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EEA Grants
Active Citizens Fund 2014 - 2021 NGO Programme Malta

Application Internal Reference	Name of Applicant	Name of Project	Outcome Addressed	Synopsis of Project	Evaluator 1 - J.C.	Evaluator 2 - G.K.	Evaluators' Review (summarized)	Average Scoring Between Evaluator #1 and Evaluator #2
ACF 01	Victim Support Malta	Protection of women's rights: Empowering survivors of domestic violence (POW-R)	Outcome 1	This project seeks to provide survivors of domestic violence with the tools they need to build their confidence and self-esteem. Its aim is to create peer led groups to provide support to victims. The tasks include: the holding of an initial 3-day course to train participants as work group facilitators (train the trainer approach); the development and delivery of a 12 week therapy-based programme (triple R - Recognise, Recover, Resilience) for survivors that is currently carried out in the UK (comprising 4 modules); an online social media awareness raising campaign (including video) to counter negative speech and workshops with existing businesses with view of engaging survivors in paid work	67.00	71.25	The train-the-trainer approach that empowers the survivors themselves to support others is a big plus in this project. The project would have benefited from a pre and post training survey to measure the impact of the 12-week therapy programme. The Awareness Raising Campaign is limited in reach and resources.	69.13
ACF 02	Write Deal Association	F'Idejna (In Our Hands)	Outcome 1	This project involves the production of 60 TV programmes x 5 min each that would be presented by and aimed at 8 – 12 yr olds. The subjects covered will include: human rights, social justice & inclusion and environmental issues and will be presented through interviews, features, competitions, 2.5D animation, graphics etc. The TV programme will be offered free-of-charge to local TV stations and uploaded on the internet. Three pilot schools will watch the programme before it is transmitted and pre / post surveyed.	63.00	60.25	This project fills a gap in the local media scene. The activities of the project are specific, realistic, achievable, measurable and time bound. Its reach will be bolstered by the fact that the 5min programmes will be uploaded onto social media platforms as well as TV. Its target group is clearly identified and the project is strengthened by the involvement of members from this target group.	61.63
ACF 03	JRS	Learning human stories: Countering misinformation and fostering inclusion and citizenship	Outcome 1	This project aims to engage citizens with human stories of forced migration to counter misinformation and hate speech. It will do this by creating safe spaces for meaningful encounters and dialogue in 6 different communities led by individuals who are already active within the community and can act as local influencers. The approaches will be tailored to fit each community. Migrant speakers will be trained to share their stories and build networks. The outcomes of the discussions will be shared online.	76.25	84.25	A well thought out project that reflects the organisation's experience with projects in this field. The needs of the target groups are clearly defined and addressed. The risk of not finding the minimum of 10 asylum seekers to participate in the programme is not taken into account.	80.25
ACF 04	Cross Culture International Foundation	Through Other Eyes	Outcome 1	This project aims to celebrate diversity and raise awareness on the rights of migrants through an information campaign on the cultural differences of the African Diaspora groups in Malta. It also seeks to bring about understanding and acceptance of these different cultures. The main activities envisaged are a concert, a cultural festival a social media campaign and 5 intergenerational dialogues.	58.50	57.00	Although this project aims to celebrate cultural diversity and break down stereotypes no specific information is given on how members of the public who hold such stereotypes and are not usually in touch with migrants are going to be enticed to the events that are planned. It seems likely that the attendees will be individuals who are already open to getting to know migrants and who generally attend such events. The activities outlined in the Communication Plan are too few and limited to reach people outside this circle and thus make a real impact. The project does not have strong sustainability plan	57.75
ACF 05	The Daphne Caruana Galizia Foundation	Public Interest & Accountability Litigation Network	Outcome 1	The aim of this project is to ensure that victims of discrimination, human rights violations, abuse of power, and state collusion in criminal activity have access to justice. This will be done through the setting up of a network of public interest litigation lawyers, using legal cases to force institutional reform and accountability. The network will be formed of members who are qualified lawyers. Victims will be able to contact the network through an online platform. A paralegal will assess the case and bring suitable cases to the lawyers for action. Long term a fund will be created to ensure sustainability	76.75	74.00	The strength of this project is that it addresses a specific and urgent need in the country and, if implemented successfully, will result in the setting up of a network that will continue to operate well beyond the length of the project and will continue to have a direct impact on the objectives of the Fund. The project is relevant to the target groups identified. The project includes a good sustainability plan including involvement of target group.	75.38
ACF 06	Aditus	Strengthening Access to Justice for Improved Human Rights Protection	Outcome 1	The project has the objective of improving access to justice for persons wishing to strengthen their human rights protection. It will have three stages: * Stage 1 – Formulation of SMART recommendations; * Stage 2 –The recommendations will be published in the form of input papers to influence laws and policies. They will be explained through editorials, articles and blog posts and a public conference; * Stage 3 – Ongoing monitoring and evaluation.	61.50	86.75	This project is laudable but has too broad a scope. Having said that, the applicant has successfully implemented previous projects in this area under different funding schemes.	74.13

ACF 07	Flimkien ghal Ambjent Ahjar (FAA)	Peopled Environment - Web Video Content Production on Environmental Issues and the People Affected by Them	Outcome 2	This project will produce Maltese-language (English subtitles) video content on environmental affairs in Malta. This will take the form of 15 min videos x 20(to be published on Facebook) that will highlight the experiences and concerns of marginalised groups. The aim is to create a platform for discussion and dissemination of environmental news particularly in relation to marginalised groups. It will centralise, coordinate, create and disseminate environmental news in Maltese and bring marginalised groups into the conversation, specifically farmers, fishermen, migrants, residents of depressed areas, persons with a disability, and youths.	**APPLICATION NOT ASSESSED AS APPLICANT DID NOT PASS THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**			
ACF 08	Fondazzjoni Sebh	Community Prevention Team	Outcome 2	This project focuses on the safety of children in their community. It aims to create a platform to open dialogue between children and young people, parents, and local stakeholders on safeguarding children. The focus is specifically 11-12 year olds who reside in Ħamrun and Marsa. Efforts will be made to include children of migrants. Different groups of stakeholders will be invited to participate in separate discussion groups, focus groups and drama therapy sessions.	59.25	57.00	This is a promising project but the project description lacked conviction when it referred to the inclusion of migrant children and parents in the project. The migrant population in the two target locations – Hamrun and Marsa – are cast as the creators of the problem in these areas ("an influx of migrants in both communities has changed the face of the neighbourhoods and brought about a number of complexities related to integration and cultural acclimatisation") and it is not emphasised how they will be included to ensure that they are also part of the solution. The application was also penalised because it lacked detailed information on the budget. It is also not clear how the platform will operate and whether it will be an online platform.	58.13
ACF 09	Centru Tbexbix	Neohumanistic Education-for All: Training Educators to Transform Lives	Outcome 1 ***	The project's objective is to promote individuals' self-development which would then lead to others' development – a concept based on Neohumanistic Education (NHE). It will be carried out in partnership with the Ananda Marga Yoga Society in Malta and in Saelukot (Iceland).The target audiences of the project are existing beneficiaries of Centru Tbexbix and Ananda Marga Society in Malta and Saelukot i.e.: youth volunteers and staff of the organisations; (2) Cottonera residents; and (3) migrants living in Hal Far Open Centre. The project involves: (1) Self-Development and Teacher Training for staff and volunteers in each of the venues; (2) implementation of training within the existing centres; and (3) Feedback and Evaluation.	58.25	33.50	The application lacks detail on the actual activities to be undertaken – how many train-the-trainer sessions are going to be held, for whom, where, what will the actual content of the training be – and, ultimately, the added value of this training to the ongoing activities of the Centre and the ultimate benefit to the end beneficiaries. There is also no information on the needs of the end beneficiaries and how these will be met through the project. It is also not clear what the role of the partner is. The application puts uses all the 'right' words related to the call for grants but puts forward a very vague project with unclear and unmeasurable outcomes.	45.88

****** The scores of the third evaluator was too far from the first two thus the average of the first two evaluators had to be taken into consideration discarding the scores of the third one.***

Ranking		Average Score p/Project (average of J.C. Scores + G.K. Scores)	**Ranking Based on Total Average Scores**
ACF 03	JRS	80.25	**1**
ACF 05	The Daphne Caruana Galizia Foundation	75.38	**2**
ACF 06	Aditus	74.13	**3**
ACF 01	Victim Support Malta	69.13	**4**
ACF 02	Write Deal Association	61.63	**5**
ACF 08	Fondazzjoni Sebh	58.13	**6**
ACF 04	Cross Culture International Foundation	57.75	**7**
ACF 09	Centru Tbexbix	45.88	**8**

N.B.:

a) >30% variance in evaluators' scoring:

PIA Article 6.4.4

4. If the difference between the scores given by the two experts is more than 30% of the higher score, the project application shall be scored by a third expert. This expert shall be commissioned by, and be independent of, the Fund Operator. In such cases the average score of the two closest scores shall be used for the ranking of the project applications.
This paragraph shall not apply in cases where the score given by the third expert would not, in any way, result in the support of the project.

b) Pass Mark:

6.4. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The minimum total score required for an application to be recommended for funding is 55 points.

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