to support ECVV with the necessary data to achieve its obligation towards the Meal reporting to the European institutions.

The third party will have to comply with the visibility requirements of the Reboot project (inclusion of project logo and EU logos and statements in all communications, documents, publications, materials, reports, etc).

Unspent budget items and non-justified expenditures will need to be paid back to the Co-Beneficiary or will be discounted from the final instalment.

Thus, the Agreement will include

- a fixed list and description of activities to be implemented,
- a project budget,
- obligations to provide narrative and financial reporting (extent and time),
- obligations to keep record (extent and duration),
- obligation to provide proof for received payments,
- these Terms of Reference for the Call for Applications,
- the signed Anti Fraud Statement
- Visibility Guidelines for EU funded projects



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11 Payment

Payment shall be made in EUR from ECVC to the bank account indicated by the Applicant.

Payment will be done in accordance with the Agreement signed between the Third party and ECVC.

Payment will be executed against the reception of a payment request according the following schedule:

- First instalment upon the signature of the contract, at a height of 60% of the total amount of the financial support.
- Final instalment following the approval of the final report.

Unused funds will be transferred back to ECVC.

12 Contact

In case of changes to the third party scheme these will be shared with applicants via email.

For questions on the application process, interested parties may contact Margret Muller (admin@eurovia.org) until 27/01/2025.

The anonymized responses to questions raised will be made public be shared with the invited applicants via email.

13 Annexes:

All annexes are attached hereto:

Annex 1: Third Party Agreement (including Annex I and II)

Annex 2: Template for project proposal

Annex 3: Template for budget proposal

Annex 4: Template Declaration by the Third Party ('Anti Fraud Statement')