

Frequently asked questions (FAQ)

Call for expressions of interest (CeOI) - Accelerating the response to malaria through community-based approaches

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Will we have access to the webinar recording?

The webinar is recorded in French and English. We will make these recordings available on the L'Initiative website.

2. Can you confirm the duration of the project to be presented

24 to 48 months (2 to 4 years)

3. Can a promoter submit several projects and have a different partner for each project

Yes, there is no limit to the number of project submissions per applicant. Partners may vary from project to project.

ELIGIBLE STRUCTURES

4. What types of structures are eligible?

The project owner must be based in France or in one of the 40 countries eligible for the Initiative.

This means that the holder must have articles of association registered in that country, with a board of directors or management. There are no eligibility rules for partners. However, partners who are not based in France or in one of the 40 countries eligible for the Initiative may not manage a budget exceeding 15% of the total amount of the grant. Applicants who are not based in a project country must have (at least) one partner in the country of implementation.

5. Can the project owner be a private company (e.g. LLC)?

Yes, the project owner can be a private not-for-profit company.

6. Are churches and charities eligible?

Yes, churches and charities are eligible if they meet the eligibility criteria.

7. Are Global Fund recipients or sub-recipients (or SSR) eligible for the call for expressions of interest?

Yes, complementarity with Global Fund grants is sought.

8. Are European or UN institutions eligible as partners?

No, European or UN international organizations cannot receive funding from the Initiative. They can, however, be partners in the implementation of the project without financial delegation.

9. Are universities and/or academic partners eligible for the CeOI?

Yes

ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

10. Would it be possible to describe the place of registration of the project institution's head office?

For the purposes of this CeOI, the project owner must be legally registered in France or in one of the 40 countries eligible for the Initiative.

Organizations based in a non-eligible country but with branches, representations or local offices in one of the countries targeted by the CeOI (Burundi, Guinea, Liberia, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Sierra Leone) are not eligible as applicants. They are, however, eligible as project implementation partners, but can only receive a maximum of 15% of the total grant budget requested.

11. Can the project concern only one region of a country?

Yes, the project can be limited to a single region/province/geographical area of one of the 6 eligible countries. Project activities must take place in the countries targeted by this CeOI.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

12. Is there a minimum number of partners?

There must be at least one local organization involved in the project.

If the sponsor is not based in the country of implementation, it must have a local implementation partner.

13. Are organizations that have never worked on the CeOI theme eligible for the CeOI ?

Yes, there is no eligibility criterion on the history of work on the theme. However, it will be an evaluation criterion, and you will need to demonstrate your relevance to the theme

14. What are the partnership or consortium rules for this CeOI?

As indicated on page 5 of the call regulations, the proposed project must be implemented in partnership with :

- Only one organization, the "project leader", will receive the grant, sign the contract and be accountable to Expertise France. The CeOI does not authorize consortium;

- The implementing partner(s) will receive a budget delegation from the sponsor and will have a contractual relationship only with the sponsor;
- Stakeholders, who will not receive a budget delegation but may be closely involved in the implementation of certain activities.
- If the sponsor is not based in the country of implementation, it must have a local implementation partner.

15. Which organizations are eligible for the CeOI?

The sponsor and its partners may be healthcare structures, civil society organizations, ministries and associated programs, international or national NGOs, research institutes, universities or any other organization meeting the eligibility criteria.

16. Is a history of collaboration with the project partner(s) required

Not specifically, but the relevance of the partnership will be studied.

17. Do I have to apply in partnership with an organization that has already received funding from the Initiative?

No, it's not a criterion.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

18. Would it be possible to specify the list of eligible costs for L'Accélérateur's CeOI?

The CeOI does not mention ineligible costs, as the budget is an estimate at this stage. A list will be given for projects going to phase 2 of full project development.

19. Are administrative costs allocated to the main carrier or also to the partners?

Administrative costs are capped at 7% of the total grant, to be shared between partners according to the project's set-up (there is no specific rule on this allocation).

20. We used the funds to build offices and facilities in the 2023 fiscal year. Can these funds count as part of the porter's budget?

Total expenses for the previous year will be analyzed according to the previous year's financial report.

Only the total expenditure incurred in 2023, as mentioned in your 2023 financial report, is taken into account in the financial capacity calculation. If expenditure on construction does appear in your 2023 financial report, then it will indeed be taken into account.

21. Will a specific number of projects or a specific amount be retained per country?

There is no quota on the number of projects per country, or on the amount allocated to a country. The steering committee selects projects according to their relevance.

22. How do I fill in the simplified budget? Can I add thematic headings?

The budget at this stage is a simplified budget. At this stage, you are not asked to develop the proposal in greater detail. If your concept note is accepted, you will be able to develop the budget in a much more detailed format.

23. 10% co-financing: Is Global Fund financing excluded?

Global Fund recipients (or SRs and SSRs) are eligible, provided they meet the eligibility criteria.

The 10% project co-financing may include funding from the Global Fund (GF). The CeOI may benefit an implementing partner who is already a Global Fund recipient. However, care must be taken to ensure that activities and funding are complementary and do not duplicate GF activities. This means that the project must not finance activities, inputs, personnel or any other expenditure already financed by Global Fund grants in the country. This point is not, however, an eliminatory criterion, and the budget can be reviewed in Phase II if the project is selected. On the other hand, it would be interesting for projects to demonstrate their complementarity with Global Fund malaria grants.

24. Is there a budget allocation limit for implementing partners?

There is no limit to budget delegation per implementing partner, however

- the suitability of the partner and the budget allocation will be examined by the evaluation committees;
- non-eligible implementing partners (based outside a country eligible for the Initiative) may receive no more than 15% of the project budget.

25. And if the result of the calculation, taking into account our 2023 expenses, exceeds 2 million ?

If the results of the calculation are over the 2 million EUROS, there is no reason why you shouldn't be a project sponsor or implementing partner. This rule is designed to ensure that project sponsors have the necessary management capacity.

26. Can financial capacities be calculated for the entire consortium?

No, the analysis of financial capacity concerns only the project owner.

27. Appendix 2: You are asked to enter the forecast expenditure for 2024. Is this a mistake?

No, let's ask for your projected expenses for 2024 as some have not finalized their budget years. If you have your forecasts for 2025, please provide them.

28. Who validates the audit report ?

It depends on the country. The audit report must be validated by the audit firm or an authorized body, the donor or the organization's director directly.

THEMATIC QUESTIONS

29. Where will the projects be implemented? Will projects be implemented in rural or urban areas? Is it up to the main sponsor to propose the geographical area?

The main sponsor defines the geographical area of his choice in conjunction with his implementation partners. The relevance of this choice will be assessed. The objective is relevance and impact in the most appropriate area. If the project concerns a remote area, it is important to present a history of work in the area, or to demonstrate a link with a local partner. This ensures that the project is operationally feasible.

30. Can a bidder propose a project on a single theme? For example, only on HIV or malaria?

This CeOI focuses specifically on malaria, but other themes may also be included.

31. In Appendix 1, point 7 (Gender, diversity and inclusion approach), it is stated: "This approach should be reflected throughout the concept note. Do not write anything in this section." Does this mean that the concept note stops at point 6?

Yes, the gender, diversity and inclusion approach must be integrated into all parts of the concept note.

32. What are the expectations for the environmental health approach? Should we adopt a *One Health* approach, or rather a pilot approach to part of the target?

Gender and community health are mandatory. Work on environmental health or « one health » is an example of an interesting cross-cutting theme to be taken into account in this CeOI. The project can also work on the link between climate and climate change.

33. Do the project sponsor or partners have to work exclusively in the healthcare field?

No, this depends on the project. The promoter and/or partners may operate in other fields (e.g. education, hygiene and sanitation, etc.) if justified and relevant to the proposed project

SUBMISSION

34. Will the generic address be functional by 01/13 for deposits? If not, which address(es) should I use ?

Following a computer attack, the malaria friend's e-mail address is not working properly. Please send your applications to the following addresses:

antoine.pogorzelski@expertisefrance.fr ; sarah.marin@expertisefrance.fr ;
adeline.battier@expertisefrance.fr; sarah.respaut@expertisefrance.fr

35. Can I submit as a sponsor for each of the L'Accélérateur and L'Initiative Call for Projects ?

Attention!!! A call for expressions of interest (CeOI) is currently open on malaria. There is no submission limit for this CeOI.

At the same time, L'Initiative launched 3 calls for projects: [L'Initiative: list of calls for projects | L'Initiative | Sida, tuberculose, paludisme](#)

You can apply for the CeOI and the calls for projects at the same time.

36. Administrative form, can we go beyond the required number of pages

The number of pages requested in the documents must be respected, to ensure fairness between applications. If you are selected, you will be able to develop the complete project in phase 2 of the CeOI.

37. Is there a format for submitting the concept note in the first phase

Yes, the Initiative format must be followed for the submission of the concept note. Applications that do not follow the format will not be considered on an equal footing with other applications.

38. Are there several submission dates for the concept note?

No, the only date is **January 13, 2025 at 12 noon** (Paris time).

Be careful not to confuse this with the submission dates for the [Initiative's](#) calls for projects [L'Initiative: list of calls for projects | L'Initiative | Sida, tuberculose, paludisme](#), which close on January 21 at 12pm (Paris time).

OTHER

39. Is the evaluation grid provided returned completed by L'Initiative if the application is rejected?

The project analysis grid is provided for guidance in structuring the letter of intent.

Applications will first be examined according to the administrative eligibility criteria (page 7 of the CeOI) and then by a technical evaluation committee comprising external and internal experts-es according to the analysis grid provided for information.

Following this technical committee meeting, applicants will be informed whether their application has been shortlisted or rejected. Shortlisted applicants will be given recommendations for drafting the full project (phase II), and will be offered support.

40. I see an appendix 3 that I didn't see in the list of documents to download.

This is an error, there is no appendix 3 to complete at this stage of the CeOI.

41. What support should we expect from L'Initiative to develop the complete project, if the concept note is selected? Is the assistance covered by the Initiative?

If a note is selected because of a particularly interesting strategy, but the drafting capabilities of the complete project are limited on certain subjects, technical assistance may be made available to support the drafting of the project. This can be requested at the time of submission.

Technical assistance for drafting will be provided by L'Initiative according to its needs.