Call for Proposals "Mayors for Economic Growth Pioneer Projects"

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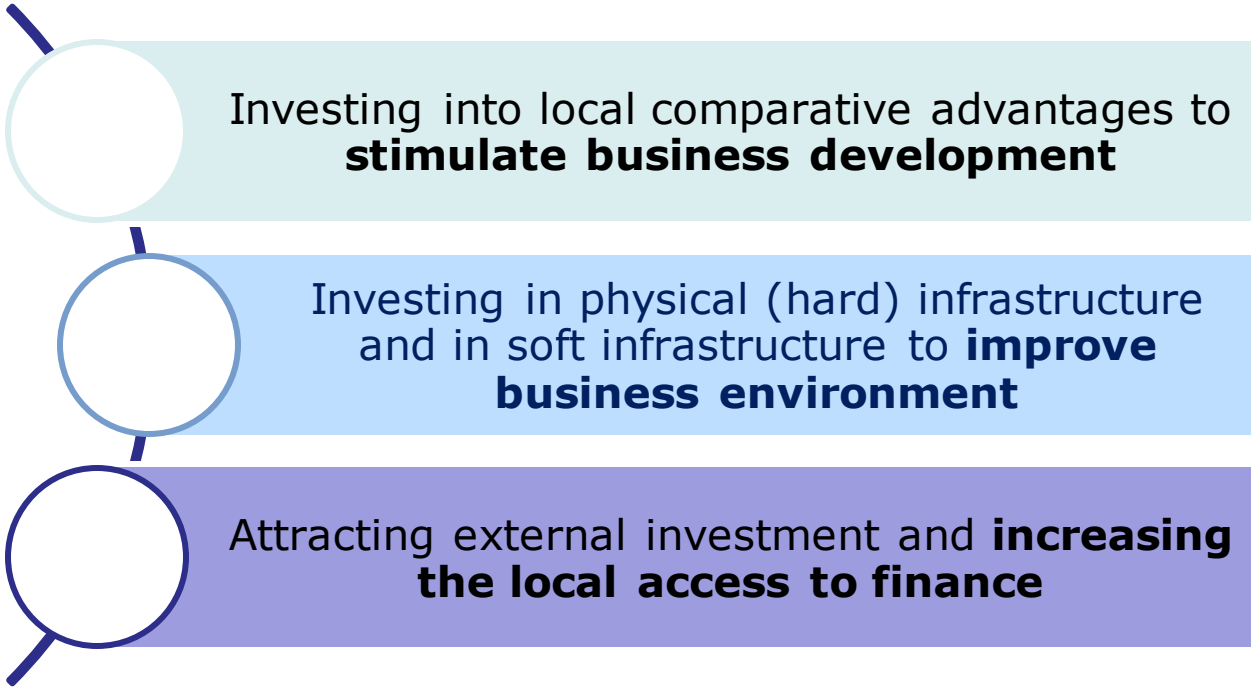
If you wish to participate in the Call for Proposals, please refer solely to the official guidelines and annexes published by the European Commission.

Global Objective

This multi-country Call for Proposals contributes to the achievement of the objectives of the new EU-funded **Mayors for Economic Growth initiative**, supporting cities in the **Eastern Partnership region** to become active facilitators for economic growth and job creation at the local level.

Specific Objectives

The Call will finance the implementation of pilot projects included in cities' **Local Economic Development Plans** and aiming at:



Why Pioneer Projects?

The Call targets those cities that have already a **Local Economic Development Plan**, which is **consistent** with the principles outlined in the Mayors for Economic Growth Concept.

Cities selected will become the "**Pioneers" of Mayors for Economic Growth** by implementing **pilot projects** capable of showing how concrete actions included in the Plans can be realised on the ground.

Lot 1: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, and Moldova

Location of the action	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, or Moldova.
Financial allocation	EUR 5.000.000.
Size of grants	Between EUR 300.000 and 600.000.
% of the total eligible costs of the action	Between 50% and 90%.
Eligible Lead applicant	Local authorities from the country where the action will take place.
Duration	Between 18 and 48 months.
Indicative No of projects to be financed	10 projects (i.e. 2 or 3 per country), depending also on the quality of the proposals.

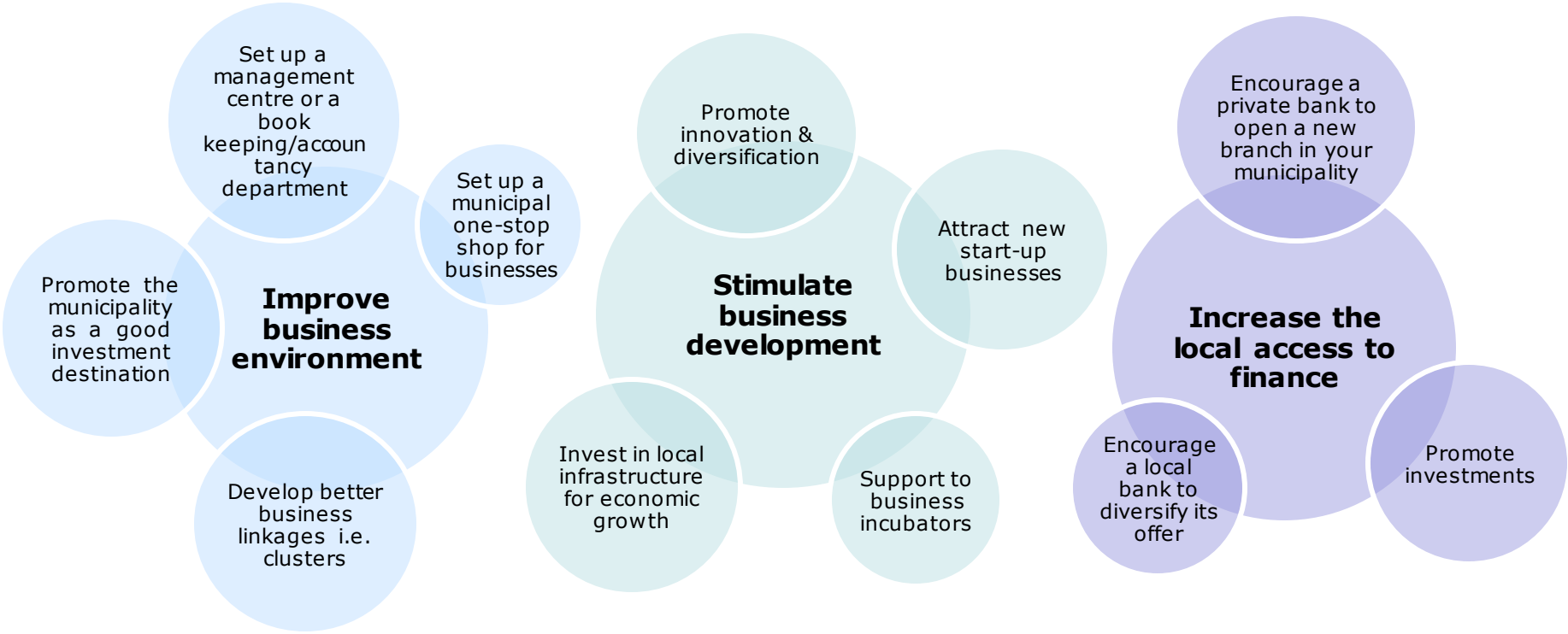
Lot 2: Ukraine

Location of the action	Ukraine
Financial allocation	EUR 4.500.000
Size of grants	between EUR 500.000 and 1.000.000
% of the total eligible costs of the action	Between 50% and 80%
Eligibile Lead applicant	▪ Small towns from Ukraine with a size under 150 thousand inhabitants; ▪ Amalgamated territorial communities (hromadas) represented by their respective councils or executive committees in accordance with the Law of Ukraine № 157-VIII "On voluntary amalgamation of territorial communities (hromadas)".
Duration	Between 18 and 48 months.
Indicative No of projects to be financed	6 projects, depending also on the quality of the proposals.

For all lots

- Only one application per applicant (either as Lead or Co-applicant).
- Eligible local authorities can jointly apply (one as lead applicant and the other/s as co-applicant/s).
- Consortia including non-state actors, local and regional economic development agencies, NGOs, CSOs, business associations, BSOs, education institutions, SMEs, local municipal companies, home owners associations are encouraged.
- Each action proposed must target one/a group of municipalities in one country only.
- Association with local authorities and their associations established in Member State of the EU/EEA, EaP or IPA country is encouraged.
- Actions targeting directly women and/or youth employment and entrepreneurship are encouraged.

Examples of eligible actions for all lots



Please note that types of eligible activities may include, but are not limited to the examples above.

Indicative timeline

Phase I :

7 April	April-May	End May	June-July	Mid July
Publication	Preparation of concept notes	Submission of CONCEPT NOTES	Evaluation	Selected applicants invited to next stage

Phase II :

July-August	End August	September-October	Mid October	By end December
Preparation of full proposals	Submission of FULL PROPOSALS	Evaluation	Information to selected applicants	Contract signature

European Commission

Applicants

Joint European Commission/ Applicants

Useful links and contacts

You can apply and find all information here:

https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome&nbPubliList=15&orderby=upd&orderbyad=Desc&searchtype=RS&aofr=155272

If you have questions, please contact:

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No individual replies will be given to questions. All questions and answers as well as other important notices to applicants will be published on the website (link above).

Submission of applications must be done electronically only, using the online system PROSPECT: https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prospect

Prior registration of applicants in the online registration system PADOR is compulsory: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/pador_en