



## CALL FOR INTEREST!

Apply with your microproject to improve the use of technologies in development countries and achieve one of the three General Objectives:

1. Agriculture
2. Work
3. School

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# The Civiltà dell'Amore Committee (CCCA) Call for Interest information sheet

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## 1. Background

Civiltà dell'Amore Committee (CCCA) is a Volunteer Association that has been operating since 1986 in promoting the microproject's model of action in development countries. This was done in collaboration with the Missionaries on site. Over 30,000 microprojects have been completed. CCCA has also promoted other initiatives such as: "Adopt a Dad in the South of the world". This allowed over 1500 people to receive an income and build a future in their own land. In 2011 CCCA launched the promotion of micro-enterprises in Africa with the "Europe embraces Africa" initiative promoted also by the EU.

To speed up microprojects as an integral tool for economic, social and environmental development, the CCCA decided to create MicroProgetti per una Civiltà dell'Amore (from here MicroProgetti). It is an internal branch of the association specialized in the realization and promotion of microprojects (for more information see the [website](#)).

In 2019 Civiltà dell'Amore Committee accepted Pope Francis' invitation to The Economy of Francesco. It is an event where the Pope aimed to reinforce the Commitment of younger people for a new economy: more fair, fraternal, sustainable. MicroProgetti believe that this Commitment must be translated also into concrete actions and proposes microprojects as a model. The first initiative is a Call for Proposal for the presentation of microprojects opened to the young.

MicroProgetti intend to encourage young people to propose new integral microprojects that fully embrace the spirit of Economy of Francesco and that address various issues of a sustainable economy.

## 2. The Call for Proposal

The Call for Proposal is looking at **innovative microproject** proposed by associations, enterprise, individual entrepreneurs and individual young. It is divided in two main phases:

- the first phase is the Call for Interest;
- the second phase is the "full" Call for Proposal

The Call for Interest aim to ensure that applicants are on the right track from the very beginning of the application. In this phase applicants need to submit only **an abstract** of their microproject.

Applicants have to align their project to a minimum of **one of the Three General Objectives** (as explained in paragraph 5.1).

## 3. Award

MicroProgetti wants to create with all Admissible Micoprojects a **White Paper**. It will be presented to The Economy of Francesco. Moreover, it will be **publicized** to possible **donors and companies** interested in **financing** or in **being a partner** in microprojects. This can be a good opportunity for participants to realize their ideas and their microproject (more information will be given in the Call for Proposal information sheet).

The Call for Proposal will be judged by a panel of expert. The results are given at the sole discretion of the panel of experts.

There can be **three type of results**:

- Not Admissible Microproject
- Admissible Microproject
- Admissible-Finalist Microproject

Not Admissible Microproject is an application that not has passed the minimum score in the evaluation to be admissible and not receive any award.

**Admissible Microproject** is an application that has passed the minimum score. The award to this category is the opportunity for the Microproject to be added to the **White Paper**.

Admissible-Finalist Microproject is the 6 Admissible Microproject with the best evaluation. The award to this category is the opportunity for the Microproject to be added to the White Paper and the possibility **to present the Microproject in the final event in Assisi** the 26<sup>th</sup> of October. During the event the finalist's teams can be in presence or with a web connection system. In the final event will be selected the 1<sup>st</sup> MicroProgetti Call for Proposal winner.

#### 4. Key dates

27 June 2020 Opening of the Call for Interest

09 September 2020 Call for Interest applications deadline

10 September 2020 Opening of the Call for Proposal

17 September 2020 Applicants to the Call for Interest receiving a feedback on their abstracts

04 October 2020 Call for Proposal applications deadline

19 October 2020 publishing of the Call for Application's results, admissible microprojects and the six finalists and the 6 finalist microproject receive the invitation to participate at the final event in Assisi

26 October 2020 the 6 finalists present their microprojects at the final event in Assisi where will be awarded the best micro-project

From 26 October 2020 publishing of the White Paper and presentation of it to the possible donors by MicroProgetti per una Civiltà dell'Amore

## 5. The first phase: the Call for Interest

The purpose of the Call for Interest is to probe the ground on the potential interest of young people on microprojects field and their interest to apply for the successive Call for Proposal. In this sense, we encourage all the potential applicants to submit for the Call for Interest only a **brief Abstract** (max 15 line) of their full microproject that as to be presented after this step. The Call for Interest **is not selective** but is meant to ensure that applicants are on the right track from the very beginning.

The Call for Interest must be in line with at minimum one of the following General Objective.

### 5.1 Three General Objectives

**1. Agriculture** with focus on food security, renewable energies, reforestation, waste recycling.

This Objective aim to set up climate smart food production systems (mitigation and adaptation) through experimentation and capitalizing innovative practices and mechanisms focusing on various themes:

- Adaptation, so as to ensure food and nutrition security in a climate change situation (seeds selection, climate services, agro-ecological practices, early warning systems);
- Soil restoration (agroforestry, etc.);
- Mitigation (carbon sequestration, renewable energy in the processing units, etc.);
- Competitiveness and sustainability of the regional production sectors.

The specific objectives of this General Objective are:

- To fund innovative projects with high replication and/or scaling potential and likely to mobilize additional funds, including from the private sector. This requirement on innovativeness will not focus only the technical/technological aspects, and the micro-project may address the entire agricultural value chain (inputs, production, processing and distribution);
- To promote partnership approaches between different stakeholder categories in order to streamline actions on behalf of climate smart farmers agriculture. Partnerships can exist yet or can be imagined and implemented in the future (for the scope of the Call for Proposal partnerships can be only described in the application form as an example).

**2. Work:** transfer of appropriate existing technologies, applicable and manageable in work and professional skills such as in the fields of plumbing, carpentry, nursing etc.

The projects will pilot practical, economically sustainable community-based initiatives addressing the lack of technologies in some work categories where there is an important technological divide. In this sense the priority is given to project that improving transfer of existing applicable and adequate technology in different work categories.

Projects may focus on one of the following themes, but it can cover other (this not influence the evaluation):

- Introduction of efficient technologies for increase efficiency and efficacy of organization/productive/selling. Project examples include creation and/or change of enterprises organizational system throughout the applicable technology; initiatives that implement technological-based solutions to improve a sector.

- Develop awareness, skills and competencies of workers on local level that enable them to introduce technology in their way of work. The projects selected under this theme will focus on raising awareness of youth, creating learning opportunities and supporting outreach initiatives on local levels to transfer existing technology.

The projects may also help develop the ability of young people to influence enterprise policies related to technology transfer and digitalization through their example.

The projects should be able to reach large audiences, demonstrate innovation, impact, potential for be scalable, and to influence the local context.

**3. School** and professional training: improvement and innovation in teaching, use of innovative technology, implement courses with hard and soft skills content.

Youth in developing countries very often face the barriers to implement their ideas, their skills, due to lack of awareness, innovative education and teaching of hard and soft skills in education programs. In this sense, this General Objective proposes to address these issues by empowering School system and Professional training program in development countries using innovative technology, improvement of didactic programs with hard and soft skill content and teaching innovation and entrepreneurship to young.

The Call for Application will identify innovative pilot projects that demonstrate practical and specific ways for youth engagement in school system transformation and concrete measures to address the issues in some local school. When selecting projects, priority will be given to creative and innovative youth-led experimental initiatives, which can inspire others. The projects should foster youth leadership, learning, sustainability and self-reliance and, ideally, have a potential for scaling up through national policies and frameworks.

## 5.2 Amount of the microproject

The microproject must have a



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maximum amount of **10.000 Euro**

## 5.3 Length of the microproject

The length of the microproject must be no more than **6 months**

## 5.4 Who can participate

MicroProgetti wants to assure the **maximum participation** as possible to the Call for Proposal and to the Call for Interest for this reason we accept application by:

- Association and NGOs of every size with as responsible of this Application possibly a young between 18 and 35 years old
- Enterprise, Company, startup and other private entity with as responsible of this Application a possibly young between 18 and 35 years old
- Non-formal teams with an average age possibly between 18 and 35 years old
- Individual young possibly between 18 and 35 years old

## 5.5 Necessities of pre-existing partnerships

MicroProgetti looking to non-realized microprojects so there **is not any obligation** to have any pre-existing partnerships, as example for local entities in development countries.

In the application is requested if your microproject needs partner, but you can describe the type of partners you search for. In this sense you can imagine your partner. If you have it you can add on the application form, but MicroProgetti after the Call for Proposal process is finished will help you to find the right partner for your microproject.

## 6. How to apply

Each microproject must be submitted using the application form that you can download in the **news section** of the MicroProgetti website at the following link: [www.microprogetti.org](http://www.microprogetti.org)

This documents must be sent fully filled, signed and in pdf format in one e-mail to [progetti@microprogetti.org](mailto:progetti@microprogetti.org):

- The Application Form
- The Privacy Form

### 6.1 Deadline to apply

The deadline to apply is 09/09/2020 at 17.00 (Rome time)

## 7.Contact information

For information and questions please write to [progetti@microprogetti.org](mailto:progetti@microprogetti.org)

All the news related to the Call for Interest and Call for Proposal will be published in the **news section** of the MicroProgetti website at the following link: [www.microprogetti.org](http://www.microprogetti.org)